

# 2021 UTILITY RATES



## Got Questions?

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### WHEN DO THE NEW RATES GO INTO EFFECT?



The new rates will go into effect on January 17, 2021 and will be reflected on your March 1 utility bill.

### HOW MUCH WILL THE NEW RATES BE?

- The water rate increase will average 3% for residential and commercial utility customers.
- The water rate for out of city limits utility customers will increase 50%.
- The wastewater base rate will increase from \$18.88 to \$21.15 per month. The cost of use per 1000 gallons will increase from \$4.23 to \$4.74 and is based on your winter average.



### WHY ARE MY RATES GOING UP?

There are several factors that affect the rising cost of delivering utility service. Chemical, equipment, and material costs go up every year. Additionally, the City is continually repairing, rehabilitating, or replacing aging infrastructure. In the last five years, the City has invested \$12 million in the water treatment plant to deliver quality water. The City is also rehabbing our above ground water storage tanks in order to extend the life of existing infrastructure. We are currently planning construction of a new wastewater treatment plant that is needed to adhere to state mandates, meet capacity requirements, and move critical infrastructure out of the flood plain. Did you know the wastewater treatment plant has flooded 4 times in the last 20 years? These capital improvement projects are driving factors in establishing utility rates.



### WHAT DO MY UTILITY RATES PAY FOR?

Utility rates only support the City's Utility Fund. The Utility Fund pays for operation of the Water and Wastewater Services Departments, water plant, wastewater plant, and other delivery system components such as water and sewage lines, water storage tanks, pump stations, lift stations, and reuse irrigation systems. Utility rates do not pay for General Fund operations such as street repair, new buildings, police and fire service, or city parks.



### HOW DO MARBLE FALLS RATES COMPARE?

