



City of Cambridge

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Water/Sewer Customer:

The City administration and City Council recognize the importance of minimizing increases in water and sewer rates. The approved FY22 water consumption block rate increase is 1.0%. The FY22 sewer consumption block rate reflects an increase of 8.0%. This results in a 6.5% combined rate increase for the period beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022. This is the first water rate increase in eleven years.

The following block rates for the water/sewer usage are effective as of April 1, 2021. The rate changes will be reflected in bills issued as of July 1, 2021.

	Annual Consumption	FY21 Water Rate	FY22 Water Rate	FY21 Sewer Rate	FY22 Sewer Rate
Block 1	0 – 40 CcF	\$3.02	\$3.05	\$12.51	\$13.51
Block 2	41 – 400 CcF	\$3.24	\$3.27	\$13.22	\$14.28
Block 3	401 – 2,000 CcF	\$3.44	\$3.47	\$14.20	\$15.34
Block 4	2,001 – 10,000 CcF	\$3.65	\$3.69	\$15.30	\$16.52
Block 5	Over 10,000 CcF	\$3.96	\$4.00	\$16.26	\$17.56

All rates are per 100 cubic feet (CcF). One CcF is 748.052 gallons. Therefore, if you multiply the usage on your water/sewer bill times 748 gallons, you can determine the total number of gallons of water used for the period.

Conservation

Please visit the Water Department's website to learn about ways you can reduce your water consumption, cambridgema.gov/waterconservation.

Senior Discount Program

The City offers a 15% discount, not to exceed \$90, to residents 65 years of age or older who own and occupy their one, two, or three family home. Please see the application on the reverse side of this letter for senior discount water/sewer program, or apply online at cambridgema.gov/seniordiscountwatersewerprogram. Any resident who was granted a Clause 41C elderly exemption on FY21 real estate taxes will receive a 30% discount, not to exceed \$180 per year. The City automatically grants this discount where applicable.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at 617-349-4220, or e-mail us at treasurer@cambridgema.gov.

Sincerely,

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