



TOWN OF WATERTOWN

WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WATER AND SEWER RATES

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Watertown High School Auditorium
324 French Street, Watertown, Connecticut 06795**

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 7-239 and 7-255, the Watertown Water and Sewer Authority hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing to receive public comment concerning proposed amendments to water and sewer rates and charges.

Said Public Hearing will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at Watertown High School Auditorium.

The proposed amendments include:

1. revisions to standard quarterly fixed service charges and water and sewer quantity rates for customers served under Connecticut Public Water System No. CT1530021;
2. revisions to applicable quarterly fixed service charges and sewer quantity rates for customers served under Connecticut Public Water System No. CT1539031;
3. corresponding adjustments to special customer classifications, unless otherwise required by an applicable agreement or law;
4. consideration of the planned rate schedule for Fiscal Years 2028 through 2031;
5. an annual financial and operational review process; and
6. related amendments to the Authority's rate structure presented in the hearing materials.

The proposed initial water adjustment would increase standard water quarterly fixed service charges and the water quantity rate by 25.5 percent. The proposed initial sewer adjustment would increase standard sewer quarterly fixed service charges and the sewer quantity rate by 31 percent. The resulting proposed charges, together with the planned rates for Fiscal Years 2028 through 2031, are set forth in the attached Proposed Rate Schedule.

If adopted following the public hearing, the initial rates would take effect upon adoption and would apply only to usage occurring after the effective date. Because customers are billed quarterly in arrears, usage periods occurring before the effective date would remain subject to the existing rates. If adopted at the end of August 2026, the earliest affected bills are anticipated to be the bills for September through November 2026 usage.

At the public hearing, users of the waterworks system, owners of property served or to be served, owners of property against which sewer charges would be levied, and other interested persons will have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates and charges.

Copies of this notice, the proposed rate schedule, and supporting hearing materials will be available for

public inspection at least ten days before the hearing at the Watertown Town Clerk's Office, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut, and at the Water and Sewer Authority office, 747 French Street, Oakville, Connecticut, during regular business hours. The materials will also be posted on the Town of Watertown website.

Written comments may be delivered or mailed before 2:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing to: Watertown Water and Sewer Authority, Attn: Chairman, 747 French Street, Oakville, Connecticut 06779, or submitted by email to **wsa-info@watertownct.org**. Written comments received before the hearing will be made part of the public hearing record.

BY ORDER OF THE WATERTOWN WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

James Sugden, Chairman
Water and Sewer Authority

Date of Notice: August 12, 2026

**THIS MEETING WILL BE AN IN-PERSON MEETING AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE
VIA ZOOM IN LISTEN ONLY MODE**

**A LINK WILL BE POSTED ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING
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PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE

Current rates, proposed initial/FY2027 rates, and planned FY2028-FY2031 rates

A-1. Water Quarterly Fixed Service Charges - Under 12,000 Gallons

Meter Size / Rate Component	Current Rate	Initial/FY2027 Effective Upon Adoption	FY2028 Planned	FY2029 Planned	FY2030 Planned	FY2031 Planned
5/8 inch	\$35.38	\$44.40	\$55.72	\$69.93	\$72.03	\$74.19
3/4 inch	\$58.67	\$73.63	\$92.41	\$115.97	\$119.45	\$123.03
1 inch	\$97.85	\$122.80	\$154.12	\$193.42	\$199.22	\$205.19
1 1/2 inch	\$195.69	\$245.59	\$308.22	\$386.81	\$398.42	\$410.37
2 inch	\$313.05	\$392.88	\$493.06	\$618.79	\$637.36	\$656.48
3 inch	\$587.07	\$736.77	\$924.65	\$1,160.44	\$1,195.25	\$1,231.11
4 inch	\$978.45	\$1,227.95	\$1,541.08	\$1,934.06	\$1,992.08	\$2,051.84

A-2. Water Quarterly Fixed Service Charges - Over 12,000 Gallons

Meter Size / Rate Component	Current Rate	Initial/FY2027 Effective Upon Adoption	FY2028 Planned	FY2029 Planned	FY2030 Planned	FY2031 Planned
5/8 inch	\$54.48	\$68.37	\$85.81	\$107.69	\$110.92	\$114.25
3/4 inch	\$90.43	\$113.60	\$142.57	\$178.92	\$184.29	\$189.82
1 inch	\$150.67	\$189.09	\$237.30	\$297.81	\$306.75	\$315.95
1 1/2 inch	\$301.35	\$378.21	\$474.66	\$595.70	\$613.57	\$631.98
2 inch	\$482.21	\$605.37	\$759.74	\$953.48	\$982.08	\$1,011.54
3 inch	\$904.17	\$1,134.94	\$1,424.36	\$1,787.57	\$1,841.19	\$1,896.43
4 inch	\$1,506.99	\$1,891.68	\$2,374.05	\$2,979.44	\$3,068.82	\$3,160.88

PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

A-3. Water Quantity Rate - Per 1,000 Gallons

Rate Component / Usage Category	Current Rate	Initial/FY2027 Effective Upon Adoption	FY2028 Planned	FY2029 Planned	FY2030 Planned	FY2031 Planned
All Usage	\$4.59	\$5.76	\$7.23	\$9.07	\$9.35	\$9.63

A-4. Sewer Quarterly Fixed Service Charges

Rate Component / Usage Category	Current Rate	Initial/FY2027 Effective Upon Adoption	FY2028 Planned	FY2029 Planned	FY2030 Planned	FY2031 Planned
Under 12,000 gallons	\$71.19	\$93.26	\$122.17	\$160.04	\$164.84	\$169.79
Over 12,000 gallons	\$109.52	\$143.47	\$187.95	\$246.21	\$253.60	\$261.21

A-5. Sewer Quantity Rate - Per 1,000 Gallons

Rate Component / Usage Category	Current Rate	Initial/FY2027 Effective Upon Adoption	FY2028 Planned	FY2029 Planned	FY2030 Planned	FY2031 Planned
All Usage	\$6.09	\$7.98	\$10.45	\$13.69	\$14.10	\$14.52

Rate-plan percentages. Water fixed service charges and quantity rates increase 25.5 percent for the initial rate, FY2028, and FY2029, followed by 3 percent in FY2030 and FY2031. Sewer fixed service charges and quantity rates increase 31 percent for the initial rate, FY2028, and FY2029, followed by 3 percent in FY2030 and FY2031.

Special customer classifications. Unless otherwise required by an applicable agreement or law, special customer classifications would be adjusted by the same percentage increases applicable to the corresponding standard water or sewer fixed service charges and quantity rates.

Annual review. Planned FY2028-FY2031 rates would be subject to annual review of financial, operating, usage, debt-service, capital, revenue, reserve, and wholesale water and sewer cost information, and may be modified by subsequent action of the Authority.

Actual customer bills may vary based on meter size, quarterly usage, customer classification, and other applicable billing provisions.