



Upcoming Sewer Billing Changes

On November 13, 2017, the Sahuarita Town Council approved changes to the sewer rates and billing structure based upon recommendations of a financial plan and rate study completed by Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. The approved changes will help the Wastewater Utility be more efficient and meet its financial obligations and goals. The following changes take effect on January 1, 2018. Look for the changes on sewer bills sent in February.

Billing Structure Changes

- Billing units will change from hundreds of cubic feet (CCF) to thousands of gallons (Kgal) to be consistent with the billing unit used by the Sahuarita Water Company.
- Consumption fee will change from the winter/annual average to the actual monthly metered water consumption coinciding with the Sahuarita Water Company bill.
- A 20% irrigation credit will apply to each account, providing an allowance for water that does not flow into the sewer system.
- Vacancy rates are no longer offered due to the change in billing structure.
- Customers with at least one year of water history on file will have a Budget Billing option to set fees at a fixed amount each month. The fixed fee will be analyzed semi-annually and updated as necessary.
- The billing date will change from the 1st business day of the month to the 10th to accommodate processing of the actual water consumption data. The payment due date will be last day of the month and Automatic Payments will be drawn on the 25th of the month.
- Accounts set up for paperless billing receive a \$1 credit each month.
- In addition to interest charges, a \$10 late penalty fee is assessed monthly on all accounts with past due balances. Additional charges are assessed and passed-through if collection efforts must be undertaken.

Sewer Rate Changes

- The Monthly Base Fee will increase from \$14.39 to \$16.60.
- The Consumption Fee will change from \$4.80/CCF to \$8.12/Kgal, less a 20% irrigation credit.
- On average, rates are expected to increase 7%.

For additional information please visit our FAQ webpage at <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/wwfaq> .

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