

Huntley water, sewer rates to increase in May

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[HUNTLEY](#) – Huntley residents will see an increase in their water and sewer rates this spring that will add \$9 a month to residents' bimonthly bills.

The increase will go into effect May 1. A flat bimonthly fee of \$4.50 for water and \$4.50 for sewer will be added.

The combined water and sewer charge will increase to \$7.36 per 1,000 gallons of consumption effective May 1, and will annually increase until it reaches \$8.94 per 1,000 gallons of consumption in 2022, according to village documents.

The increase comes after the village identified the need for about \$20 million worth of new capital improvements for its 15- to 20-year-old aging infrastructure.

Priority capital projects include:

- Wastewater treatment facility upgrades to meet Environmental Protection Agency-mandated requirements:
\$3 million
- New water treatment plant to serve current and future customers: \$5.3 million
- New water well to serve current and future customers: \$1.4 million

The village provides water and wastewater service to 13,406 accounts, documents show. Water and wastewater operations do not receive any property tax or other tax-related income.

Residents' minimum bill currently is based on 4,000 gallons of water/sewer use. The new rate structure will reduce the minimum billing to 3,000 gallons, which brings the amount of water a minimum user is paying for closer to the actual amount of water used, according to village documents. Many minimum bills typically range from 2,000 to 3,000 gallons a bill.

The Southwind subdivision is serviced by the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District and is not

subject to the sewer rate changes, according to village documents.

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