

UTILITY RATE CHANGE ADVISORY

County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Customers* - May 1, 2022

This notice explains changes in monthly charges for your water, wastewater and solid waste services. Rate changes are **effective May 1, 2022** and will be reflected on your **June** utility bill.

*Includes Wedgewood, Carriage Lane, The Dunes, Maple Ridge and Taylor Estates

WHY ARE RATES INCREASING?



Periodic rate increases are required to ensure the delivery of essential services, adjusting for annual increases in utilities, maintenance and resources to provide water and wastewater services. Upgrades to river infrastructure will ensure a reliable water supply by providing flood and erosion protection and improving emergency response and resiliency.



\$31 million in capital investments planned.

Upgrades to our treatment facility will provide increased capacity for the next 30 years as the region grows.



FAQ'SSolid waste charges (garbage collection and
recycling) on your monthly bill are collected
on behalf of the County of Grande Prairie
No. 1, who provides this service.On average, we deliver
20 million in litres of water
per day to customers.We return 80% of the water
back to the Wapiti River.We maintain \$389 million
worth of assets
throughout the service area.

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2022 RATES

The following chart is based on typical monthly water consumption.

	RESIDENTIAL		NON-RESIDENTIAL	
Charges Based on 16 Cubic Meters (m3)				
Description	2022 Rate (\$)	Monthly Increase From 2021 (\$)	2022 Rate (\$)	Monthly Increase From 2021 (\$)
Water Services 🂧	1.74/m3		1.91/m3	
Water Usage	27.84	1.36	30.56	1.44
Water Fixed Charge	12.81	0.61	14.09	0.67
Water Municipal Franchise Fee (10%)	4.07	0.20	4.47	0.22
Wastewater Services 🕐	2.72/m3		2.72/m3	
Wastewater Usage Based	43.52	2.35	43.52	2.35
Wastewater Fixed Charge	11.42	0.65	11.42	0.65
Wastewater Municipal Franchise Fee (10%)	5.49	0.30	5.49	0.30
Solid Waste Services 👕				
Garbage Collection	9.75	N/A	N/A	N/A
Recycling Program	5.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total of all services	119.90	5.47	109.55	5.63

For more information on garbage and recycling fees, please contact the County of Grande Prairie at 780.532.7393.

Aquatera is committed to rates at or below median level compared to similar communities in the province of Alberta.

For more information on rate comparisons, visit, <u>www.aquatera.ca/ratesetting</u>.

Franchise fees are collected and paid to the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 and allow Aquatera to provide water and wastewater services within the County.

BATTERY SAFETY 🗙

Batteries provide us many benefits however, improper disposal of batteries can be dangerous to workers and have negative affects on our environment. Aquatera encourages you to take charge in battery safety and avoid discarding old batteries in your garbage or curbside collection. Batteries can be properly disposed of by bringing them to the Eco Centre. For hours and location visit <u>www.aquatera.ca/contact/locations-map</u>.



Fill out our survey each month for a chance to win your water or give to a local non-profit organization, or anonymously to another Aquatera customer. Visit <u>www.aquatera.ca/surveys</u>.

Visit our website at <u>www.aquatera.ca/your-bill/rates</u>, call Aquatera's Account Services team at 780.538.0340, or email <u>myaccount@aquatera.ca</u>

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