



TOWN OF YARMOUTH
WATER DEPARTMENT

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To: All Yarmouth Water Customers

Subject: Notice of Water Rate Changes

The Yarmouth Board of Selectman held Public Hearings on November 10, 2020 and December 1, 2020 concerning a proposed water rate increase in Yarmouth. On December 1, the Board approved the new water rates, which became effective January 1, 2021. This is the first water rate increase in over 25 years and is necessary to fund water system improvements, building and tank maintenance, water main replacements and many more critical improvements included in the Water Capital Plan.

In the past, Yarmouth Water Department billed the meter fee quarterly and the usage fee annually. **Going forward usage will also be billed quarterly.** Your first, second and fourth quarter bills will be higher than typical because they will include usage charges. However, your third quarter bill will be lower than usual, because it will include only one quarter of usage rather than a full year of usage. This change should help to distribute your water costs more evenly throughout the year.

The new meter fees and water usage rates can be found in the tables below.

QUARTERLY METER FEES

Meter Size	Previous	Effective January 1, 2021	Effective July 1, 2022
Smaller Meter	\$21	\$23	\$26
1"	\$45	\$50	\$55
1-1/2"	\$225	\$248	\$277
2"	\$240	\$264	\$296
3"	\$255	\$281	\$314
4"	\$270	\$297	\$333
6"	\$285	\$314	\$351

QUARTERLY USAGE RATES

Volume of Water	Previous	Cost per 1,000 gallons	
		Effective 1/1/21	Effective 7/1/22
First 25,000 gallons	\$1.68	\$1.85	\$2.07
Next 50,000 gallons	\$2.22	\$2.44	\$2.74
Over 75,000 gallons	\$2.60	\$2.86	\$3.20

FIRST BILL ONLY

Because the previous usage bills were sent in the summer of 2020, the first bill of calendar year 2021 (enclosed) includes six months of water usage. Therefore, the volume of water for each tier has been doubled for this first bill ONLY.

Volume of Water	Previous	Cost per 1,000 Gallons
First 50,000 gallons	\$1.68	\$1.85
Next 100,000 gallons	\$2.22	\$2.44
Over 150,000 gallons	\$2.60	\$2.86

If you would like a better understanding of how these changes will affect your bills, please log on to our new Customer Portal. Through this portal, you can review past usage trends, monitor current water use, set daily or billing cycle high usage alarms, or create vacation alarms. Please visit www.yarmouth.ma.us/1887/Customer-Portal for more information!

We appreciate your understanding as we work to improve the Yarmouth Drinking Water System. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at lruszala@yarmouth.ma.us or 508-771-7921.

Sincerely,



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