

Brunswick Water Rate Update



On Nov. 14, 2008, the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) approved a change in Brunswick's water rates. Based on available information, the typical residential customer in Brunswick using 3,500 gallons per month will pay approximately \$12.26 more per month. These new rates became effective on November 28, 2008.

A primary driver for the 36.62 percent rate increase is the investment that the company has made in water system improvements. The new rates reflect approximately \$383,000 of investments in Brunswick's water system.

In Brunswick, the typical residential customer will pay approximately \$45.74 per month for water service.

Water Facts

- **Community Investment.** From June 2007 to September 2008, Missouri American Water invested approximately \$383,000 in improvements to Brunswick's water system, including:
 - Replacing water treatment plant equipment and upgrading the computer software used to monitor water plant operation.
 - Installing 1,160 feet of six-inch diameter and 1,360 feet of eight-inch diameter water mains on Mulberry Street and replacing fire hydrants.
 - Replacing an aging water main on Jefferson Street with 1,142 feet of new six-inch diameter water mains.
- **Source water protection.** Brunswick's wellhead protection program has been recognized by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Region 7 of the U.S. EPA for outstanding performance in safeguarding the community's groundwater.
- **Your Water Bill.** According to the terms of the PSC's rate stipulation, new rates became effective on Nov. 28, 2008. The first water bills issued after that date include fixed and usage charges at the old rate and a second set of fixed and usage charges at the new rate.

Your water bill has several components. The two major elements on your water bill are the fixed and water usage charges.

New Residential Fixed Customer Charge (fixed monthly charge for water service)	New Residential Water Usage Charge (The unit cost per thousand gallons used)
\$15.71	\$8.58

This increase does not affect the sewer or garbage collection charges that appear on your Missouri American Water bill. Your local service providers set sewer and garbage collection rates. Residential water bills also include other charges, such as the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) primacy charge and local taxes which are not included in the base water rates summarized above.