

Platte County Water Rate Update



On Nov. 14, 2008, the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) approved a change in Platte County's water rates. Based on available information, the typical residential customer in Platte County using 8,000 gallons per month will pay approximately \$12.35 more per month. The new rates became effective on November 28, 2008.

A primary driver for the 28.77 percent rate increase is the investment that the company has made in water system improvements. The new rates reflect approximately \$8.9 million of improvements to Platte County's water system.

In Platte County, the typical residential customer will pay approximately \$55.27 per month for water service. Customers will still be receiving a gallon of water delivered to their homes for about a penny.

The 105 customers served by Missouri American Water's wastewater system will pay an additional \$6.71 per month for wastewater service.

Water Facts

Water System Investment. From June 2007 to September 2008, Missouri American Water invested approximately \$8.9 million in improvements to Platte County's water system, including:

- Installing about two miles of 12-inch diameter water main to improve water service to the northwestern portion of the system.
- Upgrading water treatment plant equipment to reduce water hardness and improve operational efficiency.
- Adding standby generators to the wellfield and water treatment plant to enhance electrical service reliability.
- Installing almost three miles of 20-inch diameter and 24-inch diameter water mains to improve water distribution to the surrounding community.

Your Water Bill. The 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 Fixed Residential Customer Charge (fixed monthly charge for water service)	New Residential Water Usage Charge (The unit cost per thousand gallons used)
\$11.01	\$5.53

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.