

Private Fire Service Fact Sheet – St. Louis County

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Private Fire Service

- Some commercial, multi-family, industrial and governmental customers in St. Louis County require additional water lines to their facilities to support private fire hydrants or fire sprinkler systems. Missouri American Water recovers the costs of providing this additional service – from larger water mains to additional pumps – through a private fire service charge.
- This charge is billed annually in a separate private fire service bill issued to these customers in January of each year.

Private Fire Service Bill Adjustments

- On July 1, 2010 the Missouri Public Service Commission approved new rates for private fire service as part of the Missouri American Water rate case decision. In late August, 2010, private fire service customers will receive a pro-rated bill that reflects this rate adjustment for private fire service from July 1 to December 31, 2010.
- In January, 2011, these customers will receive their normal, annual private fire service bill for 2011 at the new rates.