



VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE

2021-22 Village of Scarsdale Water & Sewer Rates

As the Village does not own a source of drinking water, we purchase water from the New York City Water Board and Westchester County. Effective June 01, 2021, the wholesale cost of water to the Village is increasing 6%.

Because the Water Fund is an enterprise fund, meaning the revenues collected must be adequate to support all operating and capital costs, the Village Board [authorized](#) a 3% increase in our base water rates in order to support the fiscal health of the Fund, as it cannot simply absorb the 6% increase.

Importantly, we are presently amidst completion of a Water System Master Plan, which will establish priorities for a multi-year capital plan to remedy longstanding deficiencies in the underground infrastructure. In coordination with the Master Plan and associated capital plan, the Village is also working with skilled professionals to develop a multi-year water and sewer rate schedule informed by projected operating and capital expenses. Once both studies are completed, we will again review the adopted rate schedule for implementation of the consultant recommendations.

The new fees and charges depicted in the tables below, under the “New Rate” heading, will commence with quarterly water bills dated November 01, reflecting usage from mid-June through mid-September. Monthly water customers will be billed at the new rates starting with the May 2021 water bills, representing water used in March.

The 2021-22 Water and Sewer Rate Schedule is on the following page.

Scarsdale Quarterly Accounts

| | 2020-21 Rate | New 2021-22 Rate |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Base Rate (First 50 units) | \$3.50 | \$3.61 |
| Excess Rate Tier 1 (51-125 units) | 3.0 x Base Rate | 3.0 x Base Rate |
| Excess Rate Tier 2 (125+ units) | 3.5 X Base Rate | 3.5 X Base Rate |
| Sewer Rent Charge | \$0.75/CCF x Base Water Use | \$0.75/CCF x Base Water Use |

*One unit = approximately 749 gallons (or one hundred cubic feet)

Scarsdale Monthly Accounts

| | 2020-21 Rate | New 2021-22 Rate |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Base Rate (Per unit, first 500 units) | \$3.50 | \$3.61 |
| Excess Rate Tier 1 (per unit over 500) | 3.0 x Base Rate | 3.0 x Base Rate |
| Sewer Rent Charge | \$0.75/CCF x Base Water Use | \$0.75/CCF x Base Water Use |

One unit = approximately 749 gallons (or one hundred cubic feet)

**Eastchester Quarterly Accounts and
Non-Scarsdale, Non-Eastchester Quarterly Accounts**

| | 2020-21 Rate | New 2021-22 Rate |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Base Rate (First 50 Units) | \$4.80 | \$4.94 |
| Excess Rate Tier 1 (51-125 units) | 3.0 x Base Rate | 3.0 x Base Rate |
| Excess Rate Tier 2 (125+ units) | 3.5 x Base Rate | 3.5 x Base Rate |

One unit = approximately 749 gallons (or one hundred cubic feet)

Eastchester Monthly Accounts

| | 2020-21 Rate | New 2021-22 Rate |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Base Rate (First 500 Units) | \$4.80 | \$4.94 |
| Excess Rate Tier 1 (per unit over 500) | 3.0 x Base Rate | 3.0 x Base Rate |

One unit = approximately 749 gallons (or one hundred cubic feet)

Ready to Serve Charges, Based on Water Meter Size (Billed Quarterly to All Accounts)

| | 5/8" | 3/4" | 1" | 1 ½" | 2" | 3" | 4" | 6" |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| Current Rate | \$12.00 | \$18.00 | \$24.00 | \$60.00 | \$78.00 | \$144.00 | \$240.00 | \$480.00 |
| New Rate | \$12.00 | \$18.00 | \$24.00 | \$60.00 | \$78.00 | \$144.00 | \$240.00 | \$480.00 |

Should you have any questions regarding these changes please call the [Scarsdale Water Department](http://www.scarsdalewater.com) at (914)-722-1138. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Water Conservation Tips

Key Concept: Outdoor irrigation is associated with the highest water bills in Scarsdale, and they can be *very high*.

Tip: One of the simplest ways to decrease water used for irrigation is to limit the turf areas that require a large amount of water, along with other plants that have moderate to high water needs. Replace such plants and turf areas with hearty, local, [native plants](#) that can survive with less water *and* less maintenance.

Tip: If you must irrigate, invest in the latest [smart irrigation system controllers](#) that account for such things as soil moisture, the weather forecast, soil and plant types, and other important variables. Save a lot of money by reducing unnecessary sprinkling!

Tip: Ask your landscaper about [grasscycling and mulch mowing of leaves](#) to help reduce water loss through evapotranspiration; this may also reduce the use of lawn fertilizers, as well as the overall cost of your landscaping service contract.

Tip: Consider rainwater capture as a means to reduce consumption associated with outdoor watering. Rain barrels are one option, but larger capacity solutions are available. Countries like Australia are far ahead of the United States in deploying rainwater harvesting strategies, yet many American communities not only use excessive quantities of drinking water for non-drinking purposes, but also suffer adverse consequences associated with stormwater runoff that could be captured on-site and used productively, instead. The Scarsdale Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department offers rain barrels to residents free of charge.

Key Concept: Water leaks are expensive. Knowing your usage is critical to recognizing when your money is running down the drain – don't wait for your bill to alert you of a problem.

Tip: Use real-time leak detection linked to your mobile device. A variety of commercial products will not only generate alerts when usage deviates from your norm, but also help you to gather data necessary to understanding how much water you use and when – all key touchpoints for understanding how best to conserve, and therefore reduce your water bill.

Tip: If you do not have real-time leak detection, you can read your home's water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

Tip: Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a toilet leak that should be repaired promptly.

Key Concept: Over 80% of routine in-home water consumption is associated with the following: toilets (27%), clothes washers (22%), showers (17%), and faucets (16%).

Tip: Invest in [EPA WaterSense](#) labeled products, which perform as well as their counterparts, but with at least 20% less water use. Installing low flow shower heads and aerator screens on faucets can also help to reduce water consumption without changing one's behavior. Consider investing in an "instant hot water heater," rather than relying on inefficient hot water tanks.

Tip: Change your behavior. Pay attention to the small things, e.g., turn off the water while brushing your teeth, take a shorter shower and turn off the water while washing, take a brief shower instead of a bath, etc.