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Our Most Essential Resource

Water Rate Increase – 5.55%

Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) has been in the forefront of water treatment technology for many years. Maintaining state-of-the-art treatment is crucial to providing customers with the highest quality drinking water.

Your water bills pay to keep your tap water safe, reliable and available whenever you need it.

The safety of the water you drink has always been our highest priority. Water quality is constantly monitored, treatment processes

adjusted, and new technologies implemented, to maintain the highest standards. The water main repair and replacement program keeps a plentiful supply of water flowing to customer’s homes, businesses and the fire hydrants that guard them.

On January 1, 2026 5.55% water rate increase went into effect for Greater Cincinnati Water Works customers. While no one wants to see rates go up, GCWW has been able to keep water rates among the lowest in the region.

The Cost of Your Water

Fire Protection customers can estimate their monthly water bill by utilizing Tables 1 and 2. The water cost is calculated based upon the size of your branch (Water Service Charges) and the amount of water you use (Water Commodity Charges).

For example, beginning January 1, 2026, a fire protection user located in the city with a 3” branch, using 450 CCF per month (336,600 gallons) would pay a monthly service charge of \$30.70. The water commodity or usage charge would be \$1,723.50 (\$3.83 times 450 CCF) per month. The total monthly fire protection bill would be \$1,754.20. As fire protection water usage is likely only occurring during a fire event or testing, the annual costs will be variable.

Please note that the rates in these tables apply to fire protection only, and that the 2026 rate change does not affect any other utility charges that appear separately on the customers’ bill.

Need help calculating your charges? Want to learn more about your rates or Greater Cincinnati Water Works? We’re here to help! Please visit www.myGCWW.org or call Customer Service at 513.591.7700 (office hours are 7:30am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.)

Table 1. Water Service Charges Per Month

SERVICE AREAS	AMOUNT PAID MONTHLY EVEN IF NO WATER USED/METER SIZE					
	2" and under	3"	4"	6"	8"	10" and over
Inside Cincinnati	\$23.93	\$30.70	\$36.31	\$83.80	\$118.34	\$142.80
Incorporated Hamilton & Clermont Counties	\$29.91	\$38.38	\$45.39	\$104.75	\$147.93	\$178.50
Unincorporated Hamilton County	\$31.83	\$40.83	\$48.29	\$111.45	\$157.39	\$189.92
Butler & Warren Counties	\$34.40	\$44.14	\$52.20	\$120.46	\$170.12	\$205.28

Table 2. Fire Protection Water Commodity Charges Per Month

SERVICE AREAS	WATER USE BY CCF
Inside Cincinnati	\$3.83
Incorporated Hamilton & Clermont Counties	\$4.83
Unincorporated Hamilton County	\$5.14
Butler & Warren Counties	\$5.56