

PUBLIC NOTICE

Dear Customer:

The Brunswick and Topsham Water District will be filing revised rate schedules with the Maine Public Utilities Commission to be effective 8/1/24. The filing is made under provisions of 35-A MRSA Section 6104. The docket number for the filing is 2024-00104.

The new rates increase the cost of water consumption by just over 1/10th of a cent per gallon from \$0.0079 to \$0.0092 (for consumption less than 7,500 gallons per quarter) or \$0.0090 to \$0.0104 (for consumption over 7,500 gallons per quarter).

The District continues to work hard to minimize our rates. In the past year we secured over \$3,000,000 in grants to offset expenses addressing PFAS, lead services and infrastructure replacement. Even with these measures, labor costs, borrowing rates and inflation continue to exert pressure on our budget. The District is proposing an overall increase of \$1,130,017 (14.53%) to meet its debt obligations, continue to properly operate the water system, and make reasonable capital improvements and infrastructure replacements.

Estimated Percentage Increases by Customer Class

Residential	\$581,479	15.91%
Commercial	\$254,658	15.95%
Public Fire Protection	\$169,220	14.96%
Public Authorities	\$100,668	15.96%
Private Fire Protection	\$16,512	2.45%
Industrial	\$7,480	15.96%
	<u>\$1,130,017</u>	<u>14.53%</u>

Estimated Monthly Increases by Customer Type

<u>Customer Type</u>	<u>Avg Gals Used</u>	<u>Est. Increase</u>
Single Occupancy	1,500	\$3.00
Double Occupancy	3,000	\$5.00
Small Business	3,750	\$8.00
Average Family	6,000	\$9.00
Medium Business	60,000	\$92.00
Large Business	300,000	\$438.00

Percentage increases are average by customer class. Individual billings will vary according to usage.

The public fire protection increase is governed by Public Utilities Commission Chapter 69. In accordance with Chapter 69, the public fire protection revenue is set at 15% of total operating revenue.

A public hearing will be held on 6/10/24 at 5:30 PM at District Offices, 276 River Rd, Topsham, at which time details regarding the proposed increase will be discussed.

You may inspect data relating to the present and proposed rates at the District's office before the hearing. You have the right to an open and fair hearing and the right to further hearings before the Commission as described below. The Public Advocate is available for assistance to you in the matter upon request. The Public Utilities Commission may be contacted at 287-3831, State House Station 18, Augusta, ME 04333, or the Public Advocate at 624-3687, 112 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0112.

If, within 30 days of the public hearing, 1000 of the customers of the District file, with the Treasurer of the District and the Commission, petitions demanding a review of the rate changes by the Commission, the rate change may be suspended, investigated, reviewed and changed in accordance with Section 310. Signatures on the petition are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and address of the signers. Upon request the District will provide customers with the appropriate petition forms.



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