



TOWN OF MILTON, VERMONT 05468-3205



WATER & WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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Dear Milton Resident,

This letter is to inform you of new rates for water and sewer that are effective on July 1, 2017. In late September or early October 2017, you will receive your first bill with these changes. The quarterly rates are expected to increase for the average user by \$12.19 for water and \$23.94 for sewer.

Water Usage Rate:

From: \$35.87/unit/quarter + \$3.54/1000 gallons

To: \$39.95/unit/quarter + \$4.05 /1000 gallons

Wastewater Usage Rate:

From: \$43.08/unit/quarter + \$4.22/1000 gallons

To: \$49.17/unit/quarter + \$5.34 /1000 gallons

The purpose of the rate increase is to allow the Town to collect sufficient revenue to enable it to continue providing water and sewer services to its customers in the face of increasing operating costs; to enable the Town to afford capital improvements that are essential for operating the water and sewer system in a safe and financially prudent manner; and to establish a revenue stream capable of meeting future obligations to repay debt incurred to finance necessary capital improvements.

Revenues derived from the Town's water and sewer service charges are used solely for the actual and necessary expenses of providing water and sewer service to its customers. The Town is prohibited by law from making a profit on water and sewer service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

**Nathan Lavalley, Supt.
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Water Saving Tips

Ways to Save Water Indoors

- ☞ Check all faucets, pipes and toilets for leaks.
- ☞ Install water saving showerheads and ultra-low-flush toilets.
- ☞ Take shorter showers.
- ☞ Never use your toilet as a wastebasket.
- ☞ Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- ☞ Defrost frozen food in the refrigerator.
- ☞ Rinse vegetables in a full sink or pan of water.
- ☞ Fully load your dishwasher.
- ☞ Rinse dishes in a full sink or pan of water.
- ☞ Wash full loads of clothes.

Ways to Save Water Outdoors

- ☞ Don't over-water landscaping.
- ☞ Water your lawn or garden early in the morning or late in evening.
- ☞ Adjust sprinklers so they don't water the sidewalk or street.
- ☞ Don't water on cool, rainy or windy days.
- ☞ Equip all hoses with shut-off nozzles.
- ☞ Use drip irrigation systems.
- ☞ Plant drought-tolerant or low water-use plants and grasses.
- ☞ Use shrubs and ground cover to reduce the amount of grass.
- ☞ Place mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and discourage weeds.
- ☞ Set your mower blades one notch higher, since longer grass means less evaporation.
- ☞ Use a pool cover to cut down on water evaporation.
- ☞ Use a bucket instead of a hose to wash your car.
- ☞ Use a broom rather than a hose to clean sidewalks, driveways, loading docks and parking lots.