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SAWS Board, City Council approve new rates for 2023

If your holiday wish list includes lower bills in 2023, that wish may be about to come true: Starting in January, a recently approved rate adjustment will reduce monthly charges for almost all SAWS residential customers.

The new rate structure was approved by the SAWS Board and San Antonio City Council in November. The changes will reduce wastewater charges on 100% of residential bills, while 83% will include lower water charges. The average residential customer will see their total SAWS bill reduced by \$5.80 to \$60.88. Those who use more than 9,000 gallons per month will see a modest cost increase, to further encourage water conservation.

The rates for commercial, wholesale, irrigation and recycled water customers also include a modest increase for 2023.

For customers enrolled in SAWS' Uplift affordability discount program, 98% of bills will be lower. This discounted rate will be funded through a new

Uplift Assistance Program Fee. Customers can apply for this income-based assistance at saws.org/uplift.

The new rate structure was recommended by the utility's Rate Advisory Committee. This group of citizen volunteers included residential, multifamily and recycled water customers, as well as representatives from large and small businesses, manufacturers, and environmental and community groups.

How Will My Bill Change?

Use our online calculator to preview 2023 rates.

saws.org/calculator

The charts on the following pages show the 2023 rates for different meter sizes and amounts of water use. Please note the new rates are published in amounts per 1,000 gallons of use. This change will help SAWS transition to electronic water meters in the years ahead, which measure in gallons instead of cubic feet like the older mechanical meters.

To see how the new rates will affect your own bill, use the rate calculator at saws.org/calculator.

[More rates information inside](#) ▶

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Dirty holiday secrets? Pipes Don't Lie.

Think no one noticed that glob of gravy you just poured down the drain? Think again.

Keep your pipes clog-free this holiday season with these easy-peasy tips.

- Pour cooled liquid grease into a sealable container.
- Clean remaining grease and debris off pots and pans with a paper towel.
- Dispose of wipes and grease in your brown city trash bin.

Learn the truth at saws.org/pipes.





Advisory of New Water, Water Supply, Irrigation, Wastewater and Recycled Water Rates

San Antonio Water System is required by law to publish a new rate schedule for water service, water supply, irrigation, wastewater and recycled water. These new rates will be effective for consumption on or about Jan. 1, 2023. If you would like more information or assistance on estimating your bill, contact SAWS at 210-704-SAWS. An online calculator for SAWS rates is also available at saws.org/calculator. Additional information regarding this new rate structure, including the ordinance and supporting documentation, can be found at the City Clerk's office located at 100 Military Plaza, 1st Floor, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

New Water Supply Fee Rates - 2023		
Applicable Rate Class	Usage Blocks, Gallons	Fee to be Assessed (per 1,000 gallons)
Residential	Block 1: 4,000 Gallons	\$1.631
	Block 2: 7,000 Gallons	\$3.018
	Block 3: 12,000 Gallons	\$5.464
	Block 4: 20,000 Gallons	\$7.177
	Block 5: Over 20,000 Gallons	\$10.194
General	Base*	\$3.079
	>100-125% of Base	\$3.541
	>125-175% of Base	\$4.619
	>175% of Base	\$5.389
Wholesale	Base**	\$3.567
	Over Base	\$7.134
Irrigation	Block 1: 8,000 Gallons	\$3.813
	Block 2: 18,000 Gallons	\$5.339
	Block 3: 160,000 Gallons	\$6.864
	Block 4: Over 160,000 Gallons	\$8.770
Uplift Assistance Program Residential	Block 1: 2,000 Gallons	\$ -
	Block 2: 6,000 Gallons	\$1.650
	Block 3: 10,000 Gallons	\$2.475
	Block 4: 15,000 Gallons	\$4.125
	Block 5: Over 15,000 Gallons	\$5.775

* General Class Base equals 100% of the Annual Average Consumption.
 ** Wholesale Class Base is defined as 100% of the Annual Average Consumption or as agreed to by the wholesale customer and approved by the SAWS Board of Trustees.

New Residential Class Water Rates - 2023		
Monthly Service Availability Charge*		
Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8"	\$9.00	\$11.70
3/4"	\$11.93	\$15.51
1"	\$17.79	\$23.13
1-1/2"	\$32.44	\$42.18
2"	\$50.02	\$65.03
3"	\$96.90	\$125.97
4"	\$149.64	\$194.54
6"	\$296.14	\$384.99
8"	\$471.94	\$613.53
10"	\$589.14	\$765.89
12"	\$823.54	\$1,070.61
* Inside City Water Service Availability Charge shall be increased by \$2.00 if usage exceeds 4,000 gallons; Outside City Water Service Availability Charge shall be increased by \$2.60 if usage exceeds 4,000 gallons.		
Volume Charges per 1,000 Gallons		
Block Threshold	Inside City	Outside City
Block 1: 4,000 Gallons	\$0.907	\$1.180
Block 2: 7,000 Gallons	\$1.678	\$2.182
Block 3: 12,000 Gallons	\$3.039	\$3.951
Block 4: 20,000 Gallons	\$3.991	\$5.189
Block 5: Over 20,000 Gallons	\$5.669	\$7.370
Uplift Assistance Program Fee water rate per 1,000 gallons		\$0.159

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Rate Table Definitions

General Class:

Includes Commercial, Industrial and Apartment Customers.

Irrigation Class:

Customers that use water for landscaping, either through a separate meter or through a pro-rated amount of monthly water use. New business service accounts that are installing an in-ground landscape irrigation system are required to install a separate landscape irrigation meter.

Wholesale Class:

Customers who have entered into contracts for wholesale water and/or sewer service with SAWS.

Recycled Water Class:

Customers that use recycled water produced by SAWS for non-potable applications through a separate recycled water meter.

Seasonal Rates:

Recycled water rates applied to all billings beginning on or about September 30 of each year.

Standard Rates:

Recycled water rates applied to all billings beginning on or about April 30 of each year.

Uplift Assistance Program (UAP) Residential Water and

Households inside the City Limits or outside the City Limits with a household income below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are eligible to apply to be subject to the

Uplift Assistance Program Fee Rates: Water and sewer rates for General, and Irrigation customers to support the Uplift Assistance Program.

New Irrigation Class Water Rates - 2023

Monthly Service Availability Charge

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8"	\$12.70	\$16.00
3/4"	\$16.48	\$20.66
1"	\$24.04	\$29.98
1-1/2"	\$42.94	\$53.28
2"	\$65.62	\$81.23
3"	\$126.10	\$155.77
4"	\$194.14	\$239.64
6"	\$383.14	\$472.59
8"	\$609.94	\$752.13
10"	\$761.14	\$938.49
12"	\$1,063.54	\$1,311.21

Volume Charges per 1,000 Gallons Standard Rates

Block Threshold	Inside City	Outside City
Block 1: 8,000 Gallons	\$3.475	\$4.518
Block 2: 18,000 Gallons	\$4.865	\$6.325
Block 3: 160,000 Gallons	\$6.255	\$8.132
Block 4: Over 160,000 Gallons	\$7.993	\$10.391

Uplift Assistance Program Fee water rate per 1,000 gallons \$0.159

New Uplift Assistance Program Residential Water Rates - 2023

Monthly Service Availability Charge

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
Tier 1*	\$ -	\$ -
Tiers 2-5	\$3.00	\$3.90

* No Monthly Service Availability Charge is assessed for usage at or below 2,000 gallons per month (Tier 1).

Volume Charges per 1,000 Gallons

Block Threshold	Inside City	Outside City
Block 1: 2,000 Gallons	\$ -	\$ -
Block 2: 6,000 Gallons	\$1.000	\$1.300
Block 3: 10,000 Gallons	\$1.500	\$1.950
Block 4: 15,000 Gallons	\$2.500	\$3.250
Block 5: Over 15,000 Gallons	\$3.500	\$4.550

New Residential Class Wastewater Rates - 2023

Monthly Service Availability Charge

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8"	\$10.00	\$12.00
3/4"	\$13.89	\$16.67
1"	\$21.66	\$26.00
1-1/2"	\$41.08	\$49.30
2"	\$64.39	\$77.27
3"	\$126.55	\$151.86
4"	\$196.48	\$235.78
6"	\$390.73	\$468.88
8"	\$623.83	\$748.60
10"	\$779.23	\$935.08
12"	\$1,090.03	\$1,308.04

Customers with no San Antonio Water System water meter will be charged the Sewer Monthly Service Availability Charge based on a 5/8" meter.

Volume Charges per 1,000 Gallons*

Block Threshold	Inside City	Outside City
Block 1: 4,000 Gallons	\$2.539	\$3.047
Block 2: Over 4,000 Gallons	\$4.444	\$5.333

* Determined by Winter Average Consumption; customers who do not have a record of winter water usage will be billed an interim average or sewer service assuming 5,985 gallons monthly sewer usage.

Uplift Assistance Program Fee sewer rate per 1,000 gallons \$0.161

New Uplift Assistance Program Residential Wastewater Rates - 2023

Monthly Service Availability Charge

Volume Charges per 1,000 Gallons*

Block Threshold	Inside City	Outside City
Block 1: 2,000 Gallons	\$ -	\$ -
Block 2: Over 2,000 Gallons	\$2.700	\$3.240

* Determined by Winter Average Consumption; customers who do not have a record of winter water usage will be billed an interim average for sewer service assuming 5,985 gallons monthly sewer usage.

about May 1 and ending after five complete billing

about October 1 and ending after seven complete

Sewer Rates:
with income at or below 125 percent of the Federal UAP rates.

volumetric fee rates assessed non-UAP Residential, Uplift Assistance Program.

Base Consumption:

100% of average monthly consumption of prior year.

Inside City:

Rates charged for customers living inside City of San Antonio City Limits.

Outside City:

Rates charged for customers living outside City of San Antonio City Limits.

Winter Average Consumption:

The fee for sewer service is based on the average monthly consumption of water during three complete consecutive billing periods beginning on or after November 15 of each year and ending on or after three full billing cycles in March.

Wastewater Customers of Other Cities:

A different rate may apply to customers being billed by SAWS for wastewater for other municipal bodies.

New General Class Water Rates - 2023

Monthly Service Availability Charge		
Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8"	\$12.70	\$16.00
3/4"	\$16.48	\$20.66
1"	\$24.04	\$29.98
1-1/2"	\$42.94	\$53.28
2"	\$65.62	\$81.23
3"	\$126.10	\$155.77
4"	\$194.14	\$239.64
6"	\$383.14	\$472.59
8"	\$609.94	\$752.13
10"	\$761.14	\$938.49
12"	\$1,063.54	\$1,311.21

Volume Charges per 1,000 Gallons		
	Inside City	Outside City
Base*	\$1.958	\$2.546
>100-125% of Base	\$2.252	\$2.928
>125-175% of Base	\$2.937	\$3.819
>175% of Base	\$3.427	\$4.456

* Base equals 100% of the Annual Average Consumption

Uplift Assistance Program Fee water rate per 1,000 gallons	\$0.159
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New General Class Wastewater Rates - 2023

Monthly Service Availability Charge		
Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8"	\$10.00	\$12.00
3/4"	\$13.89	\$16.67
1"	\$21.66	\$26.00
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Volume Charges per 1,000 Gallons		
Block Threshold	Inside City	Outside City
All Usage	\$4.368	\$5.242

Uplift Assistance Program Fee sewer rate per 1,000 gallons	\$0.161
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New Wholesale Class Water Rates - 2023

Meter Size	Monthly Service Availability Charge
6"	\$298.14
8"	\$473.94
10"	\$591.14
12"	\$825.54

Volume Charges per 1,000 Gallons	
Base*	\$2.723
Over Base	\$5.446

* Base is defined as 100% of the Annual Average Consumption or as agreed to by the wholesale customer and approved by the SAWS Board of Trustees.

New Wholesale Class Wastewater Rates - 2023

Monthly Service Availability Charge	\$340.07
Volume Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.256

New Recycled Class Water Rates - 2023

Meter Size	Monthly Service Availability Charge
5/8"	\$16.92
3/4"	\$22.00
1"	\$28.69
1-1/2"	\$45.57
2"	\$66.62
3"	\$177.21
4"	\$263.40
6"	\$502.44
8"	\$757.37
10"	\$1,038.52
12"	\$1,281.36

Volume Charges per 1,000 Gallons		
Edwards Exchange	Standard Rates	Seasonal Rates
Transferred amount	\$0.446	\$0.446
All in excess of transferred amount	1.670	1.774
Non-Edwards Exchg.	Standard Rates	Seasonal Rates
First 748,000	\$1.786	\$1.921
Over 748,000	1.827	1.937

Authorized Maximum 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 Recycled Water Rate Adjustments

The San Antonio City Council has also authorized SAWS to make further adjustments to the Recycled Water rates effective Jan. 1, 2024, Jan. 1, 2025, Jan. 1, 2026 and Jan. 1, 2027, respectively. These adjustments may be made without further City Council approval. The adjustments in each year are not to exceed the maximum percentages for each year as shown below relative to the 2023 Recycled Water Rates.

2024: 10%
2025: 10%
2026: 10%
2027: 10%