2024 RATE NOTICE

"Exceptional quality water delivered with integrity and dependability to farms and families; now and in the future for your tomorrow"



CENTRAL WELD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT 2235 2nd Avenue Greeley, CO 80631

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Who we are:

The Central Weld County Water District (CWCWD) was formed as a Special District of Colorado in 1965 and began serving domestic potable water to a 250 square mile area in Weld County in 1966. CWCWD has been providing the highest quality of water to its customers ever since. We will continue this commitment into the future by investing in additional supply, treatment, and distribution infrastructure to keep your water healthy and plentiful. CWCWD is looking ahead to ensure there will be adequate water supply for the future generations. The rate increase will enable CWCWD to provide raw water storage and purchase additional water shares when they become available. These shares are increasing in cost and the rate increase will help allow the District to ensure that supply meets demand in the future.



2024 RATE NOTICE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2024:

The CWCWD Board of Directors takes many things into consideration when deciding if rates should be raised. The decision to raise these rates was based on rising costs nationwide as well as projected growth and projects needed within the water district to meet rising needs. This increase in rates allows us at CWCWD to plan for the future and ensure high quality and reliable water for generations to come. Water is a big asset that we cannot do without.

We evaluate our rates by considering operational costs, energy costs, maintaining infrastructure and capital construction costs. CWCWD continues to upgrade GIS mapping, water storage, capacity expansion and new pretreatment at Carter Lake at approx. \$25 million, a new treatment plant near Johnstown, CO at an anticipated cost of \$65 million, delivery projects including Chimney Hollow and NISP for over \$170 million just for our share, and has to comply with stricter State and Federal regulations for water quality. Two new waterline extensions are needed to deliver water at an approx. combined cost of \$30 million.

The Chimney Hollow Reservoir Project is a collaboration between 12 Northeastern Colorado water providers to improve the reliability of, or make firm, water supplies from the Windy Gap Project. This project will supply a reliable 30,000 acre-feet of water for future generations. Construction began in August 2021. This project is an estimated cost of \$670 million. Through the building of two new reservoirs in Northern Colorado, the Northern Integrated Supply Project will supply 15 Northern Front Range water providers with 40,000 acre-feet of new, reliable water supplies. Aside from needed water storage, the project will incorporate an array of environmental and wildlife mitigation aspects and bring additional recreation opportunities to the region. This project is an estimated cost of over \$2 billion.

Customer bills include a base charge plus a tiered water usage charge that increases with higher water usage. Conservation and appropriate use should be at the forefront of everyone's mind. The distribution system is an interconnected series of components that include reservoirs, pipes, storage facilities, and treatment plants. It takes dedicated & technical teams working behind-the-scenes and an integrated distribution system to provide reliable and safe water to our customers.





Infrastructure **Updates & Additions** Maintain, upgrade and expand our systems and technology.





Regulatory Compliance Make updates to comply with government regulations.



Customer Service & Public Outreach Read meters, assist customers, and share project



Pursuant to Section 32-1-1001(2)(a), C.R.S., a Public Hearing was held July 18, 2024 regarding an increase to rates for the Surcharges, Monthly Detailed Rate Schedule, and Tap Fees for all customers and municipalities. The District reserves the right at any time to change the rates and fees of the District as allowed by law through a public rate hearing. Rate increase notifications are posted on the District's website and in the Tribune newspaper.

Please understand that rate changes are never pleasant and are given a great deal of consideration by the Board of Directors who are our customers too.

Tap Equivalents and Rate Changes

To be effective November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2025

Base Rate for (1) Tap Equivalent based on Annual Allocation per month

Base Rate for (1) Tap Equivalent based on Annual Allocation per month	\$27.12			
Tier One 0 – 4,000 gallons	\$3.00			
Tier Two 5,000–19,000 gallons	\$3.70			
Tier Three 20,000-59,000 gallons	\$4.50			
Tier Four 60,000-149,000 gallons	\$5.30			
Tier Five 150,000 + gallons	\$5.30			
Tiered costs for water per 1,000 gallons beyond the base rate per month for actual usage				

There were no increases to the Surcharge Rates:

Surcharge Changes eff. Nov.1, 2023 - Oct.31, 2025:				
Quarter Tap	\$35.00/TH over allocation			
Budget Tap	\$25.00/TH over allocation			
All other Tap Sizes	\$15.00/TH over allocation			

Lowering Your Bill:

The District always looks for ways to help determine options for conserving. If large users wish to lower their monthly charges they can purchase additional tap equivalents and may need onsite storage to maintain service if there is ever an outage or emergency repair. Check with the office to see if you are on our Beacon reading system and sign up for Eye On Water where you can monitor your usage down to the minute.

- Please always check for leaks
- Think of a garden box to help reduce outdoor landscaping
- > Water twice a week to allow roots to grow strong
- Raise those lawnmower blades to retain moisture at the roots

TOWN RATE CHANGES:

To be effective November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2025

Base Rate for (1) Tap Equivalent based on Annual Allocation per month. (or as applicable per municipal contracts)

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Base Rate for (1) Tap Equivalent	\$27.12
based on Annual Allocation per	
month	
Tier One	\$3.00
Based on each Town's contract	
Tier Two	\$3.70
Based on each Town's contract	
Tier Three	\$4.50
Based on each Town's contract	
Tier Four	\$5.30
Based on each Town's contract	
Tier Five	\$5.30
Based on each Town's contract	
Tiered costs for water usage beyon	nd the base rate per month

Tiered costs for water usage beyond the base rate per month for actual usage based on TE's and Base Rate Reduction per Town or as applicable per each contract.

Comparable Base Rates around the County:				
Johnstown \$22.84	Gilcrest \$34.00			
Kersey \$23.84	Left Hand \$36.80			
Milliken \$27.69	Firestone \$39.40			
Frederick \$31.57	LaSalle \$56.40			
LTWD \$31.84	Aristocrat \$63.00			

Paying Your Bill as Easy as 1, 2, 3... Go to <u>www.cwcwd.com</u> and click Pay My Bill. You can also set up Budget Billing or Recurring Payments and avoid a transaction fee.



Meter Size	5/8" Tap Equivalent	Study Fee	Capital Investment Fee	Installation Fee	C.B.T Raw Water Fee (NCWCD)	Example: IF Market Value = \$70,000 per Acre Foot	Annual Allotment (Metered Gallons)
Quarter	0.25	\$50	\$12,000	\$2,000	Market Value	\$ 31,500.00	57,000
Budget	0.5	\$50	\$12,000	\$2,000	Market Value	\$ 49,000.00	114,000
5/8"	1	\$50	\$12,000	\$2,000	Market Value	\$ 84,000.00	228,000
3/4"	1.5	\$75	\$18,000	\$3,000	Market Value	\$ 126,000.00	342,000
1"	2.5	\$125	\$30,000	\$5,000	Market Value	\$ 210,000.00	570,000
1 1/2"	5	\$250	\$60,000	\$10,000	Market Value	\$ 420,000.00	1,140,000
2"	8	\$400	\$96,000	\$16,000	Market Value	\$ 672,000.00	1,824,000
3"	15	\$750	\$180,000	\$30,000	Market Value	\$ 1,260,000.00	3,420,000
4"'	25	\$1,250	\$300,000	\$50,000	Market Value	\$ 2,100,000.00	5,700,000
6"	50	\$2,500	\$600,000	\$100,000	Market Value	\$ 4,200,000.00	11,400,000
8"	80	\$4,000	\$960,000	\$160,000	Market Value	\$ 6,720,000.00	18,240,000

District Tap Fees and CIF Fees did not change at the July 18, 2024 Rate Hearing.

Beebe Draw Tap Fees changed effective May 10, 2023 pursuant to their Resolution 2023-05-1.

Please visit <u>www.cwcwd.com</u> for current charges and requirements stated in the Resolution for water service in that specific area.