

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE

TO WATER CUSTOMERS OF THE ALGOMA UTILITY COMMISSION

THE RATE INCREASE WILL GO INTO EFFECT WITH WATER USAGE AFTER THE OCTOBER METER READINGS.

This is to give you notice that the Algoma Utility Commission will file an application on August 8, 2023, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), for authority to increase water rates. Rates for general service will increase 8.0 percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. Rate increases granted under this statute do not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for

some selected customers is shown below. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates (if applicable) will also increase 8.0 percent.

Algoma Utility Commission anticipates that this rate increase will go into effect on October 31, 2023. If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Algoma Utility Commission at (920) 487-5556.

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Gallons	Existing Monthly Rate	Revised Monthly Rate
Average Residential	5/8"	3,000	\$34.70	\$37.47
Large Residential	5/8"	6,000	\$50.12	\$54.12
Multifamily	2"	20,000	\$181.21	\$195.69
Commercial	1"	19,000	\$124.13	\$134.04
Industrial	1"	84,000	\$408.18	\$440.84

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WATER LEAKS CAN BE COSTLY

Whether you own your home or rent, if you pay for water and sewer on your utility bill water, leaks can be costly.

Below is a chart that indicates the amount of water that is used if you have a leak.

Loss per Day	120	360	693	1,200	1,920	3,096	4,296	6,640	6,984	8,424	9,888	11,324	12,720	14,652
Loss per month	3,600	10,800	20,790	36,000	57,600	92,880	128,880	199,200	209,520	252,720	296,640	339,720	381,600	448,560
Size of Leak														

Your toilet is the most common source of a water leak and can be the most costly because you can't always see what is happening. If you "wiggle the handle" to stop it from running, that is a good indication that your toilet needs attention. If you see rippling water in your toilet, it could be a silent toilet leak. And of course, if you hear it running for a long time, check it out. You can do a food coloring test to

look for silent toilet leaks. Place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and if color appears in the bowl without flushing there's a leak that needs to be checked out.

Outdoor spigots are another source of leaks. Please ensure your outdoor spigots are turned off when you are finished using them.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- Water your garden, flowers, or lawn early in the morning or in the evening to reduce the amount of evaporation.
- Use mulch to slow evaporation and discourage weed growth.
- Use a rain barrel to collect water from your roof to water your garden.
- Raise your lawn mower blade. Longer grass promotes deeper root growth, resulting in a more drought resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.
- Give your hose a break: sweep driveways, sidewalks, and steps rather than hosing them off.

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