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Public Service Announcement

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City of Murphy Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Rate Changes Effective April 1, 2010

The Murphy City Council adopted Ordinance No. 09-03-787 at the March 2, 2009 Council Meeting to adjust the rates on various services as outlined below effective April 1, 2010. The new rates will appear on the May billing cycle. In October 2008, The City of Murphy engaged Water Resources Management, L.P. to prepare water, wastewater and solid waste disposal rate study which includes a long-term financial plan. The Rate Study has been completed and was presented to City Council with recommendations of rate adjustments. These rate adjustments are needed to maintain the current water and waste water systems and to provide for capital improvements. The rate changes also reflect the higher costs to the City from the City's treated water source, North Texas Municipal Water District. Solid waste rates were adjusted in order to cover the cost of solid waste collection. For more information, please visit our website at www.murphytx.org or call the Customer Service Department at 972-468-4100.

Below is a comparison of the current rates and the revised April 1, 2010 rates.

Water Rates

Minimum Bill – for use in conjunction with Volumetric Rates

Meter Size	Current	Adjusted
¾"	\$8.50	\$8.50
1"	\$21.25	\$21.25
1.5"	\$42.50	\$42.50
2"	\$68.00	\$68.00
Hydrant	\$100.00	\$100.00
3"	\$136.00	\$136.00

Volumetric rate (per 1,000 gallons)

Per 1,000 gallons	Current	Adjusted
Indoor	\$2.25	\$2.55
Sprinkler/Irrigation	\$3.05	\$3.50

Wastewater Collection Rates

Minimum Bill – for use in conjunction with Volumetric Rates

Minimum Fee	Current	Adjusted	Classification	Current	Adjusted
Commercial	\$30.00	\$30.00	Commercial	\$2.00	\$2.00
HOA	\$10.00	\$10.00	HOA	\$2.00	\$2.00
Residential	\$10.00	\$10.00	Residential	\$1.20	\$1.20
Church	\$10.00	\$10.00	Church	\$1.30	\$1.30

Volumetric rate (per 1,000 gallons) based on 3-month (November, January and February) winter average of water usage for Residential only.

Murphy will begin to use a winter averaging for the purpose of calculating sewer charges on your utility bill. The new sewer charges will be based on the water consumption average for three months (November, January and February). Average consumption is applied against current sewer rates and becomes your constant sewer charge for 12 months beginning April 1, 2010.

The monthly sewer charges will be based on the average water usages for the months of November, January and February. See example below:

Averaging Months Used	Water Consumption Billed	Explanation
November	6,600 gallons used	
December	7,500 gallons used	Exclude December's usage
January	8,500 gallons used	
February	8,300 gallons used	
Total	23,400 (This is the total gallons used for the month's averaged)	This is of gallons in yellow only.
Divide the Total by 3 23,400 /3= 7,800 gallons	7,800 (average sewer gallons)	7,800 gallons X \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons + \$10 Base Fee = \$19.36 (This will be the monthly sewer charge for the next year)

Solid Waste Rates

Poly carts	Current	Adjusted
First Cart Fee + Tax	\$12.04	\$12.44
Extra Cart Fee + Tax	\$7.06	\$7.27

Examples with the new rates

City of Murphy Residential Indoor Bill (based on a 3/4 inch meter)						
5,000 Gallons	Current	Adjusted (April 1, 2010)		10,000 Gallons	Current	Adjusted (April 1, 2010)
Water	\$19.75	\$21.25		Water	\$31.00	\$34.00
Wastewater	\$16.00	\$16.00		Wastewater	\$22.00	\$22.00
Garbage	\$12.04	\$12.44		Garbage	\$12.04	\$12.44
Storm water fee	\$3.00	\$3.00		Storm water fee	\$3.00	\$3.00
Total	\$50.79	\$52.69		Total	\$68.04	\$71.44
15,000 Gallons	Current	Adjusted (April 1, 2010)		20,000 Gallons	Current	Adjusted (April 1, 2010)
Water	\$42.25	\$46.75		Water	\$53.50	\$59.50
Wastewater	\$28.00	\$28.00		Wastewater	\$34.00	\$34.00
Garbage	\$12.04	\$12.44		Garbage	\$12.04	\$12.44
Storm water fee	\$3.00	\$3.00		Storm water fee	\$3.00	\$3.00
Total	\$85.29	\$90.19		Total	\$102.54	\$108.94

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