



TOWN OF ESSEX VERMONT

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Water/Sewer Customer:

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The Town of Essex Selectboard has adopted new water and sewer rates and fees for the period following the spring 2019 billing (FYE 2020). The rates have increased as noted for the following reasons:

- 1. The need to maintain the sewer and water funds on a firm financial basis by setting aside adequate funds for system operation and depreciation.***
- 2. The need to meet increased water costs from the Champlain Water District of 3.0% and a 5.7% increase in wastewater treatment costs from the Tri-town Wastewater Treatment Facility.***

A complete explanation of the rate changes can be found on the Town of Essex web page, www.essex.org or a copy can be mailed to you upon request.

The municipal water rate and associated water fees adopted by the Selectboard are:

1. The water rate is increased from \$5.42/1,000 gallons to \$5.56/1,000 gallons.
2. The water initiation fee is unchanged at \$1000 base fee per connection plus \$5.73 per gallon per day of capacity.
3. The water minimum charge per year has increased from \$170 per year to \$180 per year.
4. Water users with meter sizes of 1-inch or greater will be billed four (4) times per year.

The municipal sewer rate and associated sewer fees adopted by the Selectboard are:

1. The sewer rate is increased from \$9.27/1000 gallons to \$9.54/1000 gallons.
2. The sewer initiation fee is unchanged at \$1000 base fee per connection plus \$10.30 per gallon of capacity.
3. Sewer users with meter sizes of 1-inch or greater will be billed 4 times per year..

The rate change is in effect as of the date of rate approval by the Selectboard (6 May 2019) for all connection fees and with usage billings in the billing period following the spring 2019 billings.

A single family residence with both municipal sewer and water using an average of 200 gallons per day can anticipate a total increase of 2.5% or \$2.25 per month in their municipal sewer and water bill. If you have any questions regarding the new sewer and water rates and fee structure, please contact the Public Works Department at 878-1344.

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