

Water Service Rate Adjustment For Customers of Torrance Municipal Water (TMW)

In February 2011, the City Council approved a plan at a Public Hearing to adjust water rates over the five year period of 2011 through 2015 for customers served by the municipal system. In addition, a conservation tiered rate structure was adopted to encourage ongoing conservation and meet State of California mandated reduction targets. The adjustments are necessary to provide for water system infrastructure replacement, meet current and future regulatory requirements, offset higher water costs and fund the development of additional local water resources. The new local water resources will diversify TMW's water supply sources , enhance the community's supply reliability and significantly lower water costs to help stabilize water rates in the future.

The rate adjustment consists of two components: an internal adjustment and a pass-through adjustment to offset higher water costs. In accordance with the five year adopted rate plan, the overall increase will be approximately 12% effective January 2012. The increase consists of a 6.5% internal adjustment and a 5.5% pass-through adjustment to compensate for higher water costs, primarily for purchased imported water supplies from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Even with the adjustment, Torrance Municipal Water rates are expected to remain among the lowest in the area.

STARTING WITH THE BILLING FOR:			
FEBRUARY 2012 FOR CUSTOMERS BILLED MONTHLY	 An overall rate adjustment of approximately 12% An increase in the fixed monthly meter service (readiness to serve) charge. For customers with a 3/4" meter the increase will be \$0.34 per month. An increase in the average single family residence monthly bill by \$ 5.15 		
MARCH 2012 FOR CUSTOMERS BILLED BI-MONTHLY	 An increase in the average single family residence monthly bir by \$3.13 from \$43.08 to \$48.23. An increase in Private Fire Protection Service charges by 6.5% An adjustment in the Pumping Service Charge of 3.1% 		

Torrance Municipal Water Rates and Service Charges Effective January 2012 for Standard Rate Customers

I. <u>Meter Service Charge (Readiness to Serve - RTS)</u> \$ per Month or Bi Monthly

Meter Size	Monthly Meter Service Charge	Bi-Monthly Meter Service Charge			
3⁄4"	\$5.59	\$11.18			
1"	\$7.56	\$15.12			
1 1⁄2"	\$12.49	\$24.98			
2"	\$18.41	\$36.82			
3"	\$37.16	\$74.32			
4"	\$64.77	\$129.54			
6"	\$140.71	\$281.42			
8"	\$239.34	\$478.68			
10"	\$377.41	\$754.82			
12"	\$495.77	\$991.54			
14"	\$742.33	\$1,484.66			

5 per billing unit (100 cubic feet of ccf =748 gallons)				
Single Family Residential Rate	Monthly Rate Block Usage	Bi Monthly Rate Block Usage	Quantity(Commodity) Tiered Rate Charge	
	ccf	ccf	\$ per ccf	
Tier 1	First 8 ccf	First 16 ccf	\$2.776 ccf	
Tier 2	9-14 ccf	17-28 ccf	\$3.405 ccf	
Tier 3	15-24 ccf	29-48 ccf	\$4.172 ccf	
Tier 4	25 ccf and above	49 ccf and above	\$5.109 ccf	
All Other Standard Customers				
Tier 1	First 10 ccf	First 20 ccf	\$2.776 ccf	
Tier 2	11 ccf and above	21 ccf and above	\$3.458 ccf	
Low Income Senior and Disabled				
Tier 1	First 8 ccf	First 16 ccf	\$2.393 ccf	
Tier 2	9-14 ccf	17-28 ccf	\$3.021 ccf	
Tier 3	15-24 ccf	29-48 ccf	\$3.788 ccf	
Tier 4	25 ccf and above	49 ccf and above	\$4.725 ccf	

II. <u>Quantity Rates (Commodity) for Standard Rate Customers</u> \$ per billing unit (100 cubic feet or ccf =748 gallons)

III. <u>Private Fire Protection (Fireline) Service Charge</u> \$ per Month or \$ Bi Monthly

Fire Meter Size	Monthly Service Charge \$	Bi-Monthly Service Charge \$		
2"	\$5.39	\$10.78		
3"	\$10.66	\$21.32		
4"	\$19.73	\$39.46		
6"	\$52.33	\$104.66		
8"	\$108.54	\$217.08		
10"	\$193.10	\$386.20		
12"	\$311.35	\$622.70		

IV. <u>Pumping Service Charge</u> (Applies to Customers in High Pressure Zone)

\$ per Month or \$ Bi Monthly

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Meter Size	Monthly Service Charge \$	Bi-Monthly Service Charge \$		
3/4"	\$3.18	\$6.36		
1"	\$7.88	\$15.76		
1 1⁄2"	\$15.77	\$31.54		
2"	\$25.24	\$50.48		
3"	\$50.48	\$100.96		
4"	\$78.86	\$157.72		
6"	\$157.73	\$315.46		
8"	\$252.37	\$504.74		
10"	\$362.08	\$724.16		
12"	\$678.24	\$1,356.48		

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Regarding How to Conserve and Save on your Water Bill

www.TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks

www.bewaterwise.com

Qualifying Rebates – bewaterwise.com under heading titled "Rebates" Public Works Department 310-781-6900