

CITY OF MILBANK | WATER RATE INCREASE INFORMATION

Water is an essential resource that we rely on being available to us every day, including clean, safe drinking water. It is of fundamental importance to the health and economic well-being of all communities. The City of Milbank is currently taking steps to plan for community growth and future drinking water needs. Water system demand has increased in recent years and is projected to increase further.

Due to the increase in water demand, the City has currently imposed lawn watering restrictions as the current system cannot meet the demand. Several aspects of the current water system are undersized and reaching the end of their useful life including the water mains, storage tanks, and treatment facilities. Additionally, costs are rising for annual maintenance and repair of the system to keep it operating in good condition.

The City currently has additional water rights from the State, but improvements to the system must be made before they are able to use this water. Proposed improvements include:

- Upgrades to existing wells
- Potential addition of new wells
- Replacement of existing pumps to the distribution system
- Upgrades to the treatment systems



The City of Milbank has applied for funding through the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and has started preliminary analyses and design to determine the final scope of improvements. Funding sources will include loans that must be repaid. Therefore, the City has studied multiple rate increase scenarios as shown below. Rates shown are estimates at this time until the improvements are designed and bid for construction.



DID YOU KNOW?

While everyone's needs are different, the average person uses about 100 gallons of water a day. That translates to 3,000 gallons of water per person, per month, for indoor uses. Watering an average lawn (approx 10,871 sq ft) sufficiently takes 6,773 gallons of water per week.



WATER METER	CURRENT RATE		ESTIMATED FUTURE RATES	
	Jan-Jun 2023	July-Jun 2023/2024	July-Jun 2024/2025	July-Jun 2025/2026
Water Base Rate	\$15.50	\$20.50	\$24.00	\$27.10
Water Usage Rate	\$0.70	\$1.00	\$1.30	\$1.35

RESIDENTIAL (ESTIMATED)

FAMILY OF 5	Water Base	Water Usage = 1,300 cu ft	CURRENT RATE		ESTIMATED FUTURE RATES	
			Jan-Jun 2023	July-Jun 2023/2024	July-Jun 2024/2025	July-Jun 2025/2026
			\$15.50	\$20.50	\$24.00	\$27.10
			\$9.10	\$13.00	\$16.90	\$17.55
		TOTAL	\$24.60	\$33.50	\$40.90	\$44.65

FAMILY OF 3	Water Base	Water Usage = 500 cu ft	CURRENT RATE		ESTIMATED FUTURE RATES	
			Jan-Jun 2023	July-Jun 2023/2024	July-Jun 2024/2025	July-Jun 2025/2026
			\$15.50	\$20.50	\$24.00	\$27.10
			\$3.50	\$5.00	\$6.50	\$6.75
		TOTAL	\$19.00	\$25.50	\$30.50	\$33.85

FAMILY OF 1	Water Base	Water Usage = 200 cu ft	CURRENT RATE		ESTIMATED FUTURE RATES	
			Jan-Jun 2023	July-Jun 2023/2024	July-Jun 2024/2025	July-Jun 2025/2026
			\$15.50	\$20.50	\$24.00	\$27.10
			\$1.40	\$2.00	\$2.60	\$2.70
		TOTAL	\$16.90	\$22.50	\$26.60	\$29.80

COMMERCIAL (ESTIMATED)

MAIN STREET BUSINESS	Water Base	Water Usage	CURRENT RATE		ESTIMATED FUTURE RATES	
			Jan-Jun 2023	July-Jun 2023/2024	July-Jun 2024/2025	July-Jun 2025/2026
			\$15.50	\$20.50	\$24.00	\$27.10
			\$0.66	\$0.94	\$1.22	\$1.27
		TOTAL	16.158	\$21.44	\$25.22	\$28.37

RESTAURANT	Water Base	Water Usage	CURRENT RATE		ESTIMATED FUTURE RATES	
			Jan-Jun 2023	July-Jun 2023/2024	July-Jun 2024/2025	July-Jun 2025/2026
			\$15.50	\$20.50	\$24.00	\$27.10
			\$23.39	\$33.41	\$43.43	\$45.10
		TOTAL	\$38.89	\$53.91	\$67.43	\$72.20

HOTEL	Water Base	Water Usage	CURRENT RATE		ESTIMATED FUTURE RATES	
			Jan-Jun 2023	July-Jun 2023/2024	July-Jun 2024/2025	July-Jun 2025/2026
			\$116.25	\$153.75	\$180.00	\$203.25
			\$86.10	\$123.00	\$159.90	\$166.05
		TOTAL	\$202.35	\$276.75	\$339.90	\$369.30

VALLEY QUEEN MAIN PLANT	Water Base	Water Usage	CURRENT RATE		ESTIMATED FUTURE RATES	
			Jan-Jun 2023	July-Jun 2023/2024	July-Jun 2024/2025	July-Jun 2025/2026
			\$465.00	\$604.75	\$708.00	\$799.45
			\$7,843.24	\$11,204.63	\$14,566.02	\$15,126.25
		TOTAL	\$8,308.24	\$11,809.38	\$15,274.02	\$15,925.70

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