

# CHANGES TO YOUR WATER RATES

## TUBAC DISTRICT

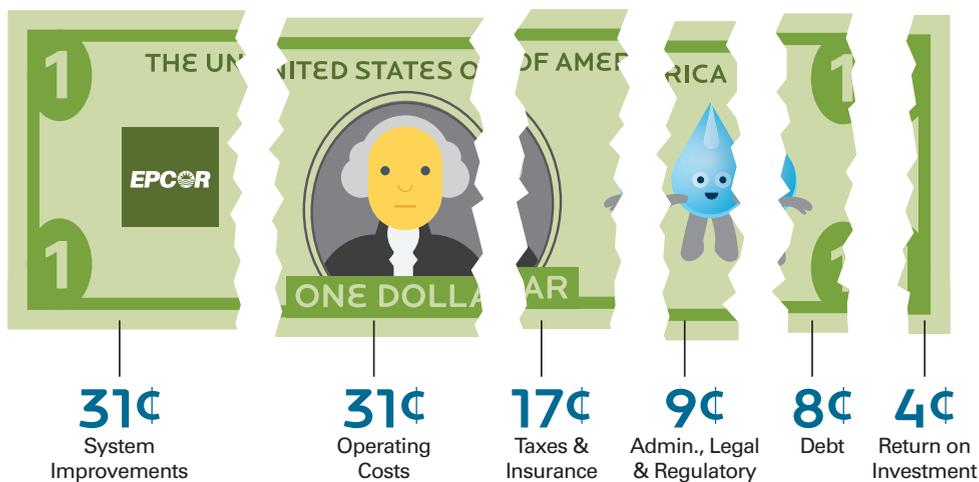
The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) recently approved changes to the rates for water service in the Tubac district. These changes went into effect September 1, 2015.

Providing you safe, clean, reliable drinking water involves more than connecting a pipe to your home. Maintaining the system, testing the water for quality and safety, and ensuring your fire department has water are just part of what goes into delivering your family water each day.

### THE VALUE OF WATER

Tap water is a lot less than what you pay for a soda, glass of milk, a gallon of gas or a cup of coffee. Take milk, for example: A gallon costs about \$2. But a gallon of tap water? It only costs a penny. Water offers the best value for a buck.

Ever wondered where your money goes in your water bill? Here's how every dollar you spend helps maintain and support your community's water system.



**Water and wastewater systems** – the pipes and plants and wells that deliver water to your tap and take it away when you're done with it – are just like cars and homes. They need regular care and attention. As they get older and wear out, they need to be fixed and replaced.



### TUBAC AT A GLANCE

- Miles of Water Pipe: 26
- Valves: 480
- Fire Hydrants: 90
- Wells: 4
- Storage Tanks: 6

### EPCOR AT A GLANCE

- Miles of Pipe: 3,201
- Wells: 197
- Storage Tanks: 121
- Pump Stations: 54
- Water Treatment Plants: 27

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## GET TO KNOW YOUR RATES

Your rates are based on what it costs to bring water to your home at a certain point in time, and what repairs and replacements had to be made to keep the water flowing. So your rates are always lower than what it costs to run the system, usually by a couple of years or more.

Here's an overview of the updates to the rates and fees in your district.

### Base water rate

Tubac's new water rates will be phased in over 3 years. In year 1, the average residential customer will see a monthly increase of \$17.53, followed by roughly \$8 in years 2 and 3, respectively. In the first year, the average monthly bill will increase from \$46.44 to \$63.97.

Tubac customers will also see the arsenic treatment surcharge decrease about \$3.44. This is a separate line item on the bill.



### Service and water use fees

#### Monthly Service Charge

	PHASE 1 9.1.15-8.31.16	PHASE 2 9.1.16-8.31.17	PHASE 3 9.1.17 & beyond
5/8" x 3/4" Meter	\$31.42	\$35.38	\$39.37
3/4" Meter	\$34.63	\$38.98	\$43.38
1" Meter	\$78.67	\$88.56	\$98.56
1-1/2" Meter	\$157.07	\$176.86	\$196.85
2" Meter	\$251.31	\$282.98	\$314.97

#### Residential Water Use (Per 1,000 gallons)

	PHASE 1 9.1.15-8.31.16	PHASE 2 9.1.16-8.31.17	PHASE 3 9.1.17 & beyond
<b>5/8" x 3/4" Meter &amp; 3/4" Meter</b>			
First 3,000 gallons	\$2.7400	\$3.0800	\$3.4300
3,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$4.5500	\$5.1200	\$5.7000
10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$5.4400	\$6.1300	\$6.8200
Over 20,000 gallons*	\$6.7903	\$7.5803	\$8.3703
<b>1" Meter</b>			
First 60,000 gallons	\$5.4400	\$6.1300	\$6.8200
Over 60,000 gallons*	\$6.7903	\$7.5803	\$8.3703
<b>1-1/2" Meter</b>			
First 120,000 gallons	\$5.4400	\$6.1300	\$6.8200
Over 120,000 gallons*	\$6.7903	\$7.5803	\$8.3703
<b>2" Meter</b>			
First 180,000 gallons	\$5.4400	\$6.1300	\$6.8200
Over 180,000 gallons*	\$6.7903	\$7.5803	\$8.3703

\* Upper tier rate is comprised of a \$6.24 approved rate plus \$0.5503 for Low Income Surcharge in Phase 1, \$7.03 approved rate plus \$0.5503 for Low Income Surcharge in Phase 2, and \$7.82 approved rate plus \$0.5503 Low Income Surcharge in Phase 3.

### Miscellaneous fees

From time to time, account owners may be assessed fees for different services or processes, such as:

- Establishment or re-establishment of service . . . . \$35
- Reconnect service (delinquent accounts) . . . . . \$35
- Meter test (if correct) . . . . . \$35
- Meter reread (if correct) . . . . . \$25
- Non-sufficient funds check . . . . . \$25

### New low-income program

The Tubac district's new low-income program can help some customers who are experiencing difficulty paying their water bill. After submitting an application, approved customers may receive a credit of \$12.57 each month.

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