



TOWN OF AMENIA WATER DISTRICT #1

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Important Notice for Water District Customers

Effective January 1, 2023 the quarterly rates for water service in the Town of Amenia will change as follows:

Residential: \$75.00 per quarter

Multiple Dwelling: \$110.00 per quarter

Commercial Business: \$135.00 per quarter

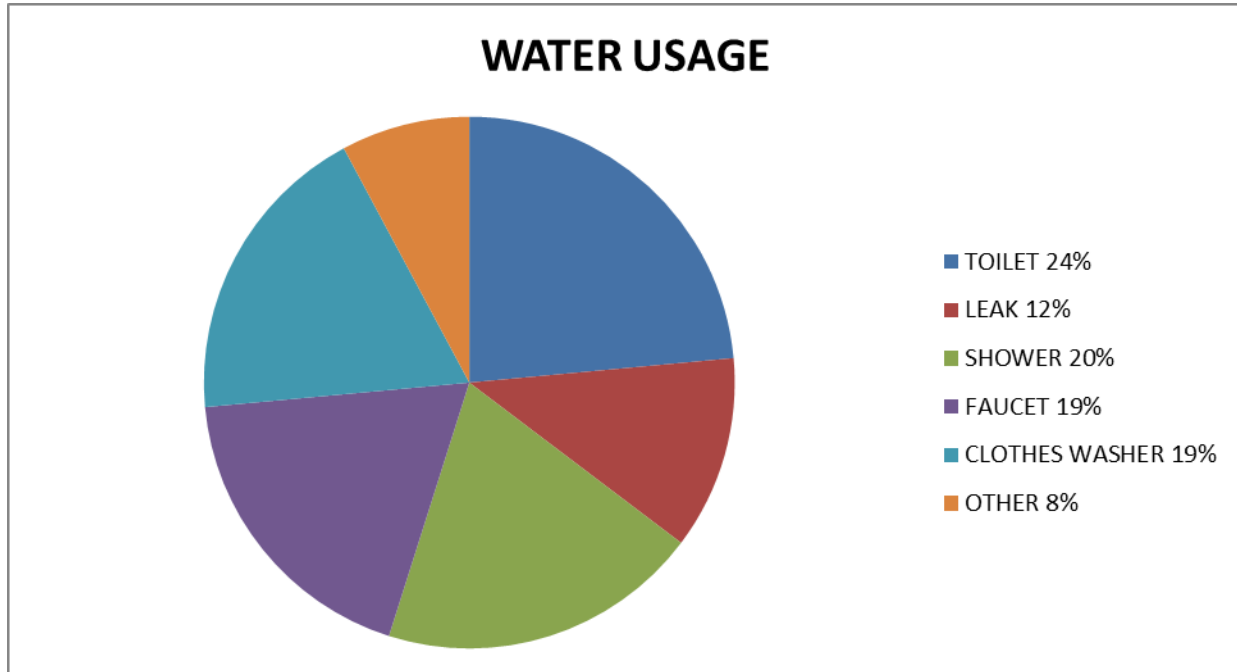
This move is prompted by the need to maintain and upgrade an aging water infrastructure, and to comply with health department mandates. Consequently, the district is faced with increased costs for testing. This rate increase supports the goal of continuing to provide safe and dependable water service, and brings our water fees more in line with prevailing rates. The usage threshold of 5,000 gallons will remain the same. Usage beyond 5,000 gallons will continue to be charged at the rate of \$5.00 for each additional thousand gallons of water.

The rate change will be reflected on invoices for the first quarter of 2023 which will be issued in April.

Please note: In New York State the average monthly cost for residential water service is \$50.81.

Saving Water: A Precious Commodity

HOW MUCH WATER DO WE USE? Saving water is important to every community whether you are using public water or your own well. But to save water, it's helpful to first understand how much water you use and where. This chart shows how the typical American family uses water indoors.



Every household is different, but here are a few tips to help you and your family save water.

- ✓ Small household leaks can add up to gallons of water lost every day. Not fixing a leaky toilet or faucet is like throwing money down the drain. Check your plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems periodically for leaks. And, if you find any, fix them! Check for Toilet Leaks Leaky toilets can easily go unnoticed. Here's a simple way to check if your toilet is leaking: Remove the lid from your toilet tank, and drop a small amount of food coloring into the tank. Wait 10-20 minutes. If food coloring appears in the bowl, repairs may need to be made or the flapper valve adjusted. If you hear water running, it may mean that water is running over the overflow tube in the tank. This too should be fixed.
- ✓ Run only full loads in your dishwasher. Before washing dishes by hand or in the dishwasher, scrape them; don't rinse first.
- ✓ Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the fridge instead of letting the tap run until the water is cool.
- ✓ Install water-saving showerheads and shorten your shower time to five minutes.
- ✓ Turn off the water while shaving or brushing teeth.
- ✓ Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate load size selection. Look for appliances with load size adjustments. Consider purchasing EnergyStar™ rated washing machines. They use less water and energy per load.