



Providing the Highest Quality Water for NW Arkansas and Western Oklahoma

BWRPWA WATER RATE AND SYSTEM GROWTH HISTORY

1998 - 2005 - \$1.35 / \$1.15 / \$1.05 per 1000 gallons Descending Block rate structure with Contract Minimums that were established with original Water Purchase Contracts

2006 - 2008 \$1.50 per 1000 flat rate for established for all customers

2007 - current Minimum purchase amounts removed Water Purchase Contracts and all customers signed new 30 Year Water Purchase Contracts

2008 - 2015 \$2.05 per 1000 - Increase due to issuance of Municipal Bonds for Plant expansion and new storage facilities

2010 - current \$1.50 Meter assessment established for Capital Improvement Projects Fund

2015 - 2016 \$2.15 per 1000 gallons – Increase due to issuance of Municipal Bonds for Capitol Projects and increase in Operating and Maintenance costs due to increasing system demands

2016 - 2022 \$2.34 per 1000 gallons - Bond refinance to take advantage of low interest rates and new issue for Capital Improvement projects including Storage Tank rehabilitation and Parallel lines on Southern Portion of System

2021 - New 30 Year Master Plan developed by Crist Engineers is adopted by BWRPWA Board to meet expected growth out to 2050.

2022 -2024 - \$2.70 per 1000 gallons - Bond refinance and issuance of 50M in Municipal Bonds for beginning 54-inch welded steel Transmission Line to Decatur Storage Facility, new High Service Pump Facility, new Clearwell, New Elevated Composite Tank, New residual Ponds and rehab on existing residual ponds

2023 Rate Study by Wildan Financial with conjunction with 2020-2050 Master Plan projections as the driving factor for future rates (available on website)

2023 - 2024 \$2.80 per 1000 gallons – 4.5% Increase was due to inflation pressure being exerted on our highest costs including electricity and chemicals, along with parts and materials

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2024 \$3.20 per 1000 gallons (future) - Issuance of 75-80M (depending on interest rates) for continued CI projects and pipeline to Decatur Storage - Approved by BWRPWA Board in March 2023 in accordance with rate study and will include a Re-rating with S&P - currently A+ stable - Hope to move to AA stable or higher for better bond rates on future bond issues

2025 \$ 3.45 per 1000 gallons - Issuance of new Bonds to continue the new transmission pipeline project - Approved by BWRPWA Board in March 2023 in accordance with rate study. Will also include additional new storage at the Decatur location.

2026 – 2030 Based on the 2025 Water Rate Study, which can also be found on the website, On May 22, 2025, the BWRPWA Board unanimously passed the 2025 Rate Resolution which will set rates through 2030 with regard to completing the new 54 inch welded steel line from the Water Treatment Facility to the Decatur Storage Facility, the new High Service Pump Station, and an additional 10 MG of storage at the Decatur Tank site. This will include all site preparation, and yard piping along with the 10MG Concrete Ground Storage Tank. The flat rates adopted by the Board of Directors are as follows and are effective on January 1 of each year

- 2026 - \$3.80 per 1000 gallons
- 2027 - \$4.15 per 1000 gallons
- 2028 - \$4.50 per 1000 gallons
- 2029 - \$4.90 per 1000 gallons
- 2030 - \$5.20 per 1000 gallons

Year by Year System wide growth based on actual meter counts.

- 2018 - 4.44%
- 2019 - 4.09%
- 2020 - 10.03%
- 2021 - 5.43%
- 2022 - 4.93%
- 2023 – 6.97%
- 2024 – 6.69% DEC 2024 METER COUNT 51,422 – approximate population served 157,350

Average Monthly Overall BWRPWA System water demand

288,121,000	2018	12.31%
324,700,909	2019	12.69%
365,789,000	2020	12.65%
408,413,660	2021	11.65%
430,548,500	2022	5.40%
437,459,417	2023	1.61%
466,411,250	2024	6.62%