



City of Cambridge

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Great News! No Water Rate Increase for the 7th Consecutive Year

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Dear Water/Sewer Customer:

The City administration and City Council recognize the importance of minimizing increases in water and sewer rates. Therefore, I am pleased to announce the approved FY18 water consumption block rate increase is 0.0%, which is the seventh consecutive year that the City has been able to produce a 0.0% increase in the water rate. The FY18 sewer consumption block rate reflects an increase of 7.7%. This results in a 5.6% combined rate increase for the period beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2018. Over 90% of the FY18 sewer budget is comprised of debt service to fund infrastructure improvements and Massachusetts Water Resources Authority assessments.

The following block rates for the water/sewer usage are effective as of April 1, 2017. The rate changes will be reflected in bills issued as of July 1, 2017.

	Annual Consumption	FY17 Water Rate	FY18 Water Rate	FY17 Sewer Rate	FY18 Sewer Rate
Block 1	0 – 40 CcF	\$3.02	\$3.02	\$9.50	\$10.23
Block 2	41 – 400 CcF	\$3.24	\$3.24	\$10.05	\$10.82
Block 3	401 – 2,000 CcF	\$3.44	\$3.44	\$10.79	\$11.62
Block 4	2,001 – 10,000 CcF	\$3.65	\$3.65	\$11.62	\$12.51
Block 5	Over 10,000 CcF	\$3.96	\$3.96	\$12.35	\$13.30

All rates are per 100 cubic feet (Ccf). One CcF is 748.052 gallons.

Senior Discount Program

The City offers a 15% discount, not to exceed \$90, to residents 65 years of age or older who own and occupy their one, two or three family homes. *An application form is on the reverse side of this notice as well as on the City's website to apply online.* Any resident who was granted a Clause 41C elderly exemption on FY17 real estate taxes will receive a 30% discount, not to exceed \$180 per year. The City automatically grants this discount where applicable.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at 617-349-4220, or e-mail us at treasurer@cambridgema.gov.

Sincerely,

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