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Town of Scituate Water & Sewer Rate Increases

Dear Residents,

Your next water and sewer bill will reflect increases needed to support town meeting-approved debt service costs for improvements to our water and sewer infrastructures. For FY21, this will result in water rate increase of 11% average of \$67 and sewer increase of 6% average \$38. Increases in usage depend on individual home use.

In addition, to encourage conservation and ensure that those who are using excessive amounts of water (usually because of ignoring outdoor irrigation restrictions) are disincentivized from this behavior, an additional tier for usage has been added. The new fourth tier will impact those who use 5,001 cubic feet or greater and will be 40% more expensive than the 3rd tier. It is expected that only 4-5% of customers will fall into the fourth tier category based on past usage.

The rate increases will pay specifically for the design of a new water treatment plant, replacement of more water mains, and installation of additional valves and hydrants to improve system flushing capabilities. These steps will help reduce brown water and provide necessary improvements to the system. The sewer increases cover debt expenses for a myriad of system upgrades, including technology and plant upgrades.

Please contact the Department of Public Works with any questions at 781-545-8732.