

RICARDO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

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Rate/Fee Change Notice

The Ricardo Water Supply Corporation (RWSC) Board of Directors met on December 18, 2024 to adopt a Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. The Corporation continues to make payments on the USDA debt service for the 12" transmission line and Pump Station #2 elevated storage tank that was constructed in 2013-2014. The water line on CR 1030 between FM 772 and CR 2140 was replaced with grant money that was acquired by Kleberg County on behalf of RWSC and lines required to be moved by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) along US Hwy 77/I69 have been moved. In the last year an additional 21 members have been added to RWSC and several subdivisions are currently under construction.

The EXCITING NEWS is that Ricardo Water Supply Corporation was awarded funding from the Texas Water Development Board State Revolving Fund. The funding includes 70% grant funds and 30% low interest, 20-year bonds. The water system was originally built in the 1960s and 1970s with some infrastructure still in place. This is an opportunity to make necessary upgrades, repairs and improvements to the RWSC aging water system.

Taking these items into consideration, the Board decided to increase the monthly minimum for a standard 5/8" meter by \$2.00 per month to cover increases in operations. Water rates will increase by 75¢ per thousand gallons which includes a 47¢ increase in the cost of water from South Texas Water Authority and additional funds needed for upcoming bond payments. New rates will take effect as of **January 2025 and will be reflected on your February 2025 bills.**

1. The Monthly Minimum increases are as follows:

Meter Size	Current Minimum	New Minimum	Increase
5/8"	\$43.00	\$45.00	\$2.00
3/4"	\$65.29	\$68.33	\$3.04
1"	\$91.51	\$96.60	\$5.09
2"	\$109.31	\$114.40	\$5.09
2"/compound	\$218.07	\$228.21	\$10.14

2. The New Water Rates are as follows and includes an additional rate tier:

Number of Gallons	Current Rate	2025 Rate
0 – 10,000	\$5.00	\$5.75
10,001 – 20,000		\$5.85
20,001+	\$5.20	\$6.00

Below is a sample for a 5/8" residential meter using 7,000 gallons in a month.

Charge	Current Bill	New Bill
Monthly Minimum	\$43.00	\$45.00
Gallons Usage	\$35.00	\$40.25
TCEQ Fee (0.5%)	\$0.39	\$0.43
Total	\$78.39	\$85.68

CHANGES WILL BE REFLECTED ON YOUR FEBRUARY 2025 BILL.