

# Calculating Your Residential Water Bill

## Determining Your CONSUMPTION

GRU reads your water meter monthly. The reading is in whole thousands of gallons and is listed on the WATER CHARGE line of the "summary style" bill or on the first water CONSUMPTION CHARGE line of the "itemized style" bill in the METER READING - CURRENT column. (Even though the meter accurately records usage as small as 1/10-gallon, dials recording usage in amounts less than a thousand are ignored.) We subtract last month's reading (PREVIOUS column) from this month's reading; then multiply the difference by the METER MULTIPLIER (for most residential customers this will be 1) and then multiply this result by the CALCULATION FACTOR (for most residential customers this will be 1) to get the usage. (These two multipliers are found on the WATER line in the "Utility Service" section of the bill in their respective columns.)

CURRENT reading:	267 thousand gals.
PREVIOUS reading:	<u>255 thousand gals.</u>
difference:	12 thousand gals.
METER MULTIPLIER:	<u>x 1.0</u>
	12 thousand gals.
CALCULATION FACTOR:	<u>x 1.0</u>
CONSUMPTION:	12 thousand gals.

On the "summary style" bill, this amount is listed in the CONSUMPTION column on the WATER CHARGE line in "KGALS" (1 KGAL = 1 thousand gallons). On the "itemized style" bill, this amount is listed in the CONSUMPTION column on the WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE line. Usage up to 9 KGALS is listed in the CONSUMPTION column on the 1 - 9 KGALS WATER CONSUMPTION line. Usage greater than 9 KGALS but less than 25 KGALS is listed in the CONSUMPTION column on the 10-24 KGALS WATER CONSUMPTION line. Usage 25 KGALS and greater is listed in the CONSUMPTION column on the OVER 25 KGALS WATER CONSUMPTION line.

### Rates

(Effective October 1, 2009)

Customer Charge .....	\$ 7.30/month
First 9,000 gals.....	\$ 1.65/1,000 gal.
Over 9,000, less than 25,000 gals .....	\$ 3.30/1,000 gal.
25,000 gals and over .....	\$ 6.00/1,000 gal.

*Rates are subject to a 10% Utility Tax for customers inside Gainesville or both a 25% Water Surcharge and 10% County Utility Tax for customers outside the city.*

## Calculating the Charges

The following steps and examples show how all the charges are calculated for water usage.

### Steps 1 through 4 apply to all customers

- 1 — WATER CUSTOMER CHARGE**  
Monthly **\$ 7.30**
  
- 2 — 1 - 9 KGALS USAGE CHARGE**  
The charge for the first 9,000 gallons is \$ 1.65/1,000 gal.  
9 KGALS x \$ 1.65/1,000 gal. = **\$ 14.85**
  
- 3 — 10 - 24 KGALS USAGE CHARGE**  
The charge is \$ 3.30/1,000 gal.  
12 KGALS - 9 KGALS = 3 KGALS  
3 KGALS x \$ 3.30/1,000 gal. = **\$ 9.90**
  
- 4 — 25+ KGALS USAGE CHARGE**  
The charge is \$ 6.00/1,000 gal.  
(In this example, no charges.) **\$ 0.00**

### Step 5 applies only to customers living inside Gainesville

- 5 — CITY UTILITY TAX**  
The sum of steps 1, 2, 3, and 4 is subject to a 10% City Utility Tax.  
\$ 7.30 + \$ 14.85 + \$ 9.90 + \$ 0 = \$ 32.05  
\$ 32.05 x 0.10 = **\$ 3.21**

**Steps 6 & 7 apply only to customers living outside Gainesville**

**6 — WATER SURCHARGE**

The sum of steps 1, 2, 3 and 4 is subject to a 25% Water Surcharge.

$$\$ 7.30 + \$ 14.85 + \$ 9.90 + \$ 0 = \$ 32.05$$

$$\$ 32.05 \times 0.25 = \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{\$ 8.01}$$

**7 — COUNTY UTILITY TAX**

The sum of steps 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 is subject to a 10% County Utility Charge.

$$\$ 7.30 + \$ 14.85 + \$ 9.90 + \$ 8.01 = \$40.06$$

$$\$40.06 \times 0.10 = \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{\$ 4.01}$$

**Displaying the AMOUNT DUE**

**The "summary style" GRU bill**

The charge in the AMOUNT DUE column on the WATER CHARGE line in the UTILITY CHARGES section is the sum of steps 1, 2, 3, and 4.

$$\$ 7.30 + \$ 14.85 + \$ 9.90 + \$ 0 = \$ 32.05$$

The charge for taxes and surcharges are listed in the STATE & LOCAL CHARGES section in the AMOUNT DUE column on the labeled line.

If you live inside the city...

<b>UTILITY CHARGES</b>	<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>
WATER CHARGE	\$ 32.05
<b>STATE &amp; LOCAL CHARGES</b>	
CITY UTILITY TAX*	\$ 3.21

If you live outside the city...

<b>UTILITY CHARGES</b>	<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>
WATER CHARGE	\$ 32.05
<b>STATE &amp; LOCAL CHARGES</b>	
WATER SURCHARGE	\$ 8.01
COUNTY UTILITY TAX*	\$ 4.01

\*The City or County Utility tax on water is totaled with the City or County Utility tax on electricity and natural gas if you also receive either of those services from GRU.

**The "itemized style" GRU bill**

Each charge is listed in the AMOUNT BILLED column on the line that identifies the charge. The total cost for water is listed on the last itemized line in the AMOUNT DUE column.

If you live inside the City...

<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT BILLED</b>	<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>
CUSTOMER CHARGE	\$ 7.30	
Up to 9 KGALS WATER CONSUMP	\$ 14.85	
>9 - < 25 KGALS WATER CONSUMP	\$ 9.90	
25+ KGALS WATER CONSUMP	\$ 0.00	
CITY UTILITY TAX	\$ 3.21	\$ 35.26

If you live outside the City...

<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT BILLED</b>	<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>
CUSTOMER CHARGE	\$ 7.30	
Up to 9 KGALS WATER CONSUMP	\$ 14.85	
>9 - < 25 KGALS WATER CONSUMP	\$ 9.90	
25+ KGALS WATER CONSUMP	\$ 0.00	
WATER SURCHARGE	\$ 8.01	
COUNTY UTILITY TAX	\$ 4.01	\$ 44.07

**IRRIGATION ONLY USE RATES**

(5/8-inch meter service for irrigation only)

Customer Charge .....	\$ 7.30/month
First 15,000 gal .....	\$ 3.30/1,000 gal.
Over 15,000 gal .....	\$ 6.00/1,000 gal.

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**RECLAIMED WATER USE RATES**

(5/8-inch meter service for irrigation only)

Customer Charge .....	\$ 6.00/month
Per 1,000 gal .....	\$ 0.60/1,000 gal.

*Rates for customers outside Gainesville are subject to a 25% Wastewater Surcharge.*

NOTE: This fact sheet is meant as an aid to understand GRU's residential water rates. It does not replace GRU's tariffs. If there are differences between this material and the tariffs, the tariffs shall prevail. Different rates apply for non-residential water customers. For more information on calculating rates, call GRU's Customer Service at 352-334-3434.