Calculating Your GRU Residential Water Bill

Water and Wastewater Service Details Example

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<th>Meter Number</th>
<th>Meter Reading Dates</th>
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<th>METER READINGS</th>
<th>Meter Multiplier</th>
<th>Water Consumption</th>
<th>Wastewater Consumption</th>
<th>Next Meter Read on or About</th>
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<tr>
<td>W331122</td>
<td>4/14/2020</td>
<td>PREVIOUS</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>1101</td>
<td>1.00</td>
<td>12 kGals</td>
<td>8 kGals</td>
<td>6/16/2020</td>
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Description

1. WATER CUSTOMER CHARGE
2. WATER USE, TIER 1 (1 – 4 kGals)
3. WATER USE, TIER 2 (5 – 16 kGals)
4. WATER USE, TIER 3 (OVER 16 kGals)
5. GAINESVILLE WATER UTIL TAX
6. WASTEWATER CUSTOMER CHARGE
7. WASTEWATER BILLING

Winter max is 8 kGals

Steps 1 through 4 apply to all customers

1. WATER CUSTOMER CHARGE
   - This is a fixed charge to recover those costs that GRU must incur to provide service whether or not any water is used. This charge varies based on meter size. See ordinance for various charges.
   - Monthly (for a 0.75” meter) $ 9.45

2. WATER USE, TIER 1 (1 – 4 kGals)
   - The charge for the first 4,000 gallons (or 4 kGals) is $2.47/kGals
   - 4 kGals x $2.47 = $ 9.88

3. WATER USE, TIER 2 (5 – 16 kGals)
   - The charge for all water used between 5 and 16 kGals is $3.77/kGals
   - 12 kGals - 4 kGals = 8 kGals
   - 8 kGals x $3.77/kGals = $30.16

Determining Your Water Consumption

GRU reads your water meter monthly. The reading is in whole thousands of gallons (kGals) and is listed in the Water and Wastewater Services section on the back of your bill. Even though the meter accurately records usage as small as 1/10-gallon, dials recording usage in amounts less than a thousand are ignored. Subtract last month’s reading (Previous) from this month’s reading (Present), then multiply the difference by the Meter Multiplier (for most residential meters, this will be 1) and then multiply this result by the Calculation Factor (for most residential meters, this will be 1) to get the usage.

- Present reading: 1113 kGals
- Previous reading: 1101 kGals
- Difference: 12 kGals
- Meter multiplier: x 1.0
- Calculation factor: x 1.0
- Water consumption: 12 kGals

On the back of the bill, the water use is shown in kGals and is listed for each tier in the Description section.

Calculating the Charges

The following example shows how charges are calculated for water usage.

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**WATER RATES**
(Effective October 1, 2019)
Customer Charge .............. Based on Meter Size
Water Charge, first 4 kGals .......... $2.47/ kGals
Water Charge, from 5-16 kGals ...... $3.77/ kGals
Water Charge, over 16 kGals ......... $6.04/ kGals

Rates are subject to either a 10% Utility Tax for customers inside Gainesville or both a 25% Water Surcharge and a 10% County Water Utility Tax for customers outside the city.
- **WATER USE, TIER 3 (OVER 16 kGals)**
The charge is $6.04/ kGals

(In this example, no charges) = $ 0.00

Step 5 only applies to customers living inside the city

- **GAINESVILLE WATER UTILITY TAX**
The sum of steps 1, 2, 3, and 4 is subject to a 10% Gainesville Water Utility Tax for customers living within the city.

$9.45 + 9.88 + 30.16 + 0 = $ 49.49

$49.49 x 0.10 = $ 4.95

Steps 6 & 7 only apply to customers living outside the city

- **WATER SURCHARGE**
The sum of steps 1, 2, 3 and 4 is subject to a 25% Water Surcharge. All rules apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water, and water from public and private utilities.

$9.45 + 9.88 + 30.16 + 0 = $ 49.49

$49.49 x 0.25 = $ 12.37

- **COUNTY WATER UTILITY TAX**
The sum of steps 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 is subject to a 10% County Utility Tax for customers living outside the city.

$9.45 + 9.88 + 30.16 + 12.37 = $61.86

$61.86 x 0.10 = $ 6.19

### Watering Restrictions

The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) is in charge of enforcing local irrigation restrictions. All rules apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water, and water from public and private utilities.

- **Water before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.** as up to 65 percent of water applied in mid-day evaporates.

- **Water for one hour or less per zone, up to 3/4-inch.** Set a timer and place shallow cans in your yard to monitor volume.

- **Water only on your scheduled day.**

### Water Service Details Example - For Those Living Outside the City Limits

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<td>$ 2.47</td>
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### IRRIGATION ONLY USE CHARGES

- **Customer Charge** Based on Meter Size
  - First 12 kGals ...................................... $ 3.77/ kGals
  - Over 12 kGals ...................................... $ 6.04/ kGals

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.

### RECLAIMED WATER USE CHARGES

- **Customer Charge** ................................ $ 9.10/month
  - Per kGals ............................................ $ 1.00/ kGals

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

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### Time of Year

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### NOTE:

This fact sheet is meant as an aid to understanding GRU’s residential water rates. It does not replace GRU’s rates in the Gainesville Code of Ordinances. If there are differences between this material and the ordinance, the ordinance shall prevail. Different rates and methods of calculation apply for non-residential water customers. For more information on calculating rates, call GRU’s Customer Service, 352-334-3434.

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