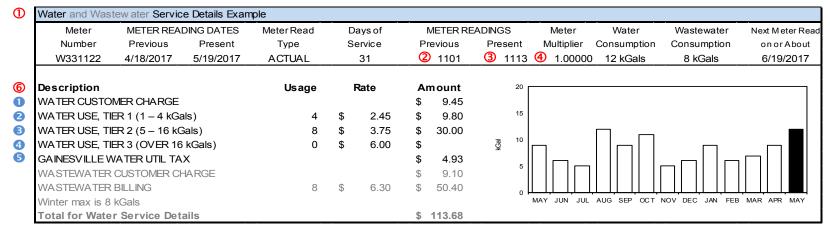
# **Calculating Your GRU Residential Water Bill**



#### WATER RATES

More than Energy

(Effective October 1, 2016)		
Customer Charge	Based on Meter Size	
Water Charge, first 4 kGals	\$2.45/ kGals	
Water Charge, from 5-16 k0	Gals\$3.75/ kGals	
Water Charge, over 16 kGa	ls\$6.00/ 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.

## **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 ①** 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<sup>2</sup>) from this month's reading (Present<sup>3</sup>), then multiply

the difference by the Meter Multiplier ④ (for most residential meters, this will be a 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:	<u>1101 kGals</u>
Difference:	12 kGals
Meter multiplier:	<u>x 1.0</u>
	12 kGals
Calculation factor:	<u>x 1.0</u>
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<sup>6</sup>.

## Calculating the Charges

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

Steps 1 through 4 apply to all customers

#### • 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** 

WATER USE, TIER 1 (1 – 4 kGals) The charge for the first 4,000 gallons (or 4 kGals) is \$ 2.45/ kGals

4 kGals x \$ 2.45 = \$ 9.80

S — WATER USE, TIER 2 (5 – 16 kGals) The charge for all water used between 5 and 16 kGals is \$ 3.75/ kGals

> 12 kGals - 4 kGals = 8 kGals 8 kGals x \$ 3.75/ kGals = **\$ 30.00**

- WATER USE, TIER 3 (OVER 16 kGals)
  The charge is \$ 6.00/ kGals
  - (In this example, no charges) = \$0.00

#### Step 5 only applies to customers living inside the city

## **5** — 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.

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

#### **O** — WATER SURCHARGE

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

\$9.45 + 9.80 + 30.00 + 0 = \$ 49.25	
\$49.25 x 0.25 =	\$ 12.31

## 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 + 9.80 + 30.00 + 12.31 = \$61.56 \$61.56 x 0.10 = **\$6.16** 

\$9.45 + 9.80 + 30.00 + 0 = \$ 49.25 \$49.25 x 0.10 = **\$ 4.93** 

	Water and Wastewater Service Details Example -	For Those	e Livir	ng Outside	the C	ity Limits
	Description	Usage		Rate	A	mount
0	WATER CUSTOMER CHARGE				\$	9.45
2	WATER USE, TIER 1 (1 – 4 kGals)	4	\$	2.45	\$	9.80
B	WATER USE, TIER 2 (5 – 16 kGals)	8	\$	3.75	\$	30.00
4	WATER USE, TIER 3 (OVER 16 kGals)	0	\$	6.00	\$	
6	WATER SURCHARGE				\$	12.31
7	COUNTY WATER UTIL TAX				\$	6.16
	WASTEWATER CUSTOMER CHARGE				\$	9.10
	WASTEWATER BILLING	8	\$	6.30	\$	50.40
	Winter max is 8 kGals					
	Total for Water Service Details				\$	127.22

# 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.

Time of Year	Daylight Saving Time	Eastern Standard Time
Odd-Numbered or No Address	Wednesday & Saturday	Saturday
Even-Numbered Address	Thursday & Sunday	Sunday

#### **IRRIGATION ONLY USE CHARGES**

Customer Charge	Based on Meter Size
First 12 kGals	\$ 3.75/ kGals
Over 12 kGals	\$ 6.00/ kGals

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#### RECLAIMED WATER USE CHARGES

Customer Charge	\$ 9.10/month	
Per kGals	\$ 0.95/ kGals	
Rates for customers outside Gainesville are		
subject to a 25% Wastewater Surcharge		

**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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