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Water and Sewer Rates To Increase May 1

Oak Forest, Illinois – An increase in water and sewer rates for the City of Oak Forest will begin on May 1 to cover the cost of operations as well as a 3.3 percent increase from its suppliers—the City of Chicago and the Village of Oak Lawn. According to city revenue policies, the city’s water and sewer fund must be self-supporting.

Tier 1 water volume rate will increase to \$9.81 per 1,000 gallons (\$0.54 increase); Tier 2 water volume rate will increase to \$11.02 per 1,000 gallons (\$0.61 increase); and sewer rate will increase to \$2.18 per 1,000 gallons (\$0.02 increase).

A recent study shows that Oak Forest’s utility bills are less than the average bills in comparable communities in most cases. The following table calculates the quarterly bills and the impact on a resident at different usage rates.

Sample Bills	Total	Increase	% Increase
BILL 5,000 GALLONS	\$ 74.94	\$ 2.78	3.85%
BILL 20,000 GALLONS	\$ 254.76	\$ 11.12	4.57%
BILL 30,000 GALLONS	\$ 380.69	\$ 17.02	4.68%

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