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**Cottonwood**  
Water & Sanitation District

## Next Meeting of the Board

Thursday, December 19, 2024 @ 6:30pm  
at the Cottonwood Meeting House  
8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker, CO 80134

**The Public is Invited to Attend**

## “Flushable” Wipes and Your Sewer Pipes

There are a variety of wipes on the market that claim to be flushable, and they may seem convenient and easy, but they could be causing damage to your wastewater service line.

Toilet paper is made to break down when wet, but wet wipes are created to hold moisture without dissolving. When they get caught on debris or imperfections in your pipes, they can accumulate other things that do not dissolve in water, such as fats and oils. This mass of fibers and debris can clump together, capturing more and more until you have a solid mass clogging your service line.

“Flushable” wipes can cause messy, costly backups in your home sewer system. Remember to throw wipes away in the trash with other items that don’t belong in the sewer, such as diapers and sanitary items.

## Thank You for Another Wonderful Year

Cottonwood Water and Sanitation would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and trust over the past year. It has been our privilege to serve you, and we are deeply committed to providing safe, reliable water and wastewater services that meet the highest standards.

As we enter the new year, we look forward to another year of working to ensure that your water services are dependable and meet your needs. Please accept our warmest wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

Thank you for being a valued part of the Cottonwood Water and Sanitation community.

HAPPY  
*Holidays!*

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# Budget and Rates Approved

Each year, Cottonwood Water’s Board of Directors carefully reviews current financials to determine the following year’s budget and any need for rate changes. It is done through detailed financial planning with the understanding that future rates must reflect the expenses necessary to help ensure continued safe drinking water and efficient wastewater services.

At the November 21st public hearing, the Board approved an increase of 3% to water and wastewater use fees, and a 2.5% increase to water and wastewater base fees. The table below shows our new rates effective January 1, 2025.

**Table 1**

	Water Use Fees			Wastewater Use Fees		
Tier:	2024 Water Service Fee Per 1,000 Gallons	2025 Water Service Fee Per 1,000 Gallons	Percentage of Yr to Yr Increase	2024 Sewer Service Fee Per 1,000 Gallons	2025 Sewer Service Fee Per 1,000 Gallons	Percentage of Year to Year Increase
<b>Conserving:</b> Use up to 100% of Allocation	\$4.72	\$4.86	3.00%	\$9.10	\$9.38	3.00%
<b>Excessive:</b> Use exceeds the Conserving tier, up to 150%	\$9.43	\$9.72				
<b>Abusive:</b> Use exceeds the Excessive tier	\$14.15	\$14.57				

**Table 2**

	2023		2025		Percentage of Yr to Yr Increase	
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
<b>Base Fee</b>	\$22.48	\$15.30	\$23.05	\$15.68	2.50%	2.50%

## 2025 Board Meetings

Please visit with us at our public meetings held every third Thursday of every month, starting at 6:30 pm. Please check our Posting Location notice on [www.cottonwoodwater.org](http://www.cottonwoodwater.org) for the exact dates and locations in 2025!



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