#### December 2023 Newsletter



#### 2024 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 meetings' Posting Location notice on our website for the exact dates and locations in 2024!

### What's Cookin'?

As you gear up for the holiday season and create incredible feasts, please remember to never pour your cooking oil and grease down the drain. Grease can build up and clog the sewer, causing a backup that is costly to clean up. Here are some tips for disposal:

- Cool and pour into a nonrecylable container
- Add kitty litter or coffee grounds
- Seal the container and place in
  the trash

You can also contact Darling International, Inc at 303-295-7551 for oil recycling options.

# Thank You for Another Wonderful Year

Cottonwood Water and Sanitation thanks you for being our customer this past year. Your continued support is very important to us. We look forward to another year of providing you with a reliable water and wastewater services. Our best wishes to you in the new year.

HAPPY \*

HOLIDAYS

We have moved our office location. To visit us in person, please come to:

> 58 Inverness Drive East, Suite 100 Englewood, CO 80112

## **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 with public input and the understanding that future rates must reflect the expenses necessary to help ensure continued safe drinking water and efficient wastewater services.

At the November 16th public hearing, the Board approved an increase to water and wastewater rates of 2.5% and 3% respectively. Changes to the water and wastewater rates effective January 1, 2024 are as follows:

	Water Use Fees			Wastewater Use Fees			
Tier:	2023 Water Service Fee Per 1,000 Gallons	2024 Water Service Fee Per 1,000 Gallons	Percentage of Yr to Yr Increase	2023 Sewer Service Fee Per 1,000 Gallons	Service Fee Per	Percentage of Year to Year Increase	
<u>Conserving:</u> Use up to 100% of Allocation	\$4.60	\$4.72					
Excessive: Use exceeds the Conserving tier, up to 150%	\$9.20	\$9.43	2.50%	\$8.84	\$9.10	3.00%	
<u>Abusive:</u> Use exceeds the Excessive tier	\$13.81	\$14.15					

	Water & Wastewater Base Fees								
					Percentage of Yr toYr Increase				
	2023		20	24					
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer			
Base Fee	\$21.94	\$15.30	\$22.48	\$15.30	2.50%	0.00%			

To get more information on the new rates, or to learn your allocation, please visit www.cottonwoodwater.org.



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Visit Our Website: <u>www.cottonwoodwater.org</u>

