

NEWPORT WATER DISTRICT
Legal Notice

The Newport Water District gives notice to the public that on **May 21, 2026 at 5:00 pm at the Newport Public Safety Building, 21 Water Street, Newport ME.** The trustees of the Newport Water District will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear comments on a proposed water rate

	Effective on July 1, 2026	
	Rate	Revenue
	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
Residential	27.01%	\$ 95,878
Commercial	27.01%	\$ 44,986
Industrial	27.01%	\$ 5,140
Public Authorities	27.01%	\$ 6,026
Private Fire Protection	27.01%	\$ 10,276
Public Fire Protection	<u>30.99%</u>	<u>\$ 78,085</u>
Overall Increase	<u>27.48%</u>	<u>\$240,391</u>

Public Fire protection rates are determined pursuant to Chapter 69 of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Rules.

Rates are to become effective on July 1, 2026. Since the last adjustment in 2015, the District has incurred continuous increases in its operating costs along and costs for infrastructure improvements.

Pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section (6104), a customer has the right to request additional information relating to the present and proposed rates from the District, the right to an open and fair hearing, and the right to assistance from the Public Advocate. Customers also have the right under 35-A MRSA Section (6104) to petition the Maine Public Utilities Commission to suspend and investigate the District's rates pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section 310, if, on or before June 22, 2026, 108 of the District's customers (15% of customers or 1,000 customers, whichever is less) file with the District's Treasurer, Newport, ME and with the Public Utilities Commission, c/o Administrative Director, State House Station #18, Augusta, ME 04333-0018, a petition or petitions demanding review by the PUC of the proposed rate changes. Signatures on the petitions filed pursuant to Section 7 are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. Upon request the District will provide customers with petition forms that include space for signatures and the printed names and addresses of the signers.

A copy of material supporting the proposed rate changes will be available at the District office for inspection on and after April 21, 2026. If you have any questions or desire additional information, you may call the district office, at (207) 368-4314 or the Administrative Director of the PUC at (207) 287-3831. For additional assistance contact the Public Advocate, State House Station #112, Augusta, ME 04333-0112, (207) 624-3687.

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