

Water and Wastewater Rate Changes

The Meridian Metropolitan District has adopted modifications to its water and wastewater rate structure. Changes take effect during the January 2023 billing cycle and are part of our long-term plan to fund system improvements and enhance the reliability of our water system. Additionally, new monthly water budgets and surcharges are being implemented to promote water conservation.



What's changing?

Water changes depending on customer types:

		2022	NOW	
WATER	SINGLE-FAMILY	3,000 gallons included in the monthly \$15 service charge \$7.39 per thousand gallons.	2,000 gallons included in the monthly \$15 service charge \$7.39 per thousand gallons.	
	MULTI-FAMILY	\$54.00 monthly service charge and \$7.39 per thousand gallons used	\$54.00 monthly service charge and \$7.39 per thousand gallons used	
	COMMERCIAL	1"	4,000 gallons included in the monthly \$30 service charge.	2,000 gallons included in the monthly \$30 service charge.
		1.5"	8,000 gallons included in the monthly \$54 service charge.	4,000 gallons included in the monthly \$54 service charge.
		2"	12,000 gallons included in the monthly \$78 service charge.	6,000 gallons included in the monthly \$78 service charge.
3"		24,000 gallons included in the monthly \$162 service charge.	12,000 gallons included in the monthly \$162 service charge.	
4"	48,000 gallons included in the monthly \$318 service charge.	24,000 gallons included in the monthly \$318 service charge.		

Wastewater changes for all customer types:

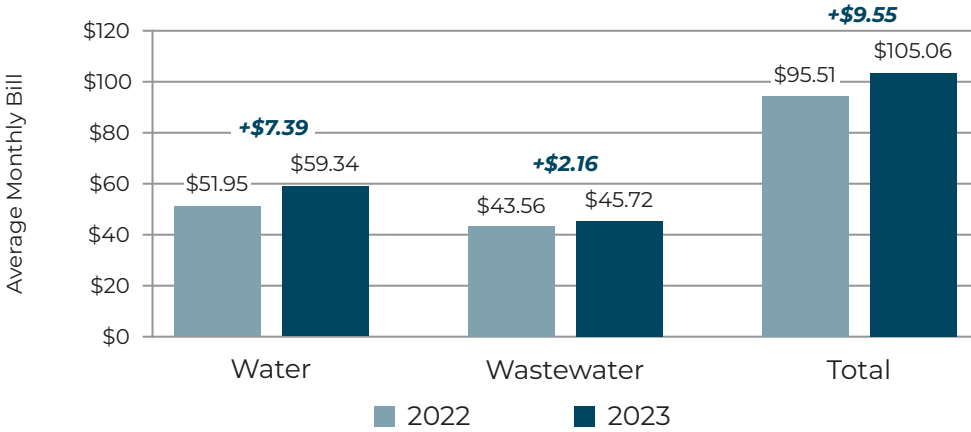
	2022	NOW
WASTEWATER	\$16 monthly service charge and \$6.89 per thousand gallons used	\$16.80 monthly service charge and \$7.23 per thousand gallons used This 5% increase covers wastewater system upgrades and rising treatment costs.

The amount you pay each month is derived from the following:

- Water and Wastewater Service Charge and Volumetric Rate
 - This includes a **fixed monthly service charge** that covers the fixed costs associated with the water and wastewater infrastructure, and a **volumetric water rate**, which covers the variable costs associated with your specific usage.
- Water Budget
 - This is the monthly amount of water you can use without incurring any surcharges. Effective January 2023, this amount of water provides 5000 gallons/month for indoor use and enough irrigation water to keep more than 3000 square feet of turf grass healthy and vibrant.

How will the changes impact your bill?

Below are charts showing the average single-family bill amounts for 2022 vs 2023. This assumes monthly water use of 8,000 gallons and 4,000 gallons of wastewater use.



Below are the rate changes for multi-family and commercial water and wastewater. 2023 rates are shown in blue.

Rate Type	Customer Class	Service Charge (\$/monthly billing cycle)		Gallons included in Service Charge		Volumetric Rate (\$/1kgal use)	
Water	Multi-Family	\$54.00	\$54.00	8,000	4,000	\$7.39	\$7.39
	Commercial ¹	\$54.00 ²	\$54.00 ²	8,000 ²	4,000 ²	\$7.39	\$7.39

Rate Type	Customer Class	Service Charge (\$/monthly billing cycle)		Gallons included in Service Charge		Volumetric Rate (\$/1kgal use)	
Water	Commercial						
	1"	\$30.00	\$30.00	4,000	2,000	\$7.39	\$7.39
	1.5"	\$54.00	\$54.00	8,000	4,000	\$7.39	\$7.39
	2"	\$78.00	\$78.00	12,000	6,000	\$7.39	\$7.39
	3"	\$162.00	\$162.00	24,000	12,000	\$7.39	\$7.39
	4"	\$318.00	\$318.00	48,000	24,000	\$7.39	\$7.39

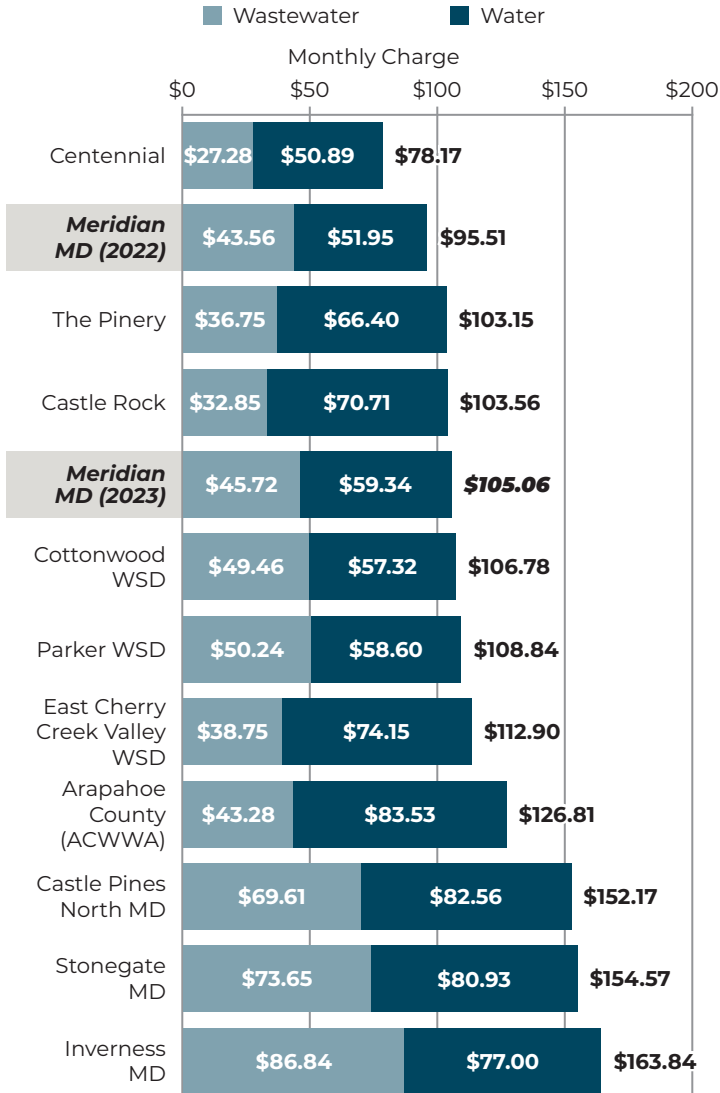
Rate Type	Customer Class	Service Charge (\$/monthly billing cycle)		Volumetric Rate (\$/1kgal use)	
Wastewater	Multi-Family	\$16.00	\$16.80	\$6.89	\$7.23
	Commercial ¹	\$16.00 ²	\$16.80 ²	\$6.89	\$7.23

¹ Rates shown are for 1.5" meter size (largest number of commercial customers)

² Service charge and gallons increases based on meter size

How do Meridian's rates compare to those of other water utilities?

Even with the changes, Meridian's rates remain among the lowest in the South Metro area. This chart shows the combined water and wastewater charges for Meridian single-family accounts with 8,000 gallons of water use and 4,000 gallons of wastewater use vs. charges for neighboring water providers.



Thank you for being a valued customer!

For more information, call us at 303-790-1498.

What are the new monthly water budgets and surcharges?

The Meridian Metropolitan District is implementing monthly water budgets for single-family residential customers. These monthly budgets are shown in the table below and allow for 5,000 gallons per month of indoor use and a variable amount of outdoor use during irrigation season. The outdoor use amounts were determined by analyzing our customer usage patterns and calculating monthly bluegrass irrigation needs based on local irrigation needs studies.

Month	Monthly Outdoor Budget (gal)	Total Monthly Budget (gal) ¹
January	—	5,000
February	—	5,000
March	—	5,000
April	3,000	8,000
May	6,000	11,000
June	11,000	16,000
July	12,000	17,000
August	12,000	17,000
September	11,000	16,000
October	5,000	10,000
November	—	5,000
December	—	5,000
Total	60,000	120,000

¹ Each monthly budget includes 5,000 gallons for indoor usage

Customers who stay within these monthly budgets will not incur any surcharges. Customers who exceed these budget amounts will incur increasing surcharges as shown in the surcharge table below.

New Surcharge Structure for Single-Family Residential Customers

Monthly Water Surcharge Structure

Customer Tiers	Percent of Monthly Budget	Rate Multiplier	Volumetric Rate
Tier 1	Usage ≤ 100%	1	\$7.39
Tier 2	100% < Usage ≤ 150%	1.25	\$9.24
Tier 3	Usage > 150%	1.50	\$11.09

