

# 2024 Water and Wastewater Rates

Meridian Metropolitan District (MMD) has adopted modifications to its water and wastewater rate structures. Changes take effect during the January 2024 billing cycle (reflected on February bills). These rate adjustments are part of our long-term plan to fund system improvements and enhance the reliability of our water and wastewater systems.



## 2024 Rate Adjustments

The rate changes for single-family, multi-family and commercial customers are indicated in the following tables. 2023 rates are shown in white and 2024 rates are shown in blue.

Rate Type	Customer Class	Service Charge (\$/monthly billing cycle)		Gallons Included in Service Charge		Volumetric Rate (\$/1kgal use)	
Water	Single-Family	\$15.00	\$15.00	2,000 <sup>1</sup>	1,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$7.39	\$7.39 <sup>3</sup>
	Multi-Family	\$54.00	\$54.00	4,000 <sup>2</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup>	\$7.39	\$7.39 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Single-family residential customers also are billed based on monthly water budgets as outlined on page 3.

<sup>2</sup> New for 2024, multi-family customers are now billed based on a tiered rate as outlined on page 3.

<sup>3</sup> Tier 1 charge based on monthly water budget.

<sup>4</sup> Tier 1 charge for up to 4,000 gallons per unit.

Rate Type	Customer Class	Service Charge (\$/monthly billing cycle)		Gallons Included in Service Charge		Volumetric Rate (\$/1kgal use)	
Commercial Water	1"	\$30.00	\$30.00	2,000	0	\$7.39	\$7.39
	1.5"	\$54.00	\$54.00	4,000	0	\$7.39	\$7.39
	2"	\$78.00	\$78.00	6,000	0	\$7.39	\$7.39
	3"	\$162.00	\$162.00	12,000	0	\$7.39	\$7.39
	4"	\$318.00	\$318.00	24,000	0	\$7.39	\$7.39

Rate Type	Customer Class	Service Charge (\$/monthly billing cycle)		Volumetric Rate (\$/1kgal use)	
Wastewater	Single-Family	\$16.80	\$17.30	\$7.23	\$7.45
	Multi-Family	\$16.80	\$17.30	\$7.23	\$7.45
	Commercial	\$16.80	\$17.30	\$7.23	\$7.45

Rate Type	Customer Class	Service Charge (\$/monthly billing cycle Apr-Nov)		Gallons Included in Service Charge		Volumetric Rate (\$/1kgal use)		
Water	Potable irrigation	1"	N/A	\$30.00	N/A	0	\$6.97	\$7.39
		1.5"	N/A	\$54.00	N/A	0	\$6.97	\$7.39
		2"	N/A	\$78.00	N/A	0	\$6.97	\$7.39
		3"	N/A	\$162.00	N/A	0	\$6.97	\$7.39
		4"	N/A	\$318.00	N/A	0	\$6.97	\$7.39
	Non-Potable Irrigation	1"	N/A	\$30.00	N/A	0	\$6.97	\$6.97
		1.5"	N/A	\$54.00	N/A	0	\$6.97	\$6.97
		2"	N/A	\$78.00	N/A	0	\$6.97	\$6.97
		3"	N/A	\$162.00	N/A	0	\$6.97	\$6.97
		4"	N/A	\$318.00	N/A	0	\$6.97	\$6.97

Commercial and irrigation rate structures will be revisited in 2025.

The amount single-family residents pay each month is based on a few different factors:

- **Monthly service charges** cover the fixed costs associated with water and wastewater infrastructure. This number is the same month to month.
- **Volumetric rates** are based on the amount of water you use and can change month to month. Wastewater charges are based on a three-month winter water average (January to March) that is recalculated in April each year.
- **Water budgets** indicate the amount of water single-family households can use without incurring surcharges. Each household is budgeted 5,000 gallons of water per month for indoor use. Outdoor water budgets vary depending on time of year and should be enough to keep more than 3,000 square-feet of turf grass healthy and vibrant throughout the summer.



## 2023 to 2024 Residential Bill Comparison

Based on average annual use, a typical single-family residential customer could expect to see a monthly bill increase of \$8.77 in 2024.

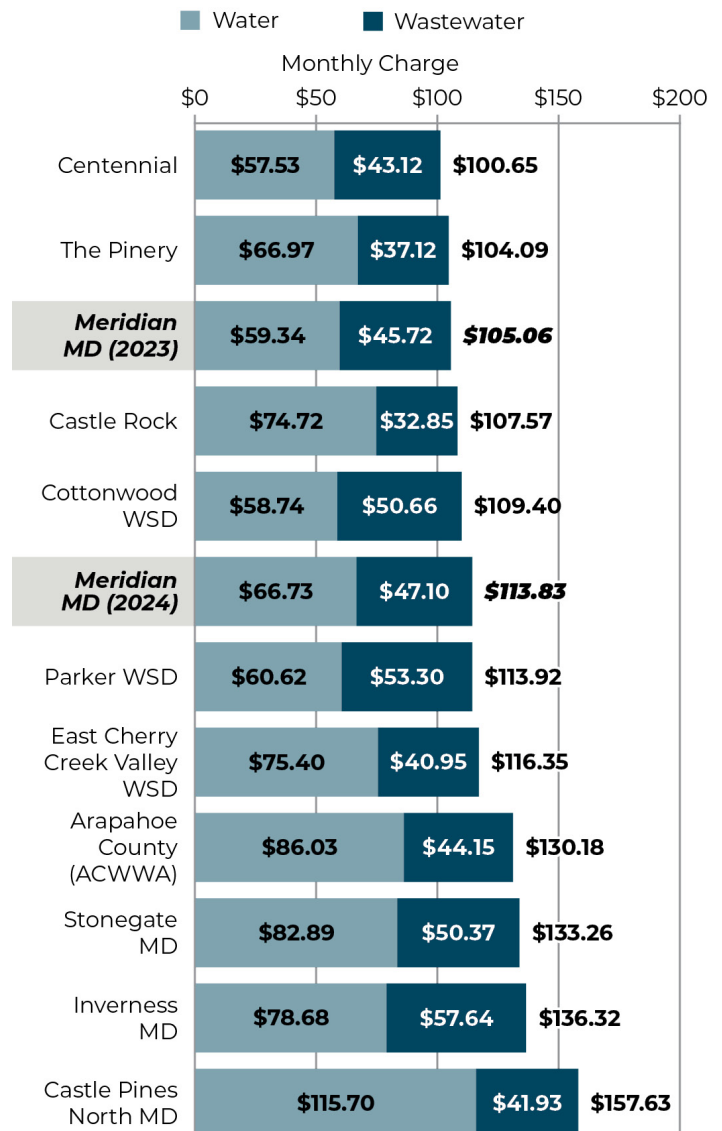
Rate Type	2023 Rate Cost	2024 Rate Cost	Change in Costs
Water	\$59.34	\$66.73	\$7.39
Wastewater	\$45.72	\$47.10	\$1.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$105.06</b>	<b>\$113.83</b>	<b>\$8.77</b>

This comparison, based on 8,000 gallons of water use, is within the monthly water budget and includes 4,000 gallons of wastewater use based on the average three-month winter water average.



## How We Compare

With the 2024 rate changes, MMD's rates remain among the lowest in the South Metro area. This chart shows the combined water and wastewater charges for single-family accounts with 8,000 gallons of water use and 4,000 gallons of wastewater use, as compared to neighboring water providers' 2023 rates.



## Single-Family Water Budgets

Single-family residential monthly water budgets and surcharges are shown in the table below. Each household is allowed 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 Indoor Budget (gal)	Monthly Outdoor Budget (gal)	Total Monthly Budget (gal)
January	5,000	—	5,000
February	5,000	—	5,000
March	5,000	—	5,000
April	5,000	3,000	8,000
May	5,000	6,000	11,000
June	5,000	11,000	16,000
July	5,000	12,000	17,000
August	5,000	12,000	17,000
September	5,000	11,000	16,000
October	5,000	5,000	10,000
November	5,000	—	5,000
December	5,000	—	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>120,000</b>

Tier 1 (gal) (\$7.39/1,000 gal)	Tier 2 (gal) (\$9.24/1,000 gal)	Tier 3 (gal) (\$11.09/1,000 gal)
1,001 to 5,000	5,001 to 7,500	7,501 and up
1,001 to 5,000	5,001 to 7,500	7,501 and up
1,001 to 5,000	5,001 to 7,500	7,501 and up
1,001 to 8,000	8,001 to 12,000	12,001 and up
1,001 to 11,000	11,001 to 16,500	16,501 and up
1,001 to 16,000	16,001 to 24,000	24,001 and up
1,001 to 17,000	17,001 to 25,500	25,501 and up
1,001 to 17,000	17,001 to 25,500	25,501 and up
1,001 to 16,000	16,001 to 24,000	24,001 and up
1,001 to 10,000	10,001 to 15,000	15,001 and up
1,001 to 5,000	5,001 to 7,500	7,501 and up
1,001 to 5,000	5,001 to 7,500	7,501 and up



Customers who stay within these monthly budgets will not incur any surcharges. Customers who exceed these budget amounts will incur increasing surcharges outlined by the tiers in the column headings above.

## Multi-Family Tiered Rates

New for 2024, MMD is implementing a tiered rate structure per unit for multi-family customers. For example, if a six-unit multi-family building used 30,000 gallons one month, this usage would be averaged over the number of units in the building, and the tier charge would be based on this average (5,000 gallons per unit). The new tiers are shown in the table below.

Customer Tiers	Monthly Water Use	Volumetric Rate (per 1,000 gallons used)
Tier 1	0-4,000 gallons	\$7.39
Tier 2	4,001-8,000 gallons	\$9.24
Tier 3	8,001 + gallons	\$11.09

## Commercial Rates

New for 2024, commercial customers no longer have allotments and will be charged based on a volumetric rate for all water usage. We will revisit this structure in 2025.

**Thank you for being  
a valued customer!**

For more information, call  
us at 303-790-0345.

