

B.T.C. Regional Water District
1791 W. Water Street
P.O. Box 40
Borden, IN 47106

Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Customer,

Borden Tri-County Regional Water District Board of Trustees on April 18, 2017 approved a 7% water rate increase. The rate increase will become effective on the July 1, 2017 water billing statement. The 7% increase would affect bills on all usage brackets.

Reasons for the increase at this time:

Borden Tri-County Regional Water District (BTC Water) purchases 70% of its water from Indiana American Water Company. Indiana American Water Company has filed for a 6.8% rate increase for Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC). Granted by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), the increase will be passed onto all of its customers, BTC Water included.

BTC Water's treatment plant produces 30% of the water distributed to its customers. Maintenance, along with upgrading of facilities and infrastructure to meet new requirements mandated by state regulations, have resulted in higher costs associated with filtering, testing and treatment of water produced.

BTC Water is continually making upgrades to the infrastructure of the system. Recently these improvements have included: installing larger mains, adding new fire and flush hydrants, updating pumping facilities and newer water towers that provide ample storage to allow BTC Water the ability to serve the demands of its customers. These efforts have made it possible for us to continually meet the peak demand for water during crucial times, allowing BTC Water the ability to maintain reliability in water pressure zones, preserve water quality, and comply with Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Drinking Water Guidelines. In maintaining government water quality guidelines and standards, the demand for customer water use, budgeting for capital improvements consisting of upgrading aging water mains, adding more hydrants and valves, replacing original water towers, improving GPS system integration with digitized mapping, and automated metering devices is pertinent.

CURRENT RATE SCHEDULE

		Rate block				
	Gallons	Price per 1000 gals	Total Gals	Current Rate*	Total**	
				per rate block	With Tax	
First	2,000 (minimum)	\$8.66	2,000	\$17.32	\$18.53	
Next	8,000	\$7.09	10,000	\$74.04	\$79.22	
Next	20,000	\$6.51	30,000	\$204.24	\$218.54	
Next	70,000	\$5.91	100,000	\$617.94	\$661.20	
OVER	100,000	\$5.32				
	July 1, 2017	Proposed Rate Schedule				
	7% Increase results	Price per 1000 gallons				
First	2,000 (minimum)	\$9.27	2,000	\$18.54	\$19.84	
Next	8,000	\$7.59	10,000	\$79.26	\$84.81	
Next	20,000	\$6.97	30,000	\$218.66	\$233.97	
Next	70,000	\$6.32	100,000	\$661.06	\$707.33	
OVER	100,000	\$5.69				

At the above rates, customers will still be receiving a gallon of water delivered to their homes for approximately a penny per gallon. We feel water is still a real value! Any customer wishing to express an opinion or wishing to express concerns regarding this increase may do so at the May 16 or June 20, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting. The Board of Trustees will meet at the BTC Water office, located at 1791 W. Water Street in Borden, Indiana at 7:30 pm. All comments and or concerns about the increase will be heard at the beginning of the meeting. Customers may also call the office at 812-967-2226.

Sincerely,
Daryl Naville
 Manager, BTC Water