

Utility Billing Changes

The Fiscal Year 2012 Water/Sewer Budget was adopted in July with no increases in the rates. However, based on a recommendation from the Denton Utility Commission, the quarterly water/sewer billing, due October 1, 2011, will have some bill code changes appearing on the bills.

Historically, the Utility Admin Base Fee has been combined with the usage fee; shown on one line on the bill for both Water - WT and Sewer - SW. With the adoption of the budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, the Utility Commission recommended separating the base fee from the per 1000 gallons usage charge.

The new bill code items that will appear on the utility bills will be **WB** (Water Base Fee) and **SB** (Sewer Base Fee). As mentioned above, there will not be any increases in the fees being billed, just separate line items. For a single unit, the Water Base Fee will continue to be billed at \$23.00 a quarter and the Sewer Base Fee at \$23.00 a quarter. Those properties who currently receive a Real Estate Tax Waiver, or are located out of the town limits, will still be charged a double base fee of \$46.00 a quarter for water and \$46.00 a quarter for sewer. Since the base fee is per unit, those properties with multiple units will continue to be billed \$23.00 per unit for water and \$23.00 per unit for sewer.

Example: A bill issued for a Single Family Residential unit with 11,000 gallons of usage:

Old Bill					New Bill				
Code	Meter Reading		Usage	Amount	Code	Meter Reading		Usage	Amount
	Prev	Present				Previous	Present		
WT	453	464	11	\$58.75	WT	453	464	11	\$35.75
SW	SEWER		11	\$89.44	WB	WATER BASE			\$23.00
BR	BAY RSTR			\$7.50	SB	SEWER BASE			\$23.00
WM	MTR RPL			\$4.00	SW	SEWER		11	\$66.44
					BR	BAY RSTR			\$7.50
					WM	MTR RPL FEE			\$4.00
Total				\$159.69		Total			\$159.69