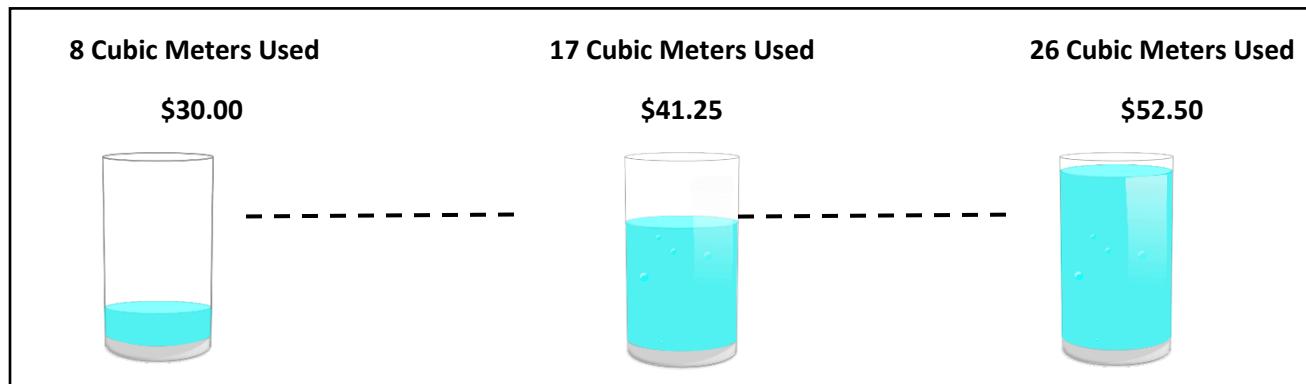


## 2021 Utility Rates

During the interim budget discussions, Town Council has approved the 2021 utility rates for the upcoming year. Most of the rates will remain unchanged, however the residential water flat rate will be lowered from \$21.00 to \$20.00 per household. The commercial water flat rate will also be lowered from \$26.63 to \$25.00. These changes will be reflected in your bill you receive at the beginning of March.

Residential Utility Rates	2020	2021
<b>Water Flat Rate</b>	\$ 21.00	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Garbage Rate</b>	\$ 19.15	<b>\$ 19.15</b>
<b>Recycling Rate</b>	\$ 2.23	<b>\$ 2.23</b>
<b>Storm Sewer Rate</b>	\$ 5.57	<b>\$ 5.57</b>
<b>Sanitary Sewer Rate</b>	\$ 37.78	<b>\$ 37.78</b>

Also as a reminder, the new water rate calculation has been in effect for almost a year now. You will have noticed that your bill fluctuates depending on your water usage. The more/less you use, the more/less you pay. This is to promote more environmentally conscious water usage and to incentivize residents to use their water wisely. Below shows an example of billing rates depending on consumption.



Follow some of the tips below in order to save some money on your monthly water bill.

### 6 Easy Ways to be More Water Conscious in your Home:

1. **Fix leaks.** You may have a slow leak in a faucet or toilet. This can increase your water usage dramatically. If you think you have a leak, there are free toilet leak testers at the Town Office.
2. **Install Low or Dual Flush Toilets.** This can decrease indoor water usage by up to 30%.
3. **Use Clothes/Dish Washer for Full Loads Only.** For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Also consider a High Efficiency Washer next time it needs to be replaced.
4. **Take Shorter Showers.** Implement a timer for kids or install low-flow shower heads and faucets.
5. **Turn off the water while shaving or brushing your teeth.** The same thing can apply to washing dishes or vegetables. Instead, plug the sink and fill it with some water when you need to rinse.
6. **Water your lawn less and fertilize.** You can still have a lush, green lawn, without using a ton of water. Most lawns only need about 1-2 inches of water per week. Put a pie plate or frisbee on the lawn to track water usage. Fertilizing about 4-5 times a year will help a lot as well.