

Proposed Changes to FPUA Rates

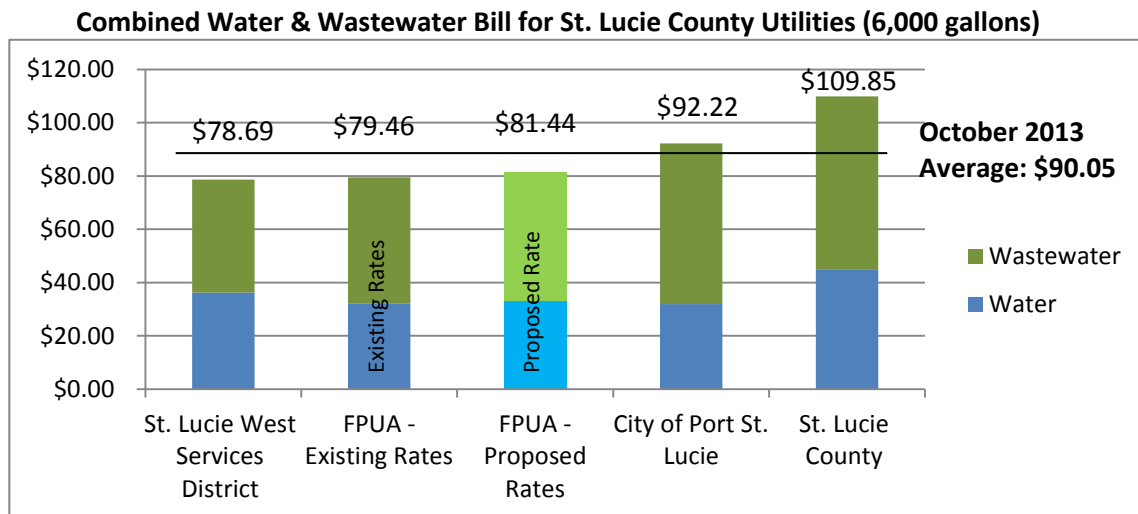
On February 4, 2014 the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) Board will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed changes to utility rates. The meeting will be held at 6:00 PM in the City Commission Chambers, 100 North U.S. 1, Fort Pierce, Florida. If the FPUA Board approves the changes, the next public meeting will be the Fort Pierce City Commission meeting on February 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM, also to be held in the City Commission Chambers.

Based on average monthly residential usage, the proposed rate changes are as follows:

- Electric:** decrease \$1.00 for 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh)
- Water:** increase \$1.19 for 6,000 gallons
- Wastewater:** increase \$0.79 for 6,000 gallons
- Natural Gas:** increase \$0.47 for 13 CCF (cubic feet)

Q&A:

What would be the combined effect of these rate changes on a monthly bill for the average customer? For the average residential customer with electric, water and wastewater service, these rate changes would result in an increase of \$0.98 per month in their utility bill. This increase will be more than offset by the \$4.00 decrease in the electric power cost adjustment since October 2013. The combined water and wastewater rate for the average FPUA customer will be \$81.44, which is well below the average of \$90.05 for utilities in St. Lucie County (see chart below).



Why is FPUA proposing rate changes? As a result of cost cuts implemented by FPUA over the past three years, the electric utility is generating adequate revenue, but the water utility is still deficient. The wastewater and gas utilities currently generate adequate revenue, but will need small rate adjustments to keep pace with rising costs. The proposed rate changes are directed toward making each utility self-sufficient.

How can I reduce my personal bill? Conservation is the key to minimizing your bill. On the back side of this notification are helpful everyday tips to help you use water more efficiently. For more conservation tips, please visit FPUA's website at www.fpu.com or stop in the Customer Service lobby at 206 S 6th Street.



YOU MAY WASTE MORE THAN YOU KNOW



Dishwashing

Install an [Energy Star dishwasher](#). They use 4.5 gallons of water per cycle compared to standard dishwashers, which can use up to 14 gallons. Make the most of each load by filling the dishwasher to capacity. Scrape dishes instead of rinsing them before putting them in the dishwasher.

If you wash dishes by hand, fill the sink with water and add soap rather than running the water as you wash. Refill the sink to rinse instead of running each dish under the faucet.



Load your dishwasher until it's full before turning it on.

Water-Smart Faucets

Reduce water use from sinks. Install faucet aerators. An aerator is a device that screws onto the end of a faucet and mixes air with the water flow to deliver a strong stream while reducing water use.

Bathroom faucets with aerators can use as little as 0.5 gallons of water per minute. Typical faucets without aerators use 2.5 to 7 gallons per minute. A [WaterSense label](#) can help you find efficient bathroom faucets and faucet accessories.

You can also save additional water by turning off water while shaving and brushing your teeth.

Water Leaks

More than one trillion gallons of water are wasted in U.S. homes each year from easy-to-fix leaks. What's more, leaks waste an average of more than 10,000 gallons of water per home each year. That's enough water to fill up a backyard swimming pool!



Don't let your faucet be a drip.



For more ways to stop wasting water, visit www.fpua.com