

COMBINED UTILITY BILL

In Fort Pierce, All Your Utility Services Are on One Combined Bill

Customer Charge (electric): Readiness to serve flat rate charge that includes the cost of operating, maintaining and improving electric infrastructure.

kWh Usage: Price of electric usage up to 750 kilowatt hours. This price includes the budgeted cost of purchasing wholesale electricity plus distributing it.

751 and Over: Price of electric usage over 750 kilowatt hours. This rate aims to encourage conservation and reduce overload on our electric grid.

Power Cost Adjustment: The adjustment required when the price of wholesale electricity is higher or lower than the amount budgeted in the base rate.

ELECTRIC SERVICE	RATE	CHARGE
CUSTOMER CHARGE		\$6.31
kWh USAGE	0.10965	
751 AND OVER	0.12060	
POWER COST ADJUSTMENT	0.059	

July 2022 Updates:

1. Electric Service rates were adjusted by +5%. In comparison, rates have only increased by 0.6% in the last 15 years. This important increase was planned and allows us to improve and maintain our aging electric system with storm hardening measures and advance metering technologies.
2. The Power Cost Adjustment was adjusted by +\$41 per 1,000 kWh for a total PCA of \$59 per 1,000 kWh. **This is an unplanned adjustment with an unknown timeline that is caused by a nationwide emergency of rapidly rising natural gas prices** (see related flyer for more information).

Customer Charge (gas): Readiness to serve flat rate charge that includes the cost of operating, maintaining, and improving gas service infrastructure.

CCF Usage: Price of natural gas consumption. This price includes the budgeted cost of purchasing wholesale natural gas plus distributing it to your home/business.

Purchased Gas Adjustment: The adjustment required when the price of wholesale natural gas is higher or lower than the amount budgeted in the base rate.

GAS SERVICE	RATE	CHARGE
CUSTOMER CHARGE		\$14.81
CCF USAGE	1.58	
PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT	0.28	

July 2022 Updates: Gas Service rates were adjusted by +5%. This important increase was planned and allows us to maintain and expand our natural gas system throughout Fort Pierce. Excluding indexed rate adjustments which are tied to the U.S. economy, the last planned adjustment to gas rates was in 2014.

Customer Charge (water): Readiness to serve flat rate charge that includes the cost of operating, maintaining, and improving water and fire protection infrastructure.

Water Usage – Minimum: Price of water consumption up to 3,000 gallons. *Minimum charge is 3,000 based on standard utility billing practices.

Tiered Water Usage Rates: Tiered prices of water consumption to encourage water conservation; rate is per thousand gallons.

Tiered rate encourages conservation to discourage over-withdrawing from Florida's aquifers.

WATER SERVICE	RATE	CHARGE
CUSTOMER CHARGE		\$16.58
WATER USAGE – Minimum		\$12.75
WATER USAGE – 3,001 to 10,000 gal	4.25	
WATER USAGE – 10,001 to 15,000 gal	5.31	
WATER USAGE – Over 15,000 gal	6.38	

July 2022 Updates: Water Service rates were adjusted by +10%. Excluding indexed rate adjustments which are tied to the U.S. economy, the last planned adjustment to water rates was in 2018. This month's important increase was planned and allows us to pursue two important utility purposes:

1. 5% enables us to improve and expand our drinking water system pipes and infrastructure throughout more of Fort Pierce.
2. 5% is to relocate the aging Sewer Treatment Plant that is located on South Hutchinson Island. **See Sewer Treatment Plant note below.**

Customer Charge (wastewater): Readiness to serve flat rate charge that includes the cost of operating, maintaining, and improving wastewater infrastructure.

Wastewater: Price of wastewater processed; rate is per thousand gallons and max. charged is 10,000 gal.

We are moving the Sewer Treatment Plant off South Hutchinson Island and into an Industrial Zone, far away from the Lagoon and far away from neighborhoods. It is a risk to our community and waterways for this aging plant to remain on the Indian River Lagoon. Moving it will also allow the City to develop the island for important tax revenue to our community. If we do not move it, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has mandated \$16 million in upgrades to the existing plant, with a possible demand to move it in the near future. Water and wastewater are coupled services and share in this investment.

WASTEWATER SERVICE	RATE	CHARGE
CUSTOMER CHARGE		\$17.85
WASTEWATER – Maximum 10,000 gal	6.40	

July 2022 Updates: Wastewater Service rates were adjusted by +10%. Excluding indexed rate adjustments which are tied directly to the U.S. economy, the last planned adjustment to wastewater rates was in 2018. This month's important increase was planned and allows us to pursue two important utility purposes:

1. 5% enables us to improve and expand our wastewater system pipes and infrastructure throughout more of Fort Pierce.
2. 5% is to relocate the aging Sewer Treatment Plant that is located on South Hutchinson Island. **See Sewer Treatment Plant note.**

NOTE: This flyer does not include city or county taxes or fees which are on your regular monthly bill. Please see a Customer Service Representative if you have questions about these items.



Our mission is to provide our customers with economical, reliable, and friendly service in a continuous effort to enhance the quality of life in our community.