

COLTON WATER DISTRICT

Notice of Water Rate Changes – Effective April 22, 2025

Colton Water District rates will increase on April 22, 2025. You'll see this rate increase on your May bill.

Explanation for the Rate Increase

The Colton Water District Board has approved a rate increase for 2025 to ensure the long-term sustainability, reliability, and safety of our water system. This decision was made after careful consideration of the District's financial needs, operational costs, and planned infrastructure improvements.

Key Reasons for the Rate Increase:

Rising Operational Costs:

- Like many utilities, the District has experienced increases in the costs of essential supplies, equipment, and services. From treatment chemicals to system maintenance, inflation has impacted our operating budget.

Infrastructure Upgrades and Maintenance:

To provide safe and reliable water to our customers, investments in critical infrastructure improvements are needed. These improvements are essential to prevent service disruptions and maintain water quality. For example:

- Repairing aging pipelines and upgrading the water intake system.
- Modernizing water meters for improved accuracy and efficiency.

Compliance with State Regulations:

Regulatory requirements, such as seismic vulnerability studies and water quality standards set by the Oregon Health Authority, necessitate investments in our system to ensure compliance and public safety.

Building Reserves for Future Needs:

A portion of the rate increase will be allocated to reserve funds, allowing the District to prepare for unexpected repairs, emergencies, and long-term capital improvement projects.

Our Commitment to You:

We are committed to operating as efficiently as possible. The additional revenue generated by this adjustment will ensure that Colton Water District can continue to deliver safe, reliable, and high-quality water to our community now and into the future.