



# Investing in Utilities

Just like you maintain your home, our city's infrastructure needs updates to keep working for you at the high level of efficiency you expect. Protecting our drinking water by replacing and repairing pipes and other parts of the system is important for maintaining the high-quality water we enjoy.

Of course, just like home repairs and upgrades, maintaining our water, sanitary, and storm system is costly and requires a rate increase. But don't worry – this increase is being rolled out little by little over future years to avoid "one time" high increases.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The rate increase is not a tax. Water, Wastewater, and Storm Water utilities are funded by the rates customers pay just like any other utility such as natural gas or electricity.



**9.0%**

water rate increase



**7.5%**

sanitary rate increase



**2.0%**

storm water rate increase

**For a combined impact of 7.8% increase overall for the average residential customer.**

*(Dayton maintains permits with the Ohio EPA for all three utilities: Water, Wastewater, and Storm Water.)*

## An Aging Infrastructure, Coast to Coast

The American Water Works Association estimates that **\$1 trillion** is needed to maintain and expand service nationally over the next 25 years and Dayton is certainly a part of this statistic.

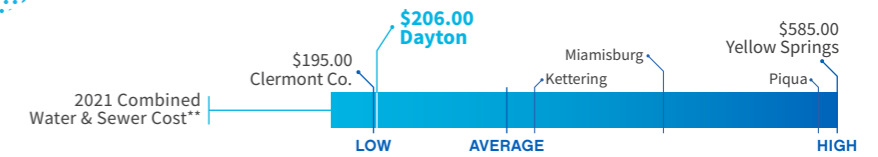


In fact, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) estimates that in Ohio **\$113.41 billion** in drinking water infrastructure improvements will be necessary over the next 20 years. They also indicate that Ohio will need **\$14.58 billion** in wastewater infrastructure improvements.



\*Average household quarterly bill for water, sewer and storm charges.

## HOW DOES DAYTON'S COST COMPARE?



\*\*According to the 2022 Water & Sewer Rate Survey prepared by the City of Piqua. Sampling is from 64 jurisdictions surveyed and Dayton's rates are second lowest.

## Prices Have Increased Everywhere

Overall, the cost to produce certain goods and perform certain services has increased, even with inflation already taken into account.

To clarify, **\$100 in 2010 had the same purchasing power as \$115.45** today. However, not all goods and services are affected in such a uniform fashion. Water in particular is becoming more expensive, with a 44.65% increase.

**Dayton Water has been making investments and improvements for years and this rate increase will allow us to continue those efforts.**

## Dayton Knows Water

**Dayton has experience managing:**

- Wells for **153** years
- Well fields for **97** years
- Water treatment plants for over **68** years
- Sewer plants for **93** years