Continued Investment in Our Infrastructure

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

General Information: 937-333-3725
Customer Service & Billing: 937-333-3550
Report a Quality Concern: 937-333-6030
24-Hour Emergency: 937-333-4900

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Dayton maintains over 800 miles of water distribution pipelines, 740 miles of wastewater collection pipes, and 600 miles of storm water mains – that’s a lot of pipe!
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.

5.0% water rate increase

7.8% sanitary rate increase

2.3% storm water rate increase

For a combined impact of 5.9% increase overall for the average residential customer.

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

*Changing regulatory requirements also affects water rates.

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.

This means an increase of around $1 per week* OR $12 per quarterly billing period*

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

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.

Dayton has experience managing:

- Wells for 150 years
- Well fields for 94 years
- Water treatment plants for over 65 years
- Sewer plants for 90 years

HOW DOES DAYTON’S COST COMPARE?

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

To clarify, $100 in 2010 had the same purchasing power as $115.46 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.

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**According to the 2015 Water & Sewer Rate Survey prepared by the City of Oakwood. Sampling is from 63 jurisdictions surveyed and Dayton’s rates are second lowest.

*How does Dayton's cost compare?*