



GARDEN CITY

City of Garden City – 2019 Utility Rate Changes

Effective January 2019, the City of Garden City will implement rate increases to our water, sewer, fire protection, and sanitation utility rates which will be reflected on your February 2019 utility bill. The increases are necessary to continue providing the highest quality of service at the most cost effective rates for customers. A complete list of all of the City's rates is available on our website: www.gardencity-ga.gov

Water and Sewer Rates	Sanitation Rates
Water and sewer rates increased about 3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The residential sanitation fee will increase from the current \$15.07/month to \$15.84/month The rate increase is due to the increased rate charged to the City by Waste Management for 2019 The services inclusive of the monthly rate include domestic trash, recycling and dry trash/yard waste Our monthly trash fee is the lowest in Chatham County
Rate Comparison per Month	
2019 Rates \$52.55 / \$139.45	
2018 Rates \$51.33 / \$135.46	
<p><u>Assumptions:</u> Water & Sewer usage of 5,000 gallons (residential) and 15,000 gallons (commercial)</p>	

Fire Protection Fees	
The Monthly Fire Protection Fee increased from \$10.00/per residential unit (REU) to \$12.50/per REU	
GCFD Services	In 2015, Garden City Fire Department initiated First Responder services for medical calls. The increased number of fire and medical calls for Garden City has resulted in increased costs to the GCFD operational and equipment expenses but the fire protection fee rate has been unchanged since 2013.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Insurance Rates Pre-Incident Planning via Pre-Plans Reduced Risk to Life & Property First Responder Medical Calls 	
Commercial Fire Protection Fee Billing Amount Increases	
What is a Fire Pre-Plan?	A fire pre-plan contains detailed information about a site and its facility that allows first responders to safely and effectively respond to an emergency situation at that location. Pre-plans include facility specific information about emergency exits, onsite hazards and hydrant locations. Accurate pre-plans are essential to ensure the safety of the public and the first responders.
Why did my monthly bill amount increase?	When existing pre-plans were recently updated for non-residential facilities, combined with the aforementioned rate increase, one or both of these factors caused the customer's monthly fire protection bill amount to change.

Please contact the Utilities Department at (912) 966-7777 with any questions.

