



**Important Notice
Water Service Rate Adjustment
For Customers of Torrance Municipal Water (TMW)**

In February 2011, the City Council approved a plan at a Public Hearing to adjust water rates over the five year period of 2011 through 2015 for customers served by the municipal system. In addition, a conservation tiered rate structure was adopted to encourage ongoing conservation and meet State of California mandated reduction targets. The adjustments are necessary to provide for water system infrastructure replacement, meet current and future regulatory requirements, offset higher water costs and fund the development of additional local water resources. The new local water resources will diversify TMW's water supply sources, enhance the community's supply reliability and significantly lower water costs to help stabilize water rates in the future.

The rate adjustment consists of two components: an internal adjustment based on the annual change in the Los Angeles region consumer price index (CPI), and a pass-through adjustment to offset higher wholesale water costs. In accordance with the five year adopted rate plan, the overall increase will be approximately 3.6% effective in January 2015. The increase consists of 1.4 % internal adjustment based on the annual change in the Los Angeles region (CPI), and 2.2% pass-through adjustment to compensate for higher wholesale water costs, primarily for purchased imported water supplies from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Even with this adjustment, Torrance Municipal Water rates are expected to remain the lowest, or among the lowest in the area.

STARTING WITH THE BILLING FOR	
MARCH 2015 FOR STANDARD RATE CUSTOMERS BILLED ON A MONTHLY OR BI-MONTHLY BASIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overall rate adjustment of approximately 3.6%. • An increase in the fixed monthly meter service (readiness- to- serve) charge. For customers with ¾" meter the increase will be \$0.08 per month • An increase in the average single family residence monthly bill by \$ 1.90 from \$ 53.63 to \$55.53. • An increase in Private Fire Protection Service Charge, Pumping Service Charge and Fire Flow Charge of 1.4%

**Torrance Municipal Water Rates and Service Charges
Effective January 2015 for Standard Rate Customers**

**I. Meter Service Charge (Readiness to Serve - RTS)
\$ per Month or Bi Monthly**

Meter Size	Monthly Meter Service Charge	Bi-Monthly Meter Service Charge
¾"	\$5.84	\$11.68
1"	\$7.90	\$15.80
1 ½"	\$13.05	\$26.10
2"	\$19.24	\$38.48
3"	\$38.83	\$77.66
4"	\$67.68	\$135.36
6"	\$147.03	\$294.06
8"	\$250.09	\$500.18
10"	\$394.37	\$788.74
12"	\$518.04	\$1,036.08
14"	\$775.68	\$1,551.36

II. Quantity Rates (Commodity) for Standard Rate Customers
\$ per billing unit (100 cubic feet or ccf =748 gallons)

Single Family Residential Rate	Monthly Rate Block Usage ccf	Bi Monthly Rate Block Usage ccf	Quantity(Commodity) Tiered Rate Charge \$ per ccf
Tier 1	First 8 ccf	First 16 ccf	\$3.268 ccf
Tier 2	9-14 ccf	17-28 ccf	\$3.925ccf
Tier 3	15-24 ccf	29-48 ccf	\$4.727 ccf
Tier 4	25 ccf and above	49 ccf and above	\$5.706 ccf
All Other Standard Customers			
Tier 1	First 10 ccf	First 20 ccf	\$3.268 ccf
Tier 2	11 ccf and above	21 ccf and above	\$3.981 ccf
Low Income Senior and Disabled			
Tier 1	First 8 ccf	First 16 ccf	\$2.869ccf
Tier 2	9-14 ccf	17-28 ccf	\$3.525ccf
Tier 3	15-24 ccf	29-48 ccf	\$4.326 ccf
Tier 4	25 ccf and above	49 ccf and above	\$5.305 ccf

III. Private Fire Protection (Fireline) Service Charge
\$ per Month or \$ Bi Monthly

Fire Meter Size	Monthly Service Charge \$	Bi-Monthly Service Charge \$
2"	\$5.63	\$11.26
3"	\$11.14	\$22.28
4"	\$20.62	\$41.24
6"	\$54.69	\$109.38
8"	\$113.42	\$226.84
10"	\$210.78	\$421.56
12"	\$325.34	\$650.68

IV. Pumping Service Charge (Applies to Customers in High Pressure Zone)

\$ per Month or \$ Bi Monthly

Meter Size	Monthly Service Charge \$	Bi-Monthly Service Charge \$
¾"	\$3.33	\$6.66
1"	\$8.24	\$16.48
1 ½"	\$16.48	\$32.96
2"	\$26.37	\$52.74
3"	\$52.75	\$105.50
4"	\$82.40	\$164.80
6"	\$164.82	\$329.64
8"	\$263.71	\$527.42
10"	\$378.35	\$756.70
12"	\$708.71	\$1,417.42

V. Fire Flow Service Charge (No change from 2013) - \$ 161.60 per test

Use Water Wisely – It's Essential

California is in the midst of a severe drought, and we urge all customers to conserve, avoid waste and use water wisely. Although snowpacks have improved somewhat from record low conditions last year, they are currently well below normal. Regardless of the occurrence of periodic droughts, California has a long-term water shortage situation, due to a projected imbalance between supply sources and demands. To meet this challenge, the California Legislature enacted the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SBx7-7, -also known as the 2020 Plan) to preserve statewide water resources. The Act calls for a 20% overall reduction in urban water use by the year 2020 to ensure continued reliability of urban water supplies. Thanks to the efforts of our customers, Torrance has made considerable progress toward reaching this conservation target. However, it is necessary that we all continue to conserve and use water efficiently to meet the challenges of the current drought.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Regarding How to Conserve and Save on your Water Bill
www.TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks
www.bewaterwise.com
 Qualifying Rebates – bewaterwise.com
 Under heading titled "Rebates"
 Public Works Department 310-781-6900

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 Reducing your use of water
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 and saves you \$\$\$