



## White City Water Improvement District

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### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

August 2023

#### INCREASED WATER USE AND THE SUMMER HEAT

**This past month of July** saw some very hot days with temperatures more than 100 degrees. July is typically the hottest day of the month and the month when plants and lawns need a little more water to stay healthy. Just remember to time the water application early in the morning or later at night when it will do the best. Applying water in the middle of the day leads to water loss due to evaporation and does not benefit plants to the same extent as a good soak the night before.

**Typically, July and August** also see the most water used by our water users to deal with the summer heat. As a result, most customers end up paying larger water bills. This is a result of not only the heat but also the "tiered water rate structure" White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID") adopted last year because of Utah State Code requirements that all water systems within the state adopt such rates in order to encourage the conservation of water.

**As a reminder to our residential water users,** WCWID's tiered rates start after the first 5000 gallons used in a month. Thereafter for every 1000 gallons of water used from 5,001 to 30,000 gallons, a charge of \$2.00 per 1000 is charged. From 30,001 to 60,000 gallons, a charge of \$2.25 per 1000 is charged. From 60,001 to 90,000 gallons, a charge of \$2.50 per 1000 gallons is charged. Finally, for users that use more than 90,000 gallons of water in a month a charge of \$3.25 per 1000 is charged.

#### WCWID CONTINUES ITS HISTORY OF HAVING NO PROPERTY TAXES AND USING COST-BASED WATER RATES

**When the water users** first created WCWID to purchase the old White City Water Company in 1995, a mission statement was adopted that:

**WCWID would provide its owner/user public the best quality and quantity of pristine water possible, "at cost-based rates, and no levied property taxes."**

**WCWID has consistently** sought to comply with that mission statement. This past June the elected WCWID Board of Trustees voted unanimously to once again inform Salt Lake County and the State of Utah that WCWID would levy zero property taxes. In lieu of property tax, WCWID uses a "Base Rate" that is paid on every water connection. This Base Rate is required to meet the minimum requirements to run the "day-to-day."

operations for the water system and bonds issued to purchase the company and construct major improvements like wells and storage tanks. Presently, the Base Rate is \$53.00 per month and on September 1, 2023, will go to \$60.00 per month.

**As a result of WCWID not levying property taxes,** WCWID continues to be one of the less costly of water systems in the State.

**By way of comparison,** every other government water system in Salt Lake County collects property taxes to help pay for water service. Further, WCWID's overall water rates are very competitive compared to other water systems rates because WCWID's tiers are less aggressive than those other systems.

**WCWID's tier water rates does not kick in** until after a customer uses 5,000 gallons of water in a month.

**Most systems start their tiers at the first gallon used.**

For example, in Summit County (with arguably the most expensive water in the state), one water system charges \$5.00 per 1000 gallons for the first 7,000 gallons used and then escalates their tier system to up to \$40.00 per 1000 gallons for any use above 50,000 gallons in a month.

**A typical WCWID water user whose water use is 35,000 gallons in September will pay \$122** compared to the **Summit County water user who will pay \$630.50.** Something to think about when you get your next bill.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER TO RESPOND TO WCWID'S LEAD PIPE SURVEY**

**WCWID is required to identify service line types for every connection** within the district. This includes both the district's side of the service as well as the property owner's service. Typically service lines will be one of four types of material: Copper, Galvanized Steel, Plastic or Lead. If you are unsure, please contact office and schedule to have operator assist in determining service type. Over the next year we will be needing property owners' assistance in identifying their service types as well to meet the EPA's deadline. This will require residents to look at where the service line enters the home and certify the type of pipe.

Please complete the form below and return with payment or drop by our office. Another option is to follow QR code below that directs to fillable form on our website to submit online at your earliest convenience.

**Date:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Service Type (check one):**



Copper: \_\_\_\_\_ Galvanized Steel: \_\_\_\_\_ Poly: \_\_\_\_\_ Lead: \_\_\_\_\_