

Town of Clyde Park Water Rate Hearing

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Purpose of Tonight's Hearing

Review the proposed updates to the water rate structure

Receive public input before final adoption

Goals: fairness, conservation, and long-term financial sustainability

Current Water Rate Structure

Base rate ($\frac{3}{4}$ " meter): \$77.91 includes 4,000 gallons

Overage charge: \$1.92 per 1,000 gallons above base

Well/Lot fee: \$19.43 per month

Proposed Changes

Base rate remains \$77.91 per month

$\frac{3}{4}$ " meters: reduce base gallons from 4,000 → 3,000 or 2,000

1½" meters: reduce base gallons from 16,000 → 13,000

Overage: \$5.00 or \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons above base

Well/Lot fee: increase from \$19.43 → \$23.00 per month

Why This Matters

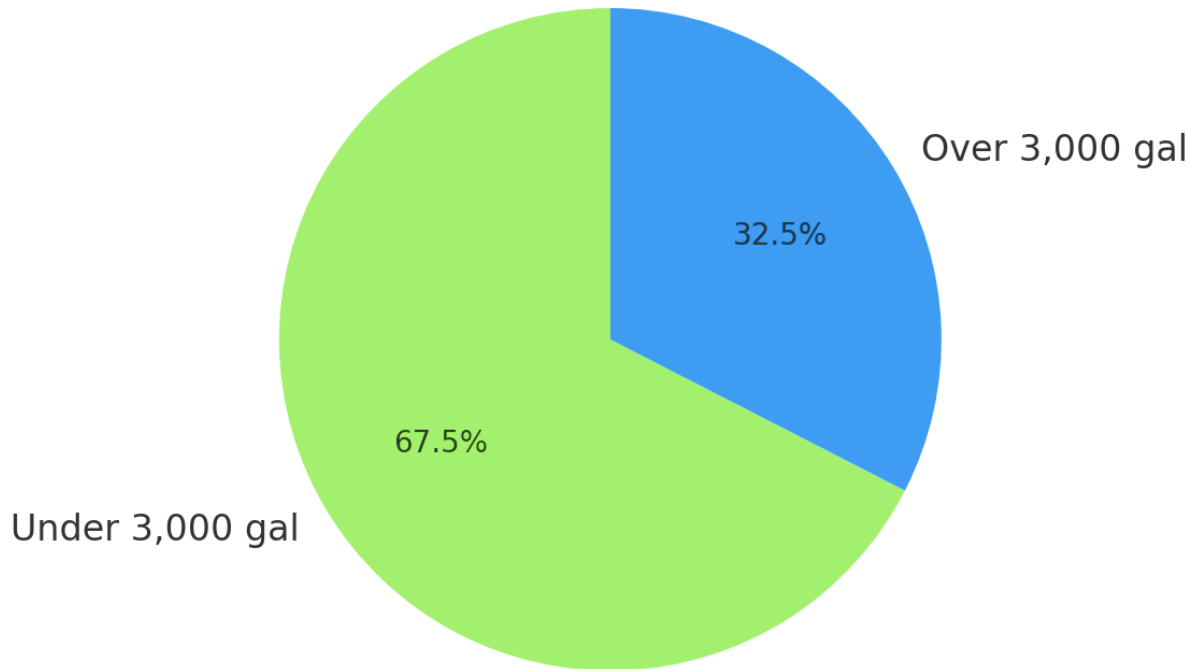
Keeping the base rate at \$77.91 protects most households.

Reducing included gallons makes the system fairer for the majority of residents.

Higher-volume users will contribute proportionally more to water system maintenance.

October 2025 Residential Usage Snapshot

October 2025 – Usage by 3,000 Gallon Threshold



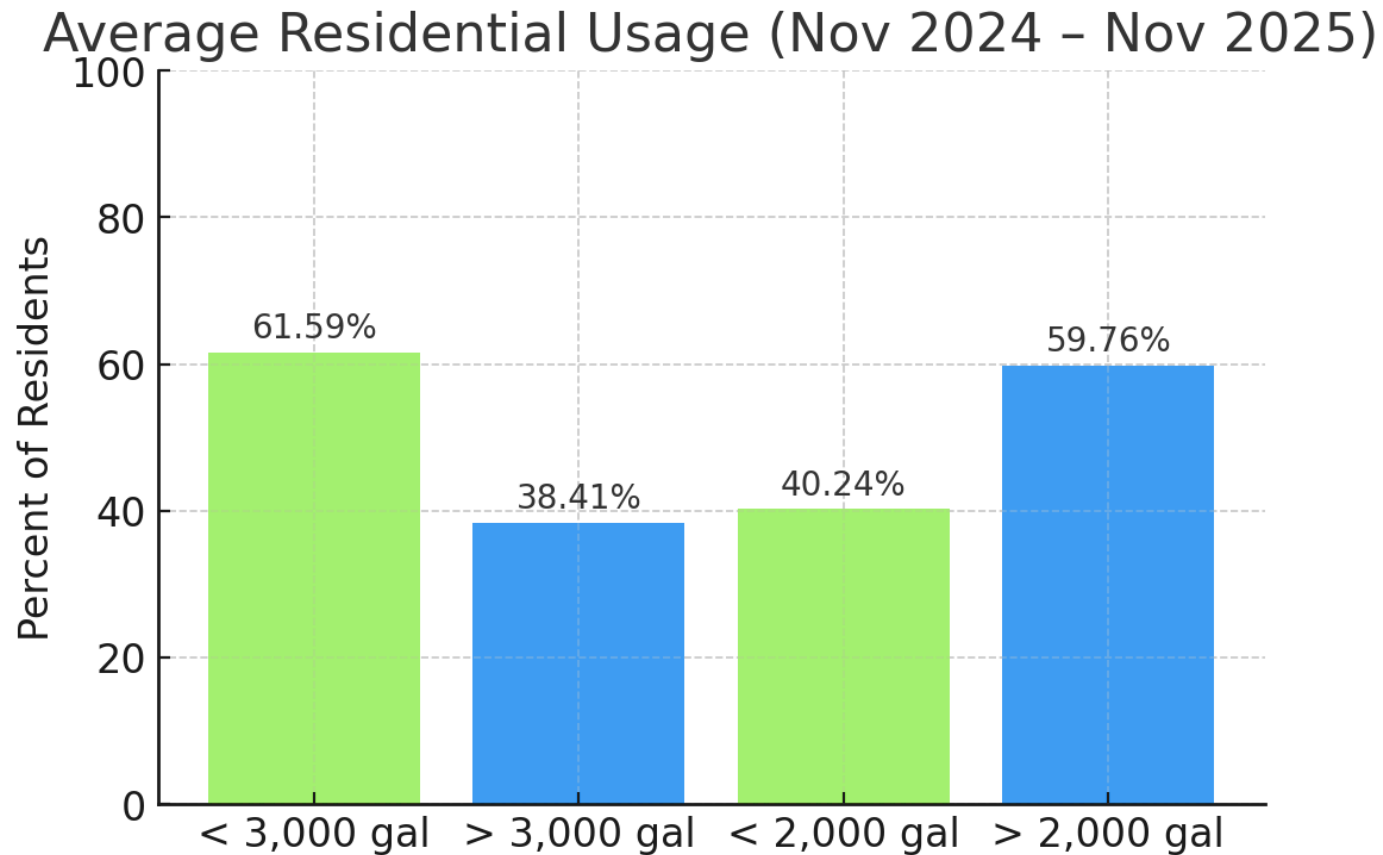
67.46% of residents used less than 3,000 gallons • 32.54% used more

At 2,000 gallons: 52.66% used less • 47.34% used more

Most Clyde Park households are low-to-moderate users.

A tiered rate ensures they aren't subsidizing the heaviest users.

Annual Average Usage – Nov 2024 to Nov 2025



61.59% used less than 3,000 gallons • 38.41% used more
40.24% used less than 2,000 gallons • 59.76% used more

This supports reducing base-rate gallons while keeping the base fee unchanged.

Bill Examples ($\frac{3}{4}$ " meter)with 3,000-Gallon Base

Usage (gallons)	Current (\$1.92/1k)	Proposed: 3,000 gal @ \$5	Proposed: 3,000 gal @ \$7
2,000	\$77.91	\$77.91	\$77.91
3,000	\$77.91	\$77.91	\$77.91
4,000	\$77.91	\$82.91	\$84.91
6,000	\$81.75	\$92.91	\$98.91
10,000	\$89.43	\$112.91	\$126.91

Bill Examples ($\frac{3}{4}$ " meter) with 2,000-Gallon Base

Usage (gallons)	Current (4k @ \$1.92/1k)	2k @ \$5/1k	2k @ \$7/1k
2,000	\$77.91	\$77.91	\$77.91
3,000	\$77.91	\$82.91	\$84.91
4,000	\$77.91	\$87.91	\$91.91
6,000	\$81.75	\$97.91	\$105.91
10,000	\$89.43	\$117.91	\$133.91

Impact on Revenue & Sustainability

Current projected annual revenue: \$179,820

With proposed structures:

- 3,000 gal @ \$5 → \$190,772
- 3,000 gal @ \$7 → \$195,152
- 2,000 gal @ \$5 → \$196,542
- 2,000 gal @ \$7 → \$203,231

These changes help fund operations, maintenance, and loan obligations without raising the base rate.

Why Adjust the Structure?

Fairness: aligns bills with actual use; protects low-usage households

Conservation: encourages efficient water use

Stability: supports reserves, repairs, and regulatory compliance

Community Impact

Low / average users: little to no change in monthly bills

High usage: modest increase based on actual use

Funds are dedicated to system reliability and upgrades

Common Questions & Answers

Why not raise the base rate? Adjusting base gallons is fairer; it avoids across-the-board hikes.

What if I use under 3,000 gallons? No change to your bill.

Q: How were options chosen?

A: The Council reviewed overall water usage data across the community. The majority of households in Clyde Park use around 3,000 gallons or less per month, so it didn't seem fair to raise everyone's base rate equally. Instead, the goal was to protect low-usage households while asking higher-usage customers to pay a little more toward the costs of maintaining the system. This approach balances fairness, conservation, and sustainability.

What does the added revenue support? Operations, maintenance, debt obligations, and reserves.

How can I comment? Speak tonight or submit written comments to the Clerk before final adoption.

Are there any question from the council?

Public Comment & Next Steps

Public comment period is open now

Council will consider input and finalize adoption at a second Hearing during the town council meeting December 10, at 7 p.m.

Final details will be posted on the Town website and in public notices

Thank you for your participation and stewardship of our water system