

## **News Release**

### **Warren County Water District**

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#### **WARREN WATER ANNOUNCES MODEST RATE INCREASE**

BOWLING GREEN, KY - Warren County Water District is implementing new rate schedules for its customers. While the rate changes will impact customers differently depending upon their water usage, the average residential customer using 5,000 gallons of water per month will only see a \$1.60 increase. There will be an additional increase of \$0.90 per month for an average residential customer who also has sewer service. The new rates will be reflected on bills mailed after September 1.

Water delivered to Warren Water's customers is supplied by agreement with Bowling Green Municipal Utilities (BGMU). BGMU treats the water and charges Warren Water a wholesale rate to recover its costs of providing the necessary infrastructure and meeting all state and federal quality water requirements. This arrangement also provides for BGMU's treatment and disposal of wastewater collected from Warren Water's sewer customers.

A study which reviewed all costs associated with providing these services was recently completed and it resulted in an increase in the wholesale water and sewer rates. The retail rate increase to Warren Water's customers is a direct pass-through of the increased charges from BGMU. Major components included in the wholesale adjustment include the upgrade of BGMU's water treatment plant, other facilities necessary for service to Warren Water's customers, and increases in BGMU's operating expenses.

This is Warren Water's first retail sewer rate increase since 1998 and first retail water rate increase since 2005.

"Updating and maintaining water and sewer facilities is crucial for the livelihood of our service area which is within one of the fastest growing regions of Kentucky," says Alan Vilines, General Manager for Warren Water. "We will continue to focus on ensuring adequate facilities are in place to provide high-quality services at affordable costs to families, businesses and industries."

Warren Water is proud of its ability to provide safe, reliable drinking water and wastewater services while maintaining relatively low charges. For additional information or questions about this rate increase customers may contact a Warren Water representative at 842-0052.

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## **About Warren County Water District**

Warren Water serves about 25,000 water customers through some 1,120 miles of pipeline. Its water system also includes 30 pumping stations and 27 storage tanks located throughout a 530-square-mile service area. Warren Water also collects and disposes of wastewater from about 4,500 customers through a system that includes 150 miles of sewer mains and 50 pumping stations.

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