

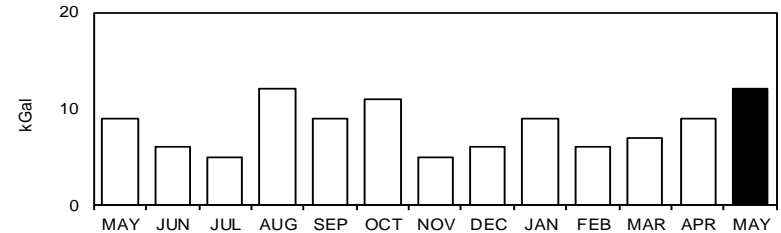


# Calculating Your GRU Residential Water Bill

## ① Water and Wastewater Service Details Example

Meter Number	METER READING DATES		Meter Read Type	Days of Service	METER READINGS		Meter Multiplier	Water Consumption	Wastewater Consumption	Next Meter Read on or About
	Previous	Present			Previous	Present				
W331122	4/14/2020	5/15/2020	ACTUAL	31	② 1101	③ 1109	④ 1.000	12 kGals	8 kGals	6/16/2020

Description	Usage	Rate	Amount
① WATER CUSTOMER CHARGE			\$ 9.45
② WATER USE, TIER 1 (1 – 4 kGals)	4	\$ 2.47	\$ 9.88
③ WATER USE, TIER 2 (5 – 16 kGals)	8	\$ 3.77	\$ 30.16
④ WATER USE, TIER 3 (OVER 16 kGals)	0	\$ 6.04	\$ -
⑤ GAINESVILLE WATER UTIL TAX			\$ 4.95
WASTEWATER CUSTOMER CHARGE			\$ 9.10
WASTEWATER BILLING	8	\$ 6.33	\$ 50.64
Winter max is 8 kGals			
<b>Total for Water Service Details</b>			<b>\$ 114.18</b>



### WATER RATES

(Effective October 1, 2019)

Customer Charge ..... Based on Meter Size  
 Water Charge, first 4 kGals ..... \$2.47/ kGals  
 Water Charge, from 5-16 kGals ..... \$3.77/ kGals  
 Water Charge, over 16 kGals ..... \$6.04/ kGals

*Rates are subject to either a 10% Utility Tax for customers inside Gainesville or both a 25% Water Surcharge and a 10% County Water Utility Tax for customers outside the city.*

### Determining Your Water Consumption

GRU reads your water meter monthly. The reading is in whole thousands of gallons (kGals) and is listed in the **Water and Wastewater Services** ① section on the back of your bill. Even though the meter accurately records usage as small as 1/10-gallon, dials recording usage in amounts less than a thousand are ignored. Subtract last month's reading (Previous ②) from

this month's reading (Present ③), then multiply the difference by the Meter Multiplier ④ (for most residential meters, this will be a 1) and then multiply this result by the Calculation Factor (for most residential meters, this will be 1) to get the usage.

Present reading: 1113 kGals  
 Previous reading: 1101 kGals  
 Difference: 12 kGals  
 Meter multiplier: x 1.0  
 12 kGals  
 Calculation factor: x 1.0  
 Water consumption: 12 kGals

On the back of the bill, the water use is shown in kGals and is listed for each tier in the **Description** section ⑤.

### Calculating the Charges

The following example shows how charges are calculated for water usage.

### Steps 1 through 4 apply to all customers

#### ① — WATER CUSTOMER CHARGE

This is a fixed charge to recover those costs that GRU must incur to provide service whether or not any water is used. This charge varies based on meter size. See ordinance for various charges.

Monthly (for a 0.75" meter) **\$ 9.45**

#### ② — WATER USE, TIER 1 (1 – 4 kGals)

The charge for the first 4,000 gallons (or 4 kGals) is \$ 2.47/ kGals

4 kGals x \$ 2.47 = **\$ 9.88**

#### ③ — WATER USE, TIER 2 (5 – 16 kGals)

The charge for all water used between 5 and 16 kGals is \$ 3.77/ kGals

12 kGals - 4 kGals = 8 kGals  
 8 kGals x \$ 3.77/ kGals = **\$ 30.16**

**4 — WATER USE, TIER 3 (OVER 16 kGals)**

The charge is \$ 6.04/ kGals

(In this example, no charges) = **\$ 0.00**

**Step 5 only applies to customers living inside the city**

**5 — GAINESVILLE WATER UTILITY TAX**

The sum of steps 1, 2, 3, and 4 is subject to a 10% Gainesville Water Utility Tax for customers living within the city.

$\$9.45 + 9.88 + 30.16 + 0 = \$ 49.49$   
 $\$49.49 \times 0.10 =$  **\$ 4.95**

**Steps 6 & 7 only apply to customers living outside the city**

**6 — WATER SURCHARGE**

The sum of steps 1, 2, 3 and 4 is subject to a 25% Water Surcharge.

$\$9.45 + 9.88 + 30.16 + 0 = \$ 49.49$   
 $\$49.49 \times 0.25 =$  **\$ 12.37**

**7 — COUNTY WATER UTILITY TAX**

The sum of steps 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 is subject to a 10% County Utility Tax for customers living outside the city.

$\$9.45 + 9.88 + 30.16 + 0 + 12.37 = \$61.86$   
 $\$61.86 \times 0.10 =$  **\$ 6.19**

Water Service Details Example - For Those Living Outside the City Limits			
Description	Usage	Rate	Amount
1 WATER CUSTOMER CHARGE			\$ 9.45
2 WATER USE, TIER 1 (1 – 4 kGals)	4	\$ 2.47	\$ 9.88
3 WATER USE, TIER 2 (5 – 16 kGals)	8	\$ 3.77	\$ 30.16
4 WATER USE, TIER 3 (OVER 16 kGals)	0	\$ 6.04	\$ -
6 WATER SURCHARGE			\$ 12.37
7 COUNTY WATER UTIL TAX			\$ 6.19
WASTEWATER CUSTOMER CHARGE			\$ 9.10
WASTEWATER BILLING	8	\$ 6.33	\$ 50.64
WASTEWATER SURCHARGE			\$ 14.94
Winter max is 8 kGals			
<b>Total for Water Service Details</b>			<b>\$ 142.73</b>

**Watering Restrictions**

The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) is in charge of enforcing local irrigation restrictions. All rules apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water, and water from public and private utilities.

- **Water before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.** as up to 65 percent of water applied in mid-day evaporates.
- **Water for one hour or less per zone, up to 3/4-inch.** Set a timer and place shallow cans in your yard to monitor volume.
- **Water only on your scheduled day.**

Time of Year	Daylight Saving Time	Eastern Standard Time
Odd-Numbered or No Address	Wednesday & Saturday	Saturday
Even-Numbered Address	Thursday & Sunday	Sunday

**IRRIGATION ONLY USE CHARGES**

Customer Charge ..... Based on Meter Size  
 First 12 kGals ..... \$ 3.77/ kGals  
 Over 12 kGals ..... \$ 6.04/ kGals

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**RECLAIMED WATER USE CHARGES**

Customer Charge ..... \$ 9.10/month  
 Per kGals..... \$ 1.00/ kGals  
*Rates for customers outside Gainesville are subject to a 25% Wastewater Surcharge*

**NOTE:** This fact sheet is meant as an aid to understanding GRU's residential water rates. It does not replace GRU's rates in the Gainesville Code of Ordinances. If there are differences between this material and the ordinance, the ordinance shall prevail. Different rates and methods of calculation apply for non-residential water customers. For more information on calculating rates, call GRU's Customer Service, 352-334-3434.