

# HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 261

## *WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE MARCH 2011*

Effective on the March 2011 water bill, new water and sewer rates will go into effect for HCMUD No. 261 residential and commercial customers.

This is the first water and sewer rate increase since May 2000.

Trash collection fees were last raised in 2007.

The change primarily reflects a significant increase in the amount the District is charged for treated water by the City of Houston. We provide water to you through purchase from the City of Houston and Windfern Forest Utility District.

Our cost for City water has risen 85% since January 1, 2008.

The new water Rate Order remains tiered. Residential customers that consume water at or below the District monthly median will see a smaller increase than those above the median. Examples are found below.

The sewer / trash rate will increase \$3 a month to a flat \$36.

### **HCMUD NO. 261 RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES – EFF. MARCH 2011**

<i>Gallons / Month</i>	<i>Current Bill</i>	<i>New Bill</i>	<i>Dollar Increase per month</i>
6000	\$13.50	\$14.00	\$0.50
10000	\$20.50	\$22.00	\$1.50
12000	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$2.00
15000	\$30.00	\$38.00	\$8.00
20000	\$40.00	\$58.00	\$18.00

### **HCMUD NO. 261 RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATE – EFF. MARCH 2011**

<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Curent Bill</i>	<i>New Bill</i>	<i>Dollar Increase per month</i>
Flat Rate	\$33.00	\$36.00	\$3.00

The Board of Directors continue to encourage good water conservation practices, especially during the hot, dry months when landscaping requires periodic irrigation. Good conservation practices can reduce water consumption up to 30 percent while maintaining lawns and landscaping. Water conservation brochures have been sent to all District customers, and conservation tips are found routinely in the monthly water bill.

Please find enclosed a copy of the new rate schedule.

A complete copy of the new Rate Order details may be obtained by contacting Terese Wahl at 713-652-6500. The Order will also be provided on our District website ([www.hcmud261.com](http://www.hcmud261.com)).

Kind Regards  
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Enclosure

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RESIDENTIAL WATER AND SEWER RATES

Effective March 2011

Monthly Rates for water service

The following rates per month shall be charged for water service furnished to Residential Consumers and Community Consumers for water service, including swimming pools, by the District through meters to each separate connection in every instance:

For first 6,000 gallons of water used	\$14.00
From 6,001 - 12,000 gallons of water used	\$2.00/1,000 gal.
From 12,001 - 25,000 gallons of water used	\$4.00/1,000 gal.
Over 25,000 gallons of water used	\$4.50/1,000 gal.

Monthly rates for sewer service

The flat rate of \$36.00 per connection per month shall be charged for residential sewer service furnished by the District.