

September, 2024

## **Big News...AMUD Purchases SWATS Plant**

For several years, Acton Municipal Utility District (AMUD) has been working steadily to become the sole owner of the Surface Water Advanced Treatment System (SWATS) Plant. As of August 2024, AMUD successfully became the sole owner. The treatment plant produces high quality treated water by removing salt and other dissolved solids from Lake Granbury using ultra filtration and reverse osmosis (RO) technologies. With continued growth in the AMUD District, this 13 million gallons per day treatment plant ensures there will be enough water to service our customers for many years to come.

In additional SWATS news, several staff members from the plant recently attended the South-Central Membrane Association (SCMA) Conference. This association has memberships from entities representing Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arkansas. With over 20 membrane facilities competing, the SWATS plant won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Best Tasting Drinking Water competition. In addition, the Chief Plant Operator at SWATS, Jose Gutierrez, won the 2024 Outstanding Plant Operator of the Year Award for his service and dedication to membrane operations and leadership within the industry. We congratulate our dedicated management and Staff at the SWATS Plant.

### Notice of Water/Sewer Rate Increase

Ongoing inflation factors continue to increase our cost of service in maintaining our water and wastewater systems. In addition, with the purchase and funding of needed upgrades at the SWATS Plant, along with construction of improvements within our water transmission and distribution system, a rate increase is needed at this time. Also, with needed expansions underway at our wastewater treatment plants located in DeCordova and Pecan Plantation, along with aggressive inflow and infiltration repair efforts within our wastewater collection systems, an increase in sewer rates is needed as well.

At the Regular AMUD Monthly Meeting on August 21, 2024, the AMUD Board of Directors approved a 5% increase in the water and sewer base rates and commodity rates for all In-District residential and commercial accounts.

Please see attached the schedule of new rates and sample billing on the back of this notice. These rates will be reflected in your October billing.

We at AMUD continue our pledge to you to provide safe, plentiful water and sewer services at the lowest possible cost.

**SCHEDULE OF RATES - EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2024 BILLING**

**In District Water Rates**

Minimum	\$36.06
0 – 8,000 gallons	\$ 5.70 per thousand
8,001 – 16,000 gallons	\$ 7.07 per thousand
16,001 – 25,000 gallons	\$ 8.18 per thousand
Over 25,000 gallons	\$ 9.82 per thousand

**Sewer Rates**

Minimum	\$29.17
0 – 8,000 gallons	\$ 4.25 per thousand

(winter average: Residential: 8,000 gallons maximum – Commercial: no maximum)

Winter Average = December, January, and February billing

\*Note: water minimum shown above is based upon a standard 5/8” water meter.

Alternate monthly minimum charge for larger meters is as follows:

\$56.22	1” meter
\$73.56	1 ½” meter
\$90.39	2” meter
\$130.71	3” meter
\$464.98	4” meter

**SAMPLE BILLING - IN DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Effective October 2024 Billing</u>
Minimum water charge	\$34.34	\$36.06
2,000 gallons	\$45.20	\$47.46
5,000 gallons	\$61.49	\$64.56
10,000 gallons	\$91.24	\$95.80
25,000 gallons	\$201.73	\$211.84
30,000 gallons	\$248.48	\$260.94

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Effective October 2024 Billing</u>
Minimum sewer charge	\$27.78	\$29.17
2,000 gallons	\$35.88	\$37.67
3,000 gallons	\$39.93	\$41.92
4,000 gallons	\$43.98	\$46.17
6,000 gallons	\$52.08	\$54.67
8,000 gallons	\$60.18	\$63.17
10,000 gallons	\$60.18	\$63.17