



Residents See Higher Utility Bills

INCREASES HITTING MANY BASIC SERVICES

Each month, Fruit Heights residents receive a utility bill from the City with charges for culinary water, garbage collection, sewer system fees, storm drain fees, and transportation fees. There can also be optional charges such as green waste cans or additional garbage cans.

Due to increases in costs, some fees for these services have recently increased, and others are set to increase in the coming months. Projections show increases will continue in the coming years.

Many fees are the exact same for every resident. However, culinary water is metered, and depending on the amount used at your home, you may see a change on your bill from month to month.

Read more below to learn about essential services and what rates are charged, as well as explanations for increases. Services such as power, gas, secondary water (in most cases), and Internet are not provided by the City.

SERVICES PROVIDED



CULINARY WATER

Fruit Heights City has two sources for culinary water: well water and Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (WBWCD).

The Fruit Heights well produces approximately 30 acre feet of water per year. In addition, Fruit Heights purchases 745 acre feet of culinary water each year from WBWCD. In 2022, we paid \$294,271 for this water. The cost recently increased

to \$321,000, and projections from WBWCD show an increase to \$420,000 by 2026 for the same amount of water.

Similarly, water line maintenance and equipment costs have increased 30-50% over the last 3 years. For example, the cost to replace a fire hydrant in 2020 was approximately \$4,800. To replace the same hydrant today is \$9,800. These increases are reflected in the recent change to water fees.

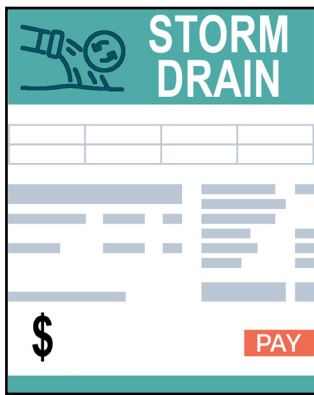
SEWER

Central Davis Sewer District (CDSD) owns and operates the sewer system in our city.

Fruit Heights City collects sewer fees from residents, then passes these funds to CDSD each month.

In July, this monthly fee will **increase from \$27.00 to \$38.00 per month**. CDSD's reasoning for the increase is twofold: new federal and state requirements regarding sewer collection and treatment processes, plus changes necessary following the creation of the new West Davis Corridor.





STORM DRAIN

Storm drain fees cover maintenance costs for the entire storm system, including street sweeping, videoing and cleaning of storm drain lines, inspections, reporting, and public education efforts.

Fruit Heights participates in the Stormwater Management Program, a federally mandated system every

community must have in place. Fruit Heights recently completed a state-mandated stormwater audit, and is in the process of completing action items from the audit report.

Fruit Heights is now required to complete a rate study to examine current fees, and whether or not those rates need to be increased to meet future needs of the Storm Drain Fund.

What is Included on My Utility Bill?

	Current Fee	After July
Culinary water (minimum)*	\$36.00	\$36.00
Sewer	\$27.00	\$38.00
Storm drain	\$14.25	\$14.25
Transportation fee	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50
Garbage (first can)	\$14.25	\$15.50
(opt. 2nd can)	(\$11.20)	(\$12.45)
(opt. green waste)	(\$ 6.74)	(\$ 7.74)
Minimum bill	\$99.00	\$111.25

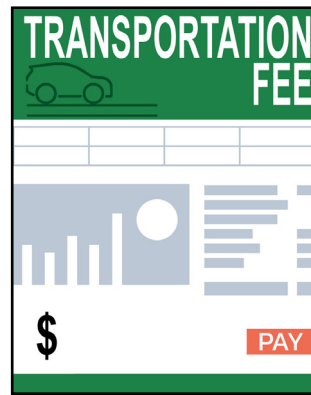
*Additional fees are charged per 1,000 gallons of water actually used. See chart showing charges per gallon used online at: <https://fruitheightscity.com/295/Utility-Rates>

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE TRUTH IN TAXATION

As property values rise, the tax rate a city receives goes down. Therefore, Fruit Heights City receives less money year after year unless the City passes a tax increase.

For example, Fruit Heights received \$1,290,000 from taxes in 2022. In 2023, as rates changed, Fruit Heights received \$1,252,000 which is a decrease of \$38,000 in one year.

A tax increase is proposed for this year. For budgeting reasons, the minimum proposed increase would at least maintain the revenue received in the past. Fruit Heights City will review costs, and propose the recommended increase. Look for more in the coming weeks. A Truth in Taxation meeting will be held in August.



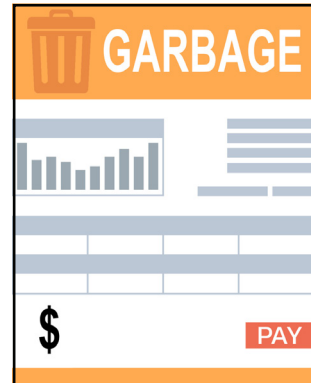
TRANSPORTATION FEES

Transportation fees are used for road projects, repairs, and maintenance. In order to change this fee, the city is required to complete a transportation study which examines the

condition of each road, number of vehicles, number of households, and more.

Every few years, Fruit Heights City hires a company to digitally scan and evaluate all roads in Fruit Heights. The scan measures cracks, potholes, and deterioration of roads. Data from the scans is processed, and the city engineer receives a report detailing the findings for each road, and the estimated life of each road.

Fruit Heights City has budgeted for this scan to occur this summer. Findings and needs will be presented to the city engineer and city council. Rate adjustments may follow the study based on findings.



GARBAGE COLLECTION

Residents see only one fee for garbage services on their monthly bill, but the funds are split between Integrated Waste Management (the local landfill) and Robinson Waste, who collects and hauls the garbage to the landfill.

Increased costs from these providers is causing the garbage fee to increase \$1.25 per garbage can, and \$1.00 per green waste can this July.

The cost for one garbage can will increase from \$14.25 to \$15.50. An optional 2nd can will increase from \$11.20 to \$12.45, and the optional green waste can increases from \$6.74 to \$7.74.

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