

## **Village to adjust water rate**

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The Village of Tinley Park will be making several adjustments to its water rate and billing cycle in order to compensate for increased costs.

Effective Jan. 1, the Village will move from a Two-Tier Rate system to a Four-Tier Rate System, and will change from a quarterly billing cycle to a bi-monthly billing cycle. There also will be a rate increase and small adjustments of meter base fees, as well as a new bi-monthly Administrative Fee of \$9.

These changes are needed in order to maintain a high-functioning water system and remain financially responsible. The Village hasn't increased water rates since 2014, except to pass through the growing costs of purchasing water from the Oak Lawn Regional Water System. Since that time, the consumer price index (CPI) has increased nearly 30%.

In order to keep water funds solvent, the Village has had to limit capital improvements to only the most necessary projects, defer additional maintenance costs, and transfer money from the operating funds into the water funds. If the problem isn't addressed now, it will only become a larger financial burden on the community as a whole down the road.

Despite these rate and billing changes, Tinley Park will still have a below-average water rate in comparison to other towns in the region.

For more information, please visit [TinleyPark.org/WaterRate](https://TinleyPark.org/WaterRate).