

RATE INCREASE

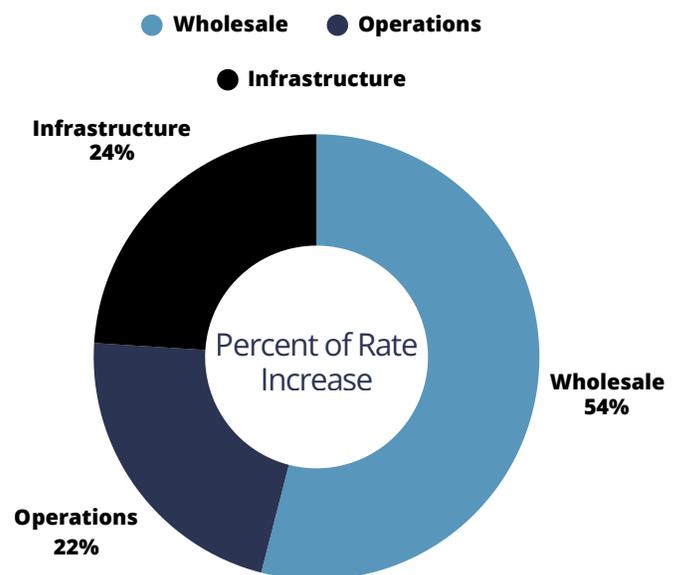
FOR WATER & WASTEWATER SERVICES

While every city and town needs water and sewer services, the factors impacting what to charge for those services are unique to each. Factors such as population size and growth, residential and commercial make up, infrastructure projects, wholesale provider costs, and the choice to use or not to use other revenue sources (example: property tax) to subsidize rates are just a few of the factors impacting what rates are needed to maintain quality services for residents.

Beginning in January 2026, Northlake will implement a 5.50% rate increase. One of the primary drivers of this increase are rising costs for purchasing wholesale water (5.7% increase) and wastewater (7.7% increase) from providers.

The Town does not use property taxes to subsidize rates, thus helping the Town maintain a low tax rate. Utility revenues are responsible for paying the costs associated with purchasing and maintaining Town water & sewer services. To ensure that rates will cover increasing costs and that the Town can maintain service quality, Northlake conducts a study each year to keep pace with rising costs and minimize the impact to residents.

What Are the Primary Drivers of Northlake's 5.50% Rate Increase?



2026 Projected Costs

What do Utility Revenues Pay For?

Residents and customers of Northlake utilities are charged each month for their water and sewer usage, but what do these charges pay for?

- **Wholesale Water & Sewer:** wholesale costs make up 54% of total costs. Northlake must buy water and sewer services from other entities, and these entities pass on their costs to Northlake residents.
- **Infrastructure Projects:** needed water and sewer infrastructure projects account for 24% of total costs. These projects help the Town to keep pace with growth and ensure effective service delivery.
- **Operations & Maintenance:** the Town is responsible for maintaining the water & sewer infrastructure that supplies services to residents. These costs include staff, equipment, vehicles, and system repairs and equal 22% of total costs.

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Primary driver of the rate change is Wholesale Provider Cost Increase:

Projected Sewer Provider Wholesale Increase – 7.7%

Projected Water Wholesale Providers Increase – 5.7%

Changes: All rates for water and wastewater services will increase 5.50%. Rate changes are effective starting the January 2026 billing period, which will begin on December 16, 2025.

WATER SERVICE RATES			
	Residential	Multifamily	Commercial
METER SIZE	MINIMUM SERVICE CHARGE		
3/4" or smaller	\$30.90	\$30.90	\$61.80
1"	\$47.50	\$30.90	\$95.00
1 1/2"	\$62.90	\$30.90	\$125.80
2"	\$94.90	\$30.90	\$189.80
3"	\$134.70	\$30.90	\$269.40
4"	\$197.50	\$30.90	\$395.00
6"	\$397.30	\$30.90	\$794.00
VOLUMETRIC CHARGES	RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS		
0-5,000 Gallons	\$5.10	\$5.10	\$7.70
5,001-15,000 Gallons	\$6.40	\$6.40	\$7.70
15,001+ Gallons	\$9.50	\$9.50	-
15,001-30,000 Gallons	-	-	\$8.90
30,001+ Gallons	-	-	\$10.20
WASTE WATER SERVICE RATES			
	Residential	Multifamily	Commercial
METER SIZE	MINIMUM SERVICE CHARGE		
3/4" or smaller	\$50.90	\$50.90	\$101.80
1"	\$77.40	\$50.90	\$154.80
1 1/2"	\$104.00	\$50.90	\$208.00
2"	\$157.10	\$50.90	\$314.20
3"	\$222.40	\$50.90	\$444.80
4"	\$325.40	\$50.90	\$650.80
6"	\$654.00	\$50.90	\$1,308.00
VOLUMETRIC CHARGES	RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS		
All Gallons	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$12.00

