



### Water Rates to Increase in Phases in 2024 & 2025

The Village of Lomira Water Utility applied with the Public Service Commission (PSC) to increase water rates due to a deficiency in the current rates in meeting operating expenditures and future projects. After the PSC conducted its investigation, it was confirmed that a 94.49% water rate increase is required to meet the operations, debts, projects, and future planning of the water utility.

On February 9, 2024, the WI PSC approved a “phase” plan to apply the adjusted water rates. Phase 1 will be effective March 22, 2024, with a 47.15% water and public fire protection (PFP) rate increase. Phase 2 rates will increase 47.34% and be effective March 22, 2025. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter utility bill issued at the end of June will be the first bill to reflect the Phase 1 rates.

It is important to understand that the water charge and PFP charge are affected by the rate increase. **The sewer charge will not be affected by the rate increase.** The previous conventional water rate increase was in 2013.

Please refer to the following charts regarding the water rate adjustment. Most Residential homes have a 3/4” meter.

#### Current Water Rates:

Quarterly Service Charge		Volume Charges		Public Fire Protection (PFP) Charge	
3/4" meter	\$ 17.39	First 20,000 gallons	\$4.20/1000	3/4" meter	\$24.60/quarter
1" meter	\$ 31.30	Next 80,000 gallons	\$3.91/1000	1" meter	\$62.28/quarter
1 1/4" meter	\$ 34.77	Next 400,000 gallons	\$2.32/1000	1 1/4" meter	\$91.79/quarter
1 1/2" meter	\$ 41.74	Next 500,000 gallons	\$1.99/1000	1 1/2" meter	\$122.94/quarter
2" meter	\$ 55.64			2" meter	\$196.69/quarter
3" meter	\$ 97.38			3" meter	\$367.15/quarter
4" meter	\$ 163.46			4" meter	\$613.01/quarter
6" meter	\$ 319.96			6" meter	\$1,229.32/quarter

#### Phase 1 Water Rates - Effective March 22, 2024:

Quarterly Service Charge		Volume Charges		Public Fire Protection (PFP) Charge	
3/4" meter	\$ 30.00	First 20,000 gallons	\$6.65/1000	3/4" meter	\$27.15/quarter
1" meter	\$ 36.00	Next 80,000 gallons	\$5.98/1000	1" meter	\$69/quarter
1 1/4" meter	\$ 42.00	Next 400,000 gallons	\$4.88/1000	1 1/4" meter	\$102/quarter
1 1/2" meter	\$ 48.00	Next 500,000 gallons	\$4.72/1000	1 1/2" meter	\$138/quarter
2" meter	\$ 66.00			2" meter	\$219/quarter
3" meter	\$ 99.00			3" meter	\$408/quarter
4" meter	\$ 165.00			4" meter	\$681/quarter
6" meter	\$ 321.00			6" meter	\$1,359/quarter

#### Phase 2 Water Rates - Effective March 22, 2025:

Quarterly Service Charge		Volume Charges		Public Fire Protection (PFP) Charge	
3/4" meter	\$ 36.00	First 20,000 gallons	\$8.63/1000	3/4" meter	\$37.92/quarter
1" meter	\$ 45.00	Next 80,000 gallons	\$8.20/1000	1" meter	\$94.92/quarter
1 1/4" meter	\$ 54.00	Next 400,000 gallons	\$7.20/1000	1 1/4" meter	\$141/quarter
1 1/2" meter	\$ 63.00	Next 500,000 gallons	\$6.15/1000	1 1/2" meter	\$189/quarter
2" meter	\$ 87.00			2" meter	\$303/quarter
3" meter	\$ 129.00			3" meter	\$570/quarter
4" meter	\$ 189.00			4" meter	\$951/quarter
6" meter	\$ 324.00			6" meter	\$1,896/quarter

An example of the current average utility bill, a proposed average utility bill, and more information can be found on the Village website [www.villageoflomira.gov/waterrateincrease](http://www.villageoflomira.gov/waterrateincrease).

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Water Rate Increase:

**Q: Why do we pay for water? Where does the money go?**

**A:** Great question! Living within an incorporated municipality with infrastructure and services has advantages that we don't often think about. What is in a water rate?

- Chemicals to treat the water system (chlorine to guarantee disinfection and iron removal with HMO at Well #1)
- Electric at two Wells and Booster Station
- Heat at two Wells and Booster Station
- Water meter replacement (approximately 100/yr)
- Watermain breaks
- Equipment for Wells – pumps, tubing, tools, injection quills, chemical pumps
- Building maintenance
- Transportation and vehicle expenses
- Annual operations: multiple software platforms, office supplies, hydrant flags, IT support, audit by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- Meter testing
- Water quality testing (weekly and quarterly)
- Training employees
- Wages and benefits
- Every 10 years the pump at each Well needs to be inspected, including motor and casing (pump is 400-450 ft deep)
- Hydrant flushing (191 hydrants 2x/yr)
- Valve exercising – open and close every valve in the Village to ensure proper working condition (312 valves 1x/yr)
- Miscellaneous items: repairs, publishing notices and the Consumer Confidence Report, regulatory PSC fees, DNR fees, engineering
- Infrastructure! Watermains, hydrants, laterals up to the curbstop, water treatment, and clean piping/meters are running smoothly
- This is not a complete list

**Q: What is the PFP charge?**

**A:** The Public Fire Protection (PFP) charge has been a portion of the quarterly sewer and water bill since 2018. The charge is for the benefit of municipal water utilities of the express purpose of recovering the costs to supply proper volume and pressure for fighting fires. A complete explanation of this charge is available at [www.villageoflomira.gov/utilities-services](http://www.villageoflomira.gov/utilities-services).

**Q: Can there be monthly billing instead of quarterly billing?**

**A:** It would be ideal to have monthly billing, however, there is not adequate staffing levels, time, or budget to take on such an endeavor. Monthly billing will require more envelopes, postage, paper, and staff to perform meter readings and process bills. The Clerk's office encourages residents and businesses to sign up for email billing; residents can get the quarterly bill sooner, saving the Village time and money. Email billing sign-up at [www.villageoflomira.gov/sign-up-for](http://www.villageoflomira.gov/sign-up-for)

Additionally, many residents already put money on their Lomira utility account in preparation for the quarterly bill. This method also helps with personal budgeting. Money can be put on the account at any time before the due date: daily, weekly, biweekly, monthly, etc. The credit that will build up on the account will offset the charge when the quarterly bill is processed. Payments can be mailed, dropped off in the outside dropbox at the municipal building, dropped off at the Clerk's office, or online at [www.villageoflomira.gov/pay](http://www.villageoflomira.gov/pay)

Questions or concerns can be directed to a Board member, the Administrator, or by visiting the website links above. Thank you.



## Village-wide Rummage Sale Days!

The Village is promoting several rummage sale dates so households who wish to have a sale will get more traffic/sales.

Lomira village-wide rummage sale dates are set for:

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (same as Brownsville)
- May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup> (same as Theresa)
- October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (same as Brownsville)

If you are interested in posting an ad for your sale, please contact the Dodge County Pionier at 920-387-2211 or add to the discussion on the Village Rummage Sale Events on Facebook!

## Hydrant Flushing

Public Works will be flushing and testing hydrants the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am to 4pm as job duties permit. Please do not wash clothes during these times on these days, as they may be stained by rust. Drinking the water is not harmful. Please contact Public Works at 920-269-8155 with questions. Thank you.



## Bulk Waste Drop-Off Day

The Village of Lomira will be holding a bulk waste drop-off on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to noon** at the Village of Lomira Wastewater Treatment Facility located at 100 Pleasant Hill Avenue (south of the Lomira ball diamonds and yard waste drop-off).

**RESIDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNLOAD THEIR OWN ITEMS.**

This service is provided for **VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY** and if the following rules are not adhered to, this service may be discontinued. Bulk waste is defined as large items that do not fit in regular garbage carts. Please note normal household garbage and cardboard will not be accepted. The following is a list of items that will be accepted: household furniture, automotive batteries, scrap metal, paint cans—provided any paint they contain is hardened (you can dry the paint quickly by mixing it with cement).

The following items will be collected with fees: tires: \$5.00/car tire & \$20.00/larger tire, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and other freon-containing appliances - - \$35.00, washers, dryers, water heaters, microwaves, stoves and other appliances that do not contain freon - - \$35.00.

Electronics including tv's, computers, printers, DVD players, DVRs, VCRs, recorders, CD and cassette players, video game units, cell phones, and individual computer accessories (monitor, keyboard, mouse, speakers, external hard drives, flash drives) are free of charge!

If you have any item that is questionable, please contact the Public Works office at 269-8155 ahead of time.

## Paper Shredding Event!

The Village is teaming up with Shred-It for a bulk paper shredding event on **May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am**. Residents can drive to the same location as the bulk waste drop-off event located at 100 Pleasant Hill Avenue on this day to drop off documents. Residents can unload their documents, then the Shred-It representative will shred, and you can be on your way! This service is provided to Village residents free of charge!

Here is a list of what can be shredded: all paper, file folders, hanging files, computer paper, notepads and envelopes. Staples, paper clips, and bull clips do not need to be removed.

Here is a list of what cannot be shredded: three-ring binders, batteries, small E-waste items, garbage, plastic cups, paper plates, food wrappers, CDs, DVDs, data tapes, hard drives, microfilm, x-rays, etc.



Dodge County Sheriff's Office  
and Village of Lomira



Present

# SCAMS TARGETING OLDER ADULTS

a FREE Educational Presentation on Protecting Yourself  
from Scams

**When:**

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
1pm to 3pm (or longer if needed)

OR

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
1pm to 3pm (or longer if needed)

**Where:**

Lomira Municipal Building  
Community Room  
425 Water Street, Lomira

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Anyone interested in attending should contact the Clerk's Office to register  
and reserve seating.

Call 920-269-4112 x2 or email Jenna Rhein at jrhein@villageoflomira.gov

Invite your family and friends because everyone can benefit from this  
information, not just our older citizens!

Featuring an informative  
presentation by Sgt. Counard  
of the Dodge County Sheriff's  
Office



**SERGEANT  
DONALD COUNARD**

Village of Lomira

425 Water Street, Lomira, WI 53048

Scammers are constantly working to take your  
hard-earned money from you.  
Because of current reported fraudulent activity,  
we will be hosting a presentation to make you  
aware of current scams that are taking huge  
sums of money from hard-working and retired  
citizens.  
This event will help our older citizens, who are  
directly targeted, understand some of the tactics  
scammers use to separate you from your  
money.  
We want to help you avoid becoming the next  
victim in our community!

## Coffee & Conversation

### Join Us

Village President Donald Luedtke and Administrator Jenna Rhein  
will be available to speak with residents and answer questions.



Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

8am to 9am

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