



2023-2024 Utility Rate Increase Information

The Township Board reviews and adjusts the water and sewer rates charged to our customers every year. With your latest water/sewer bill you will see the following increases.

Water Rates

The Township raised the water rates 4.4% this year. This is due to the following:

- The Township purchases our water wholesale from the City of Grand Rapids. Earlier this year the City of Grand Rapids increased the wholesale rate they charge us by 8.85 %.
- In 2020 the Township Board authorized a three-year, \$8 million project to remove and replace all the older cast iron watermain in the Adacraft, Adatowne, and a part of the Ada Woods neighborhoods. This watermain (over 5 miles) will be replaced with ductile iron pipe. After this is complete, all of our 41 miles of watermain will be ductile iron pipe. The final Phase (III) was completed in fall of 2022 with yard restoration the only outstanding item for the spring of 2023.
- The Township has also completed increasing the capacity of the Ada Drive water pumping station with a larger pump and new electrical – a project that was completed in 2021.
- The Knapp Street water tower was repainted last year as well as some miscellaneous improvements.

Sewer Rates

The Township raised the sewer rates 0.44% this year. This is due to the following:

- The Township sends its sewer flow to the City of Grand Rapids system, and the city increased the wholesale sewer rate they charge us by 0.44%.
- In 2022 the Township completed repairs at its Fulton St. lift station (valve replacement), and is planning numerous capital improvements as outlined in the FY 2023-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.

Below is a bar chart that shows Ada Township rates relative to other communities in our area that are fed from the Grand Rapids water and sewer system. Even with the recent rate increase and significant recent capital investments, Ada Township rates remain competitive with our surrounding communities.