



Upcoming Glenwood Wastewater Treatment Facility

Need for Improvements

- Glenwood Municipal Utilities is in the process of planning improvements to its wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) to address issues related to the facility's age and ability to comply with changing regulations.
- The WWTF is nearing the end of its useful life. A 'Capital Improvement WWTF Fee' is necessary to build a new facility and replace the aged sewer system.
- Following a study of the existing WWTF and evaluation of alternatives, it was determined a new WWTF would provide the best value and functionality for Glenwood's wastewater treatment operations moving forward.

Funding

- Glenwood Municipal Utilities is pursuing funding from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), SRF, and other funding sources. A low-interest loan of *up to* \$50 million financed over *up to* 40 years will require an annual payment of approximately \$2.6 million. A 3-year preemptive rate planning process provides additional buying power to the utility to ultimately reduce financing costs over the lifetime of the facility.
- Beginning in 2026, a 'Capital Improvement WWTF Fee' for the Wastewater Treatment Facility will be added to monthly sewer bills with its first increase of \$22.50 estimated to raise approximately \$600,000 annually toward the expected payment.
- Constructing all improvements at one time provides the least impact to net user rates. User rates will be gradually increased over the upcoming 3 to 4 years to prepare for and offset the cost of the project.

2026 Utility Rates Adjustments

In addition to the wastewater treatment facility fee, the utility must make a 2.5% inflationary adjustment to its sewer and water rates to cover operating expenditures. Customers will see this increase beginning with statement date 3-31-2026. This difference is shown below adjusted for usage:

	2025 Water Rates	2026 Water Rates
Base Rate (<2,000 Gallons)	\$20.00	\$20.50
Infrastructure Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00
Usage Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	\$8.00	\$8.20
In-City Administrative Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00
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User Impacts		
2,000 gallons	\$30.00	\$30.50
4,000 gallons	\$46.00	\$46.90
6,000 gallons	\$62.00	\$63.30
8,000 gallons	\$78.00	\$79.70

	2025 Sewer Rates	2026 Sewer Rates
Base Rate (<2,000 Gallons)	\$30.00	\$30.75
Infrastructure Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00
Capital Improvement WWTF Fee	\$0.00	\$22.50
Usage Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	\$10.50	\$10.76
In-City Administrative Fee	\$6.15	\$6.15
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User Impacts		
2,000 gallons	\$41.15	\$64.40
4,000 gallons	\$62.15	\$85.92
6,000 gallons	\$83.15	\$107.44
8,000 gallons	\$104.15	\$128.96