

## 2023 Increase & Water Usage Average Update for Sewer Bills

The Boone County Regional Sewer District will implement an increase of 2.56% to sanitary sewer rates in 2023, as recommended by a User Rate Study and the Board of Trustees. The base service fee of \$27.15 monthly will increase to \$27.65. The treatment cost of \$8.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used will increase to \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons. Pressure sewer rates will not change. The average user may expect to see a total increase of approximately \$1.75 each month. These updated rates will be effective from July 1, 2023.

The need for any BCRSD rate increase is driven by a requirement to comply with stringent state and federal regulations for wastewater treatment and collection systems. The BCRSD's increase is intended to keep up with external inflation rates that impact the cost of operations and maintenance, to provide adequate debt service coverage for existing loans, and to provide capital needed to rehabilitate/replace infrastructure on a schedule set by compliance standards. The US Department of Labor cites the rate of inflation at 4.9% for April 2023, and Social Security and COLA increases are adjusting for inflation at 8.7% in 2023. Going forward, the BCRSD intends to implement small, routine increases each year in order to avoid large increases that may be burdensome to rate-payers.

### Water Usage Review 2023

The BCRSD will complete the annual water usage review during summer of 2023! Any changes to the usage/volume charge on your bill will be based on an average of your January, February and March water usage (for most customers). Changes may be reflected on your July statement from Boone Electric Cooperative (for the sewer portion of your bill). The following fees will be included in your billing:

- The monthly Base Service Fee of \$27.65 covers the administrative cost of making sewer service available to the property, and includes the cost of debt service and other fixed costs. This fee is constant while the private sewer lateral is connected to the public sewer main.
- The Water Treatment Fee of \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons water used covers the cost of treating wastewater to make it safe to return to local creeks and streams. The BCRSD applies this fee based on an average water usage for your household, determined by the water readings reported by your water provider.
- A Pressure System Surcharge may be applied if your property has a pressurized system (Rates B & E - septic tank effluent pump systems; Rate F - grinder pump systems; or Rate D - small diameter variable grade systems). This fee varies depending on the type of system you have and whether or not the BCRSD maintains it for you. Monthly fees in this category range from \$8.70 to \$21.95. More information on pressurized systems is available at [www.bcrsd.com](http://www.bcrsd.com).