

Average Charges at 4,000 Gallons of Water Usage

	Average Bill January 2025	Rate Increase April 2026	Average Bill April 2026
Fixed Charge (Base, Includes first 1,000 Gallons)	\$30.10	\$3.60	\$33.70
Water Volume Charge (Additional 3,000 Gallons, for 4,000 Gallon Total Bill)	\$19.80	\$11.40	\$31.20
Arkansas Department of Health Drinking Water Fee	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.40
Sales Tax	\$4.61	\$1.38	\$5.99
	\$54.91	\$16.38	\$71.29
Percent Increase to Total Water Bill		29.80%	
Average Cost Per Day for Water Service		\$2.38	

Oak Grove Water Users Association Public Water Authority (Oak Grove) purchases water from the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities (VBMU), who in turn purchases water from the City of Fort Smith. Both VBMU and Fort Smith have increased water rates within the past two (2) years, and this has increased the cost of water purchased by Oak Grove. The water rate increase outlined in this mailer is due to increased water purchase costs and other operational costs increasing.

Oak Grove understands that these cost increases are challenging to all water users, both residential and commercial. Like rising costs of services such as fuel, electricity, energy, natural gas, communications, and groceries, the cost of providing public water services has increased across the state and nation.

The average daily cost of water for an Oak Grove User will be around \$2.38/day based on a 4,000 gallon monthly usage, which is less than a package of bottled water or a cup of coffee at a standard drive through.

Oak Grove Water Users Association Public Water Authority does not receive any state or federal funding to supplement the cost of providing water services.