

MARKET-DRIVEN INFLATIONARY COST INCREASES

FUEL/TRANSPORTATION

↑ 57%

UTILITIES

↑ 23%

CHLORINE/CHEMICALS

↑ 21%

PARTS/MAINTENANCE

↑ 9%

LABOR

↑ 65%

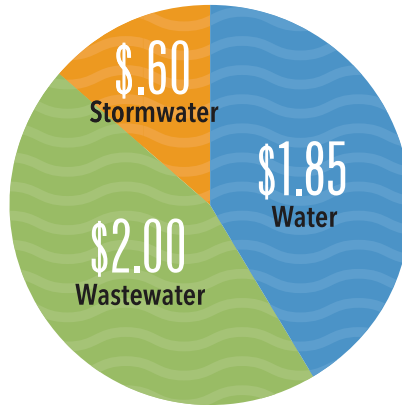
2023
Water Rates

Water for Our Future

January 2023 water rate increase

A 5% increase for water, wastewater, and stormwater fees will go into effect on January 1. This adjustment will help offset current market-driven inflationary costs the City is incurring to deliver residential water services. Costs such as fuel, chlorine, labor, and utilities are continuing to escalate. As a result of this 5% increase, a typical single-family residence will see a \$4.45* increase to its monthly utility bills.

5% RATE INCREASE BREAKDOWN FOR MONTHLY UTILITY BILLS*



A comprehensive Utility Rate and Fee Study is also underway to determine the ongoing funding necessary to continue providing residents with safe and reliable water services. The completion of the Utility Rate and Fee Study in late spring 2023 will provide a more complete understanding of ongoing funding needs and identify strategies to close the anticipated gaps between current utility revenues and projected future expenses. Learn more at lafayetteco.gov/WaterForOurFuture.

*Figures based on winter usage for an average single-family residence. Summer figures may increase depending on individual outdoor irrigation practices.



Watch the Year in Review Video

Take a look back at the City's 2022 accomplishments. Visit lafayetteco.gov/YearInReview

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Lafayette
Green Business
Program

Lafayette Green Business awards

Congratulations to the 23 Lafayette businesses recognized by the City for their environmental leadership and commitment to a better, more sustainable world.

View this impressive list of local retailers, service providers, and restaurants, and show your support for their efforts. Visit lafayetteco.gov/GreenBusiness.



Christmas Tree recycling

Republic Services Three Cart Program customers may place trees curbside as compost on your weekly collection day during January - March. Ensure your tree is cut to 4-foot sections, undecorated, and unflocked (no fake snow).

Lafayette residents can also recycle Christmas trees on weekdays at the City Service Center through Jan. 27. Trees are mulched by the City and used as ground cover in parks and flower beds. Visit lafayetteco.gov/HolidayRecycle for hours of operation and to learn about recycling other holiday waste like wrapping paper, gift bags, and ribbon.



Lafayette: a foodie destination and a great place to live

Lafayette is being recognized by leading publications such as Money Magazine and 5280 Magazine and is becoming known as a destination for its welcoming vibe, unique boutiques, and tasty restaurant scene. View some of the exciting acknowledgements Lafayette has received recently at lafayetteco.gov/Awards.



Oatmeal Fest on Jan. 14

Join the Chamber of Commerce for the 26th annual Lafayette Oatmeal Festival on Jan. 14. Breakfast runs from 7:30-11:30am at Pioneer Elementary and features 100 toppings! Learn more at lafayettecolorado.com.

Wildlife Study questionnaire

The City is beginning a process to develop Lafayette's first Wildlife Plan. The primary goal of this plan is to offer long-term protection to our local wildlife and the habitat they call home. Help us learn what wildlife you value, what conservation concerns you have, and what protections you'd like to see for our local flora and fauna by completing the questionnaire at lafayetteco.gov/WildlifePlan.

Calendar of events

🕒 Reoccurring events | * Registration required | 💰 Fee-based program

- **Teen Workshop: Learn to Illustrate Characters*** 🕒
Tuesdays in January – 5pm, Lafayette Public Library
 - **Teen Maker Hangout - Drop In** 🕒
Mondays – 4pm, Lafayette Public Library
 - **A Year at Waneka Exhibit** 🕒
Jan. 11-March 5 – The Collective Community Art Center
 - **Lafayette Birds!** 🕒
First Sundays – 1-3pm, Greenlee Wildlife Preserve
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- **Public Art Grant Application**
Dec. 12-Feb. 6 – lafayetteco.gov/grants
 - **Paws to Read**
Jan. 8 – 1:30pm, Lafayette Public Library
 - **Dance with a Star! LaBlast with Louis Van Amstel*💰**
Jan. 9 – 9-10am, 10:30-11:30am, Bob Burger Recreation Center
 - **AARP Smart Driver*💰**
Jan. 10 – 12:30-5pm, Lafayette Senior Center
 - **Adult Salsa or Ballroom Dancing*💰**
Jan. 10 & 12 – Bob Burger Recreation Center
 - **Making Mats for the Homeless with Plam***
Jan. 13 – 1-4pm, Lafayette Senior Center
 - **Art & Activism with Lafayette's Poet Laureate**
Jan. 14 – 3pm, Lafayette Public Library
 - **Annual MLK March for Peace Celebration**
Jan. 16 – 10am-noon, Angevine MS/City Park, details at lafayetteco.gov/MLKMarch
 - **Tune into Nature - Birds of Prey**
Jan. 17 – 6:30pm, Lafayette Public Library
 - **National Western Stock Show Trip*💰**
Jan. 18 – 11am-5pm, Lafayette Senior Center
 - **Flamenco Dance Class*💰**
Jan. 19 – 11am-noon, Lafayette Senior Center
 - **Medicare Basics Presentation**
Jan. 24 – 11am-noon, Lafayette Senior Center
 - **Little Herbal Apothecary - Herbal Tea Blending*💰**
Jan. 26 – 10-11am, Lafayette Senior Center
 - **Breckenridge Snow Sculptures Trip*💰**
Jan. 27 – 8:30am-6pm, Lafayette Senior Center

Please check the City calendar for updates. For info about these and other events, visit lafayetteco.gov/Events.



Pet waste doesn't belong in residential compost carts – even if you place it in compostable bags. Please dispose of all pet waste in your garbage cart.