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## Press Release

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### *Village Utility Bills To Increase*

Plainfield, IL -- Residents will see a small increase in utility bill rates beginning with the utility bills mailed in June. The average residence consumes about 900 cubic feet (approximately 6700 gallons) of water per month. Thus, the average utility bill will increase by \$8.51 per month if water usage remains the same; while minimum bills will increase by \$4.27 per month.

The \$8.51 increase includes a change in the way a minimum bill is calculated, the addition of a capital improvement fee, and an increase to the administrative fee for garbage services. This increase is necessary as a result of rising water costs from the City of Chicago which has implemented significant rate increases, totaling 44%, since 2008. The Village is also dealing with additional expenses for compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's new phosphorus limits at the North Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The Village will offer a 10% discount on the total monthly water and sewer charge to seniors who qualify for the "Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemption" as defined by the County Treasurer. Seniors who wish to apply for the discount must provide Utility Billing with a copy of their property tax bill, which lists the exemption, via mail or in person. For more information on the "Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemption," please contact the Will County Supervisor of Assessments at (815) 740-4648 or visit their web site at [www.willcountysoa.com](http://www.willcountysoa.com) or contact the Kendall County Supervisor of Assessments at (630) 553-4146 or visit their web site at [www.co.kendall.il.us](http://www.co.kendall.il.us).

Residents who have questions regarding their utility bill should contact the Village of Plainfield at (815) 439-2923 or (815) 439-4257.

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