



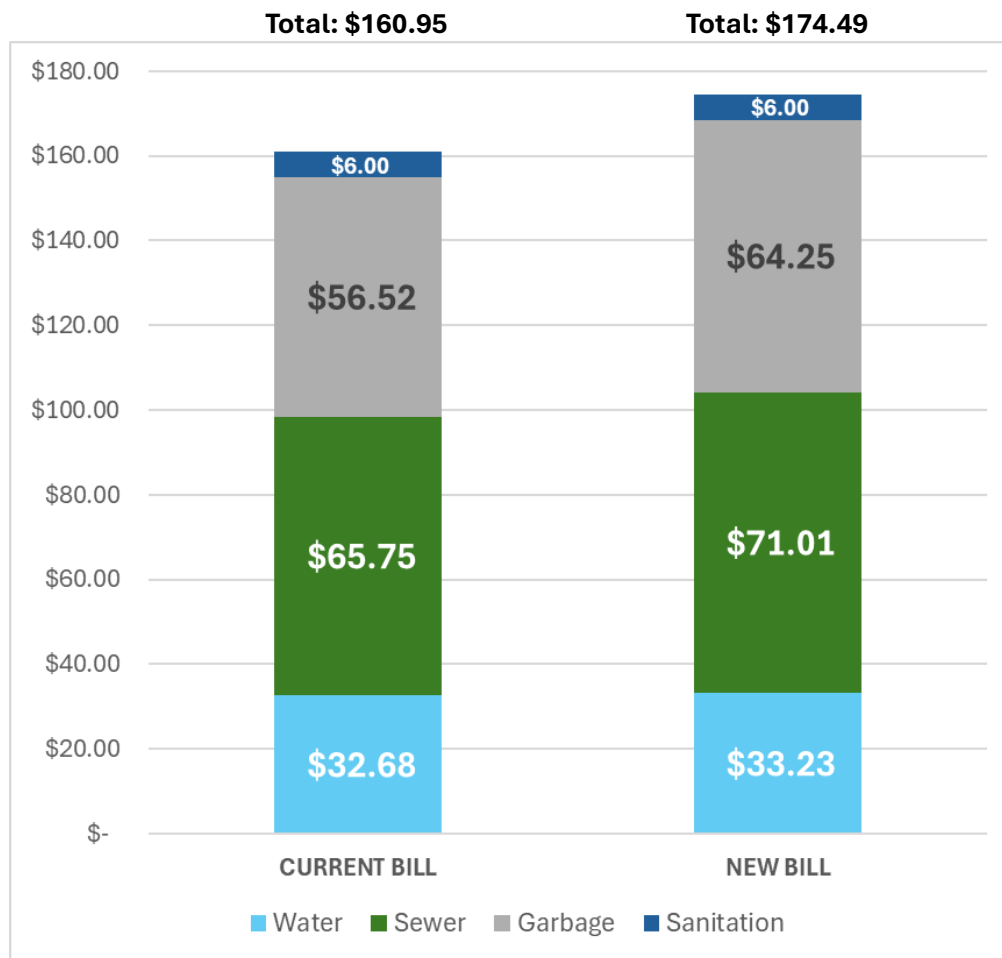
Reminder: New Utility Rates Effective July 1, 2025

Rate Increases

The City of Soledad's water and wastewater systems represent some of the largest public infrastructure investments in our City. The rate increases are necessary to cover the cost associated with operations, capital improvements and debt service obligations. The City's rates can only include the costs of providing water and wastewater utility services. Revenues from rates are used to run the utilities and do not generate profit or go towards other City programs.

Total Utility Bill Increase (for a typical customer)

Single Family Residential
(9 units of water usage,
64-gallon trash can, 1x/week)
1 unit = 748 gallons of water





Background

In November 2021, the City Council of City of Soledad, by Resolution No. 5751, established new water and sewer rates from fiscal year 2021-2022 through 2025-2026.

Table 4-7 Projected Rate Revenue Increases Fiscal Years Ending June 30		
Description	Water Rate Revenue Increases	Sewer Rate Revenue Increases
2021-22	15.0%	12.0%
2022-23	14.0%	8.0%
2023-24	14.0%	8.0%
2024-25	8.0%	8.0%
2025-26	3.0%	8.0%

Source: City of Soledad Water & Sewer Rate Study dated August 2021.

Why are water rates changing?

The proposed water rates will ensure that the City continues to provide safe and reliable water service by funding the ongoing cost of operating and maintaining the City's water system, including investing in capital infrastructure, meeting water quality standards, servicing debt obligations, and funding reserves.

Why are wastewater rates changing?

The City's wastewater system plays a leading role in the protection of public health and the environment. Maintaining the wastewater system requires a proactive commitment to investing in the capital infrastructure and resources necessary to keep this vital system operating 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The proposed rate changes will enable the City to meet the needs of the wastewater system, including operation and maintenance costs, capital improvements, mandated standards of treatment, debt service, contingency reserves, and other financial obligations.

What charges are included in my utility bill?

- Water (includes charge for actual water usage and a monthly flat rate for water meter)
- Sewer (flat rate)
- Garbage (charge is based on size of garbage bin)
- Sanitation (flat rate)

How will the changes impact my utility bill?

For a typical single-family customer with water, sewer, and trash service and average monthly water use, the total utility bill will increase by about \$13.54, or 8.4% per month. See the chart in previous page for a breakdown in the change in cost.



Monthly Garbage Collection and Disposal Rates

Tarifas Mensuales de Colección y Eliminación de Basura

Effective/Efectivo July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Residential Weekly Cart Service Servicio de Bote Semanal Residencial	2024-25 Fee Tarifa 2024-25	2025-26 Fee Tarifa 2025-2026	Cost Increase Aumento de Costos
48-Gallon Cart Bote de 48 Galones	\$36.12	\$41.99	\$5.87
64-Gallon Cart Bote de 64 Galones	\$56.52	\$64.25	\$7.73
96-Gallon Cart Bote de 96 Galones	\$77.01	\$86.65	\$9.64
Commercial & Multi-family Bin Service 1 Pickup Per Week Servicio de Contenedores Comerciales y Multifamiliares 1 Recogida por Semana			
One Cubic Yard Bin Contenedor de Una Yarda Cúbica	\$214.59	\$248.83	\$34.24
Two Cubic Yard Bin Contenedor de Dos Yardas Cúbicas	\$347.19	\$395.56	\$48.37
Three Cubic Yard Bin Contenedor de Tres Yardas Cúbicas	\$503.15	\$569.27	\$66.12
Four Cubic Yard Bin Contenedor de Cuatro Yardas Cúbicas	\$656.35	\$739.80	\$83.45