

# Brandon-Irene WSC



## Board of Directors

### Notice of Rate Increase

Brandon-Irene WSC has gone through personnel changes recently, while having multiple leaks, equipment repairs including the pulling and replacement of well pumps and motors. B-I WSC has been reviewing and evaluating pipe failure locations, age of piping, number of pipe failures in particular locations. Along with looking ahead to the possibility of needing additional water. B-I WSC is working towards being financially prepared to handle all the upcoming work and improvements the system will require.

Brandon-Irene WSC owns and operates three (3) wells, two (2) ground storage tanks, one (1) elevated tower, and purchases treated surface water from Aquilla Water Supply. With the anticipated growth within the B-I WSC service area, and in surrounding areas, this could raise the possibility of B-I WSC needing to acquire more water than is currently available. This would require B-I WSC securing a new source of water to meet the growing needs. In conjunction with needed pipe size increases and replacing of older pipe, repairing several creek crossings and the installation of new equipment to improve the operation of the system.

The B-I WSC Board of Directors requested a review of the current rates and fees being charged by the corporation, to determine if a rate increase was warranted. Reviewing the rates, did reflect the need for an increase in rates and fees. The cost of water purchased from Aquilla WSC was increased beginning with the October 2022 bill received from Aquilla. There will also be an increase from Aquilla for maintenance and improvements to their system in the near future. These increases were passed through Brandon-Irene as the base rate increase per meter. Then to maintain and be able to fund operating costs in the future a volumetric rate increase was also required. This increase will be a fixed rate but would be a variable increase based on the amount of water used by each customer. One of the goals of these increases is to allow Brandon-Irene WSC to increase capital funds, to help in securing grants and loans for needed system improvements.

The Brandon-Irene WSC has been serving customers for over the past 70 years. With the new growth, and aging of the infrastructure, along with the increase in cost of supplies and labor, these rate increases are needed to stay up with

rising costs. The base rate and volumetric rate increases will allow B-I WSC to keep up with the current rate of inflation and build funds for future required maintenance and growth.

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each member for your support, patience and continued confidence. With all the recent water disruptions, and equipment issues, it has been a very trying past several months. Personnel are working diligently to correct and improve the reliability of the water system. Brandon-Irene WSC employees and Board members fully understand the frustrations associated with the water outages.

<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>Current Avg Bill</b>	<b>New Rates</b>	<b>Rate Increase added to Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Avg New Bill</b>
\$54.27	\$54.27	\$64.27	\$10.00	64.27
\$5.75	\$88.77	\$7.00	\$1.25	106.27
\$6.25	\$141.77	\$8.00	\$1.75	176.27
\$6.75	\$216.27	\$9.00	\$2.25	280.27
\$7.25	\$1,294.02	\$9.50	\$2.25	1688.77

  
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