



## Billing Method Change for Public Fire Protection (PFP) Charge.

The current PFP charge is based on the property’s assessed value. Meaning that this fee changes annually if there is a change to the assessed value of the property. The new billing method will be based on water meter size and whether the property is residential or non-residential. Each meter size will have a rate assigned for residential and non-residential based on rates designed by the Public Service Commission upon completion of the water rate case study. The new method simplifies the billing process and provides a stable rate for customers. Rates for the PFP charge will only change with future water rate cases.

### What is the Public Fire Protection (PFP) charge?

PFP relates to the infrastructure and maintenance costs of the water utility that enable the system to supply large volumes of water during a fire. This includes larger water mains, wells, treatment facilities, storage facilities, and hydrants. Importantly, none of the PFP charges support the operations of the Marshfield Fire Department.

### What am I currently paying for Public Fire Protection?

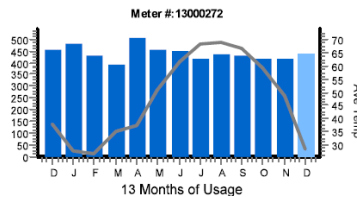
See your current charge for Public Fire Protection under the Water heading and before the City Charges on your statement.

Service Meter / Rate	Current Read	Previous Read	Multiplier	Days / Usage	Charge	Usage History
<b>WATER</b>						
Public Fire Protection @ \$ 0.069740 per \$1000 Assessed Value					9.57	

### How do I find out what size meter I have?

On page one of your statement under the summary of Water charges, look for “Customer charge” and locate your meter size. The example below shows 5/8” meter.

<b>WATER</b>						
Meter #:13000272	12/15/2024	11/15/2024		30 Days		
Customer Charge 5/8"					9.48	
Volume Charge-Cu.Ft.	5206373	5162734	0.010	436.390	17.11	
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### How will this impact my bill?

The change will vary depending on residential or non-residential status, the size of the meter and your current assessed property value. Until the PSC completes the water rate case, we are unable to provide specific details as to how your bill may be impacted.

### How will I know if my property is considered residential or non-residential?

In general, if your private residence has its own water meter you would fall under residential. There are some cases where multi-family complexes would fall under non-residential. If you are unsure call our office 715-387-1195.

### When will the new calculation be implemented?

This new calculation will be implemented after the completion of the Public Service Commission water rate case study. We anticipate the public hearing to be scheduled sometime in March with a final determination in early spring. All rate changes will be communicated as available in future bill inserts.