

Bryant's Water & Sewer Rate Study: Investing in the Future

Welcome to Bryant's Water & Sewer Rate Study presentation. Today, we'll explore essential investments in our water and sewer systems that ensure reliable services, fair rates, and a strong future for our community.



Understanding Act 605: Arkansas Water & Sewer Compliance Requirements

Act 605, passed in Arkansas in 2021, introduces critical compliance requirements for water and sewer systems across the state.

Key requirements include:

- Training for members of the governing body
- Mandated rate studies by an approved third party every five years
- Implementation of full cost pricing to cover capital and operation & maintenance costs for water services
 - This requires rates to adequately cover the water system's operation and maintenance costs, debt service, required reserves, depreciation, future capital expenses, other expenses, and a preparation of an audit.

The compliance deadline for these requirements is **July 1, 2026**.

Why We're Here

\$61.8M

Investment in Critical Water & Sewer Improvements

Over the next five years, Bryant will invest \$61.8 million in critical water and sewer system improvements. These upgrades are essential for ensuring reliable daily service, effective fire protection, and the capacity to support community growth. This proactive approach aligns with Act 605, requiring that water and sewer rates reflect costs outlined in adopted master plans and Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs).

PROJECTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (FY2025-2030)



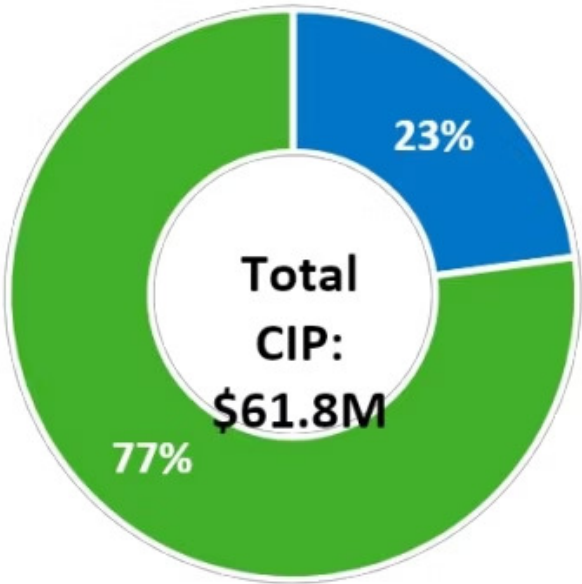
WATER PROJECTS

NEAR TERM (2025 – 2029)	
1.5M Gallon Tank @ N. Reynolds / High School	\$ 11,000,000
12" extension Boon Rd	1,300,000
System Transmission, Springhill, I-30 to Hwy 5N	1,000,000
Bryant Pkwy I-30 to Johnswood	740,000
Fireflow Improvemnet Project – N. Reynolds Rd at Rogers Rd.Crossig	40,000
Woody Dr to Steeplechase Cir	80,000
Total	14,160,000

WASTEWATER PROJECTS

NEAR TERM (2025 – 2029)	
Disinfection / Contact Basin / Dissolved Oxygen Basin Improvements	\$ 4,230,000
Headworks & Grit Removal Improvements	5,922,000
Activated Sludge Process Improvements	12,250,000
Clarification Improvements / WAS / RAS	9,024,000
BR-04 Lift Station LS-05 Upgrade	8,625,000
Lift Station LS-05 Parallel Force Main	7,618,000
Total	47,669,000

TOTAL CIP \$ 61,829,000



■ Water ■ Wastewater

Rate Proposals by Department

To support these vital improvements, proposed rates will be adjusted as follows:

- Water rates will increase by **9%**
- Sewer rates will increase by **6%**

		Current	Effective					
			Jan-26	Jan-27	Jan-28	Jan-29	Jan-30	
WATER								
Residential and Non Residential								
Monthly Minimum Charge								
5/8"		\$ 14.53	\$ 15.84	\$ 17.26	\$ 18.82	\$ 20.51	\$ 22.36	
1"		21.80	23.76	25.90	28.23	30.77	33.54	
1 1/2"		36.33	39.60	43.16	47.05	51.28	55.90	
2"		72.65	79.19	86.32	94.08	102.55	111.78	
3"		116.24	126.70	138.10	150.53	164.08	178.85	
4"		217.96	237.58	258.96	282.26	307.67	335.36	
6"		726.53	791.92	863.19	940.88	1,025.56	1,117.86	
Volume Rate Per 100 Gal								
2,000	Above	0.698	0.761	0.829	0.904	0.985	1.074	

		Current	Effective					
			Jan-26	Jan-27	Jan-28	Jan-29	Jan-30	
WASTEWATER								
Residential & Non-Residential Inside								
Monthly Minimum Charge		\$ 20.70	\$ 21.94	\$ 23.26	\$ 24.65	\$ 25.15	\$ 25.65	
Volume Rate/100 Gal (2,000-Above)		1.104	1.170	1.240	1.315	1.341	1.368	
Salem/Quail Ridge								
Monthly Minimum Charge		\$ 41.40	\$ 43.88	\$ 46.52	\$ 49.31	\$ 50.29	\$ 51.30	
Volume Rate/100 Gal		1.104	1.170	1.240	1.315	1.341	1.368	
Drain Water (County Landfield)								
Volume Rate/per Gallon		0.0575	0.0610	0.0646	0.0685	0.0699	0.0713	

WW Infrastructure Monthly Charge							
(in addition to mthly chgs)	5/8"	\$ 15.75	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.50	\$ 11.03	\$ 11.58	\$ 12.16
	1"	52.50	55.13	57.88	60.78	63.81	67.00
	1 1/2"	105.00	110.25	115.76	121.55	127.63	134.01
	2"	168.00	176.40	185.22	194.48	204.21	214.42
	3"	336.00	352.80	370.44	388.96	408.41	428.83
	4"	530.25	556.76	584.60	613.83	644.52	676.75
	6"	1,060.50	1,113.53	1,169.20	1,227.66	1,289.04	1,353.50
	8"	1,060.50	1,113.53	1,169.20	1,227.66	1,289.04	1,353.50

What's Changing in Bryant

To support these vital improvements, proposed rates will be adjusted as follows:

- Water rates will increase by **9%**
- Sewer rates will increase by **6%**
- Infrastructure fees for 5/8" meters will be reduced from **\$15.75** to **\$10**

The impact means minimum-use customers will actually see a **\$3.20 monthly savings**, while higher consumption users will experience modest increases proportional to their usage.

IMPACT OF RATE PLAN ON COMBINED MONTHLY CHARGES



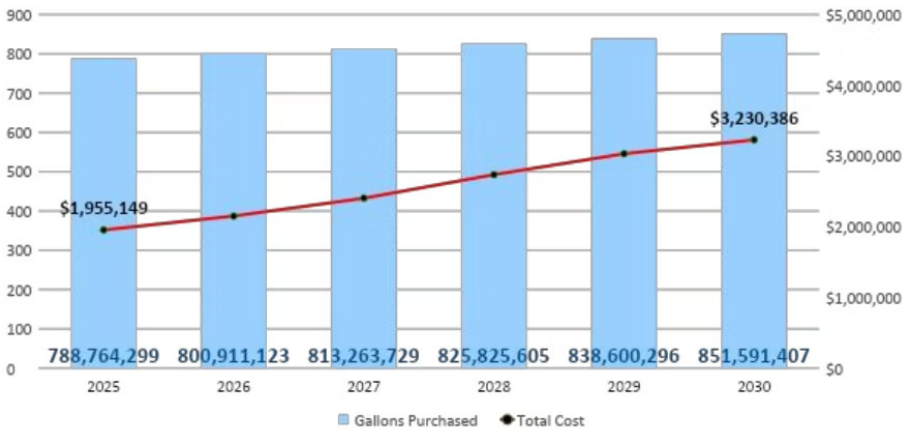
			Current	Effective					
				Jan-26	Jan-27	Jan-28	Jan-29	Jan-30	
Residential Monthly Charges -- 5/8"									
2,000 Water	2,000 WW	\$	50.98	\$ 47.78	\$ 51.02	\$ 54.50	\$ 57.23	\$ 60.16	
	Increase -- \$			(3.20)	3.24	3.47	2.74	2.93	
	Increase -- %			-6.3%	6.8%	6.8%	5.0%	5.1%	
5,000 Water	5,000 WW		105.04	105.71	113.11	121.06	127.03	133.42	
	Increase -- \$			0.67	7.40	7.95	5.97	6.39	
	Increase -- %			0.6%	7.0%	7.0%	4.9%	5.0%	
10,000 Water	10,000 WW		195.14	202.26	216.60	232.00	243.35	255.52	
	Increase -- \$			7.12	14.34	15.40	11.35	12.17	
	Increase -- %			3.7%	7.1%	7.1%	4.9%	5.0%	
Commercial Monthly Charges -- 2"									
25,000 Water	25,000 WW	\$	675.81	\$ 721.67	\$ 770.84	\$ 823.55	\$ 866.99	\$ 913.50	
	Increase -- \$			45.86	49.16	52.71	43.44	46.51	
	Increase -- %			6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	5.3%	5.4%	

Updated Volumetric Rate												
Central Arkansas Water	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	
Wholesale Rates												
Bryant Water and Sewer	\$	1.24	\$	1.24	\$	1.46	\$	1.62	\$	1.74	\$	1.88
								2.02		2.12		2.22
										2.34		2.46

1 CCF = 748.052 Gallons

Central Arkansas Water Rate Schedule	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
5/8"	\$ -	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.25
3/4"	-	0.75	1.13	1.50	2.25	3.75	5.25	5.63	6.00	6.38
1"	-	1.25	1.88	2.50	3.75	6.25	8.75	9.38	10.00	10.63
1.5"	-	2.50	3.75	5.00	7.50	12.50	17.50	18.75	20.00	21.25
2"	-	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00	20.00	28.00	30.00	32.00	34.00
3"	-	8.75	13.13	17.50	26.25	43.75	61.25	65.63	70.00	74.38
4"	-	15.75	23.63	31.50	47.25	78.75	110.25	118.13	126.00	133.88
6"	-	32.50	48.75	65.00	97.50	162.50	227.50	243.75	260.00	276.25
8"	-	70.00	105.00	140.00	210.00	350.00	490.00	525.00	560.00	595.00
10"	-	105.00	157.50	210.00	315.00	525.00	735.00	787.50	840.00	892.50
12"	-	132.50	198.75	265.00	397.50	662.50	927.50	993.75	1,060.00	1,126.25

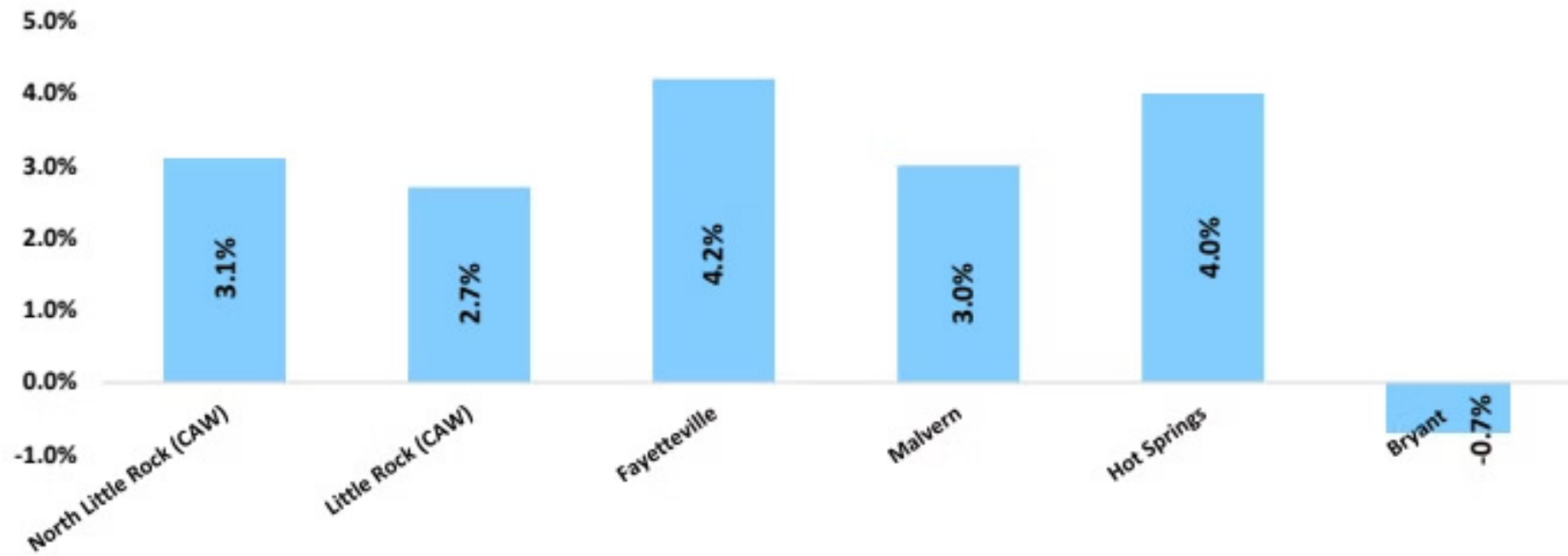
CAW FORECAST WATER COSTS



Volume Growth: 1.6%
 CAW Rate Increase: 5.9%
 CAW Infrastructure Fee Increase: 22.8%
 CAW Watershed Protection Fee Increase: 0.0%
CAW Total Water Costs Increase: 8.8%

100% of our drinking water is currently purchased from Central Arkansas Water. Due to their recent adoption of their own capital improvement plans, they were required to adjust their rates accordingly. Wholesale customers were passed down their next 10 years of rates, and this was taken into account in our recent rate study.

PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENTS | IMPACT ON 4KGAL W+WW



NOTE: Bryant's monthly bill includes wastewater infrastructure fee

Bryant

Water Rates: **+9% increase**

Sewer Rates: **+6% increase**

Net Customer Impact: **-\$3.20 monthly savings** due to lower minimum bill for 5/8" meters.

Infrastructure Investment: \$61.8 million

Conway

Overall Rate Increase: **+7%**

Monthly Impact: **+\$3**

Infrastructure Funding: \$75 million

Bentonville

Overall Rate Increase: **+12%**

Note: Water rates are projected to double over time.

Springdale

Complex Fee Structure

Total Monthly Impact: **+\$13.89**

Rogers

Overall Rate Increase: **+3.5%**

Infrastructure Investment: \$100 million

Texarkana

Arkansas Side: **+16% increase**

Texas Side: **+5% increase**

Across Arkansas, cities are implementing various strategies for water and sewer rate adjustments to fund crucial infrastructure improvements. While some cities see significant rate increases, others like Bryant demonstrate unique approaches to deliver net savings to customers alongside substantial investments.

Community Benefits

- **Improved Property Values:** Investments in infrastructure can lead to increased property values throughout the community.
- **Enhanced Quality of Life:** Reliable services and a healthy environment contribute to a higher quality of life for families.
- **Environmental Protection:** Modernized systems protect local ecosystems and natural resources.
- **Public Health and Safety:** Consistent and safe water services are fundamental to community well-being and public health.
- **Support for Local Schools and Community Facilities:** Robust infrastructure ensures essential services for public institutions.
- **Long-Term Sustainability:** Strategic planning and investment secure vital resources for future generations.