



New rates take effect July 2017

On July 1, 2017, PHWD will implement a previously approved rate increase applicable to all customers, as described in more detail below.

		July 2016	July 2017
Tier 1	(1-10 ccf)	\$ 4.98	\$ 5.01
Tier 2	(11-30 ccf)	6.11	6.52
Tier 3	(31-60 ccf)	7.92	8.46
Tier 4	(61 - 100 ccf)	9.72	10.39
Tier 5	> 100 ccf	11.53	12.33
Institutional		7.13	7.56

On June 10, 2015, and pursuant to Resolution 2015-02, the District approved a series of rate increases applicable to each tier of water use to go into effect on July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017. The District will implement the last of these previously approved rate increase on July 1, 2017.

In addition, Resolution 2015-02 authorized the District to pass-through any increases in the wholesale water rate above \$3.79 per ccf charged to the District by the SFPUC. On May 10, 2016, the SFPUC increased the wholesale water rate by \$.35, from \$3.75 to \$4.10, for its wholesale customers, including the District, to go into effect on July 1, 2016. On June 8, 2016, and pursuant to Resolution 2016-08, the District approved the pass through of \$.31 increase to District customers.

While the SFPUC voted on May 9, 2017 not to increase wholesale water rates, the previous increase of \$.31 remains in place and will continue to be passed through to District customers, all as summarized in the table below. To learn more go to: <http://www.purissimawater.org/rates>

	Resolution 2015-01 July 2016 Rate	2016 SFPUC Pass-Through	Effective July 2016 Rate	Resolution 2015-01 July 2017 Rate	2016 SFPUC Pass-Through	Effective July 2017 Rate
Tier 1 (1-10 ccf)	\$ 4.67	\$0.31	\$4.98	\$4.70	\$0.31	\$5.01
Tier 2 (11-30 ccf)	5.80	0.31	6.11	6.21	0.31	6.52
Tier 3 (31-60 ccf)	7.61	0.31	7.92	8.15	0.31	8.46
Tier 4 (61-100 ccf)	9.41	0.31	9.72	10.08	0.31	10.39
Tier 5 (>100 ccf)	11.22	0.31	11.53	12.02	0.31	12.33
Institutional	6.82	0.31	7.13	7.25	0.31	7.56



Are you 65+ years old? Live in your own home? The Santa Clara Valley Water District offers an exemption for **qualifying low-income seniors** from the Safe, Clean Water special parcel tax. Learn more at <http://www.valleywater.org/Programs/SeniorParcelTaxExemption.aspx>

* Applications are due June 30, 2017. *

Improve summer water use efficiency

Q: How should my irrigation controller be set?

Answer: Adjust irrigation for the season. In the fall and winter your plants are dormant and it is raining. You can turn off your irrigation completely. Plant water needs vary through the year. In the spring and fall, plants can beneficially use only a fraction of the water they need in the height of the summer.

Q: How do I know if my landscape is overwatered?

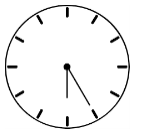
Answer: A one acre lot in Los Altos Hills may be overwatered if one month is >75 units over inside use.

Q: What is evapotranspiration (Eto)? When should I be concerned?

Answer: Evapotranspiration is a way to describe plant water needs for the climate in our area. The water a plant can beneficially use is expressed as a percent of ETo. Look up the water need of individual plant species in our area at: http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/Plant_Search/

Q: When is the best time to water my yard?

Answer: Water early in the morning or at night when temperatures are low to avoid evaporation.



Q: How much water does a typical pool lose to evaporation?

Answer: Refilling more than 1 to 1 ½ inches per week during July (and more than about ¾ inch per week in May and September) may indicate a leak – that is, the water loss is more than just evaporation. There should be no need to fill between mid-October and late April.

Be a Leak Detective

Look for broken sprinkler heads and valves

Watch your meter for continuous flow

Check pool for leaking backwash valve or obstructed automatic filler

Listen and **Test** for running toilets

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