

## **Water Conservation Rate FAQ**

### What changes have been made to the water rate?

Maple Grove City Council has adopted Ordinance 11-04 amending the City Code to establish a Water Conservation Rate structure as required by State Law. The change creates a tiered rate structure, where the rate of purchasing water “steps up” as the amount used per quarter exceeds certain levels of usage.

### When will the Water Conservation Rate take effect?

The Water Conservation Rate structure will be effective the first billing cycle of 2012, which is based on water use in the latter months of 2011.

### What is the Water Conservation Rate structure?

The base rate for water used per quarter has not changed for 2012. The Water Conservation Rate structure for residential use is as follows:

- \$0.90/1,000 gallons for up to 20,000 gallons water used per quarter;
- \$1.25/1,000 gallons for between 20,000 and 40,000 gallons water used per quarter;
- \$1.75/1,000 gallons for more than 40,000 gallons water used per quarter.

The Water Conservation Rate structure considers each residential unit in multiple-family dwellings as an individual user.

The base rate for irrigation meters is \$1.25/1,000 gallons used per quarter; the rate increases to \$1.75/1,000 gallons for more than 200,000 gallons used per quarter.

### How will the Water Conservation Rate affect me?

It will depend on how much water you use. Customers using less than 20,000 gallons per quarter would see no increase in rate in 2012. Based on past use, it is anticipated customers would generally see an increase between \$0 and \$35 in annual water costs.

### When was the water rate last increased?

The water rate for Maple Grove has been \$0.90 per 1,000 gallons used for over 20 years.