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Social Circle Community News

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UTILITY RATES

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

WATER	RATE	SEWER	RATE	GAS	RATE	GAS	RATE	GAS	RATE
First 2000 Gallons (Inside City)	\$34.33	First 2000 Gallons (Inside City)	\$32.55	Residential Base Charge	\$12.60	Industrial Base Charge	\$70.00	Very Large Industrial Base Rate	\$2,261.56
Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Inside City)	\$17.20	Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Inside City)	\$17.47	Residential Distribution Charge (per MCF)	\$5.70	Industrial Distribution Charge (per MCF)	\$4.82	Very Large Industrial Distribution Charge (per MCF)	\$2.78
First 2000 Gallons (Outside City)	\$51.45	First 2000 Gallons (Outside City)	\$48.82	Commercial Base Charge	\$21.00	Large Industrial Base Charge	\$394.31		
Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Outside City)	\$25.76	Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Outside City)	\$26.22	Commercial Distribution Charge (per MCF)	\$5.70	Large Industrial Distribution Charge (per MCF)	\$3.75		

Beginning July 1, 2025, utility customers of the City of Social Circle will see an increase in their utility rates. This adjustment is a part of the City’s plans to upgrade and strengthen its utility system. To cover the upfront costs of these necessary upgrades, the City secured a bond, which must be repaid over time. Utilities are not funded through taxpayer dollars. Instead, they rely upon customer rates.

The upcoming rate adjustments will help finance the repayment of the bond and several critical upgrades, including:

- Water Line Replacements: Replace aging water distribution lines to prevent leaks and improve overall reliability. Projects are already underway on Lakewood Drive and Cannon Drive.
- Water Treatment Plant Renovations: Upgrade and replace equipment to ensure high-quality drinking water.
- New Wastewater Treatment Facility: Replace the current facility that was built in 1962. This will expand capacity and ensure compliance with environmental regulations for sustainable wastewater management.
- New Water Tower Construction: Add a new water tower to increase storage capacity and improve water pressure on the north side of town.
- Other projects aimed at maintaining and improving the City’s essential services.

Previous City Councils have deferred critical utility projects, resulting in a neglected system that requires a lot of costly emergency repairs. To avoid more of these costly emergency repairs, the current City Council has chosen to address the deteriorating utility infrastructure. By proactively investing in the utility system, the City aims to provide long-term benefits and reliable service to its residents.

For more information about the rate adjustments and planned projects, residents are encouraged to visit the City’s official website or contact City Hall.

Meetings for City Council, Municipal Court, Commissions, and Boards

June 5 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor and Council hold work session in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail.

June 9 is the deadline to submit for the July 22 Planning Commission meeting.

June 10 at 6:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission meets in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trl.

June 12 at 9:00 a.m. Downtown Development Authority will meet in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail.

June 17 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor and City Council meet in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail.

June 18 at 1:00 p.m. Municipal Court will be held at the City Community Room, 138. E Hightower Trail.

June 23 is the deadline to submit for the July 8 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

June 24 at 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission meets in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail.

Access Water System Information Online

Stay informed about your water quality! The City of Social Circle Water Quality Report is now available online. To view it, simply visit www.socialcirclega.gov and click on our Public Notice page under our Residents tab.

You can also access Service Line Inventory Results by visiting: <https://ga-epd.120water-ptd.com/>

Your health and safety are our top priorities—thank you for staying informed!

Grass Maintenance Reminders

The City reminds all residents that maintaining curbside grass is a shared responsibility. Homeowners without ditches in front of their property are responsible for mowing the grass all the way to the edge of the road. Additionally, residents with sidewalks are responsible for maintaining the grassy strip between the sidewalk and the street. Regular upkeep helps keep our neighborhoods clean, safe, and attractive. Thank you for doing your part!

Mermaid and Pirate Day!

Ahoy, mateys and mermaids! Join us downtown for a magical morning of adventure during Mermaid and Pirate Day! Start at the Welcome Center to grab your treasure map. As you visit each participating business and collect marks, you'll earn your way to the WATERSLIDES in Friendship Park! Wear your best mermaid sparkle or pirate gear – the more festive, the better! Slides are open for those who have completed the map. The event will be held Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Don't miss this swashbuckling good time, perfect for families and young adventurers!

Bulk Pickup Reminder

If your trash or yard debris exceeds the limits of regular trash or leaf & limb collection, a bulk pickup is required. Bulk pickups are available for \$35 per load and can be scheduled by calling City Hall at 770-464-2380.

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W.H. Stanton Memorial Library

Ken Scott Magic Show - June 13 from 11 AM - 1 PM

That Puppet Guy, Lee Bryan - June 18 at 2 PM

Southeastern Reptile, Jason Clark - June 20 at 10:30 AM

Christmas in July - July 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Spider-Punk Storytime - July 18 at 10:30 a.m.