

Interactive Dashboard Updated **2009 VA Water & Wastewater Rate Report**

The 21st Annual Virginia Water and Wastewater Rate Report turned up no surprises this year as it reflected a continued rise in both water and wastewater residential rates in the Commonwealth.

According to our control group the average monthly residential rate for 5,000 gallons of water rose 4.8% from last year's results. The average monthly residential wastewater rate for 5,000 gallons rose 6.6% from 2008.

Surveys were sent to 268 municipal water and wastewater providers with 171 responding for a 64% response rate. Towns, cities, counties and water authorities, water boards and sanitary districts were among the participants.

The 2009 survey asked a series of questions designed to provide information concerning the costs included in connection fees and in capital recovery charges. For the purposes of the survey and report, connection fees were defined as "charges for tapping into the water main and running a line to the water meter or tapping into a sewer line and running a service line to the property line." Capital recovery charges were defined as charges for buying into the existing system or charges that recognize the cost of adding capacity to the system.

The average residential connection fee jumped from \$1,498 to \$1, 894 for a 26% increase from last year. The average residential capital recovery charge rose from \$3,372 to \$3,562 for a 6% increase. These summaries were compiled from all responses received and were not limited to the control group.

Last year's addition of our interactive Rate Dashboard proved to be so successful, it has been updated with new data and added features. The dashboard allows viewers to make instant comparisons with the data in relation to such aspects as geography and customer base. Go to our website at www.daa.com and click on the "dashboard" icon on the home page.

If you would like a hardcopy of The 21st Annual Virginia Water and Wastewater Rate Report or have already received the report and would like more copies please email your request to wssurvey@daa.com or call 540-552-0444.

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