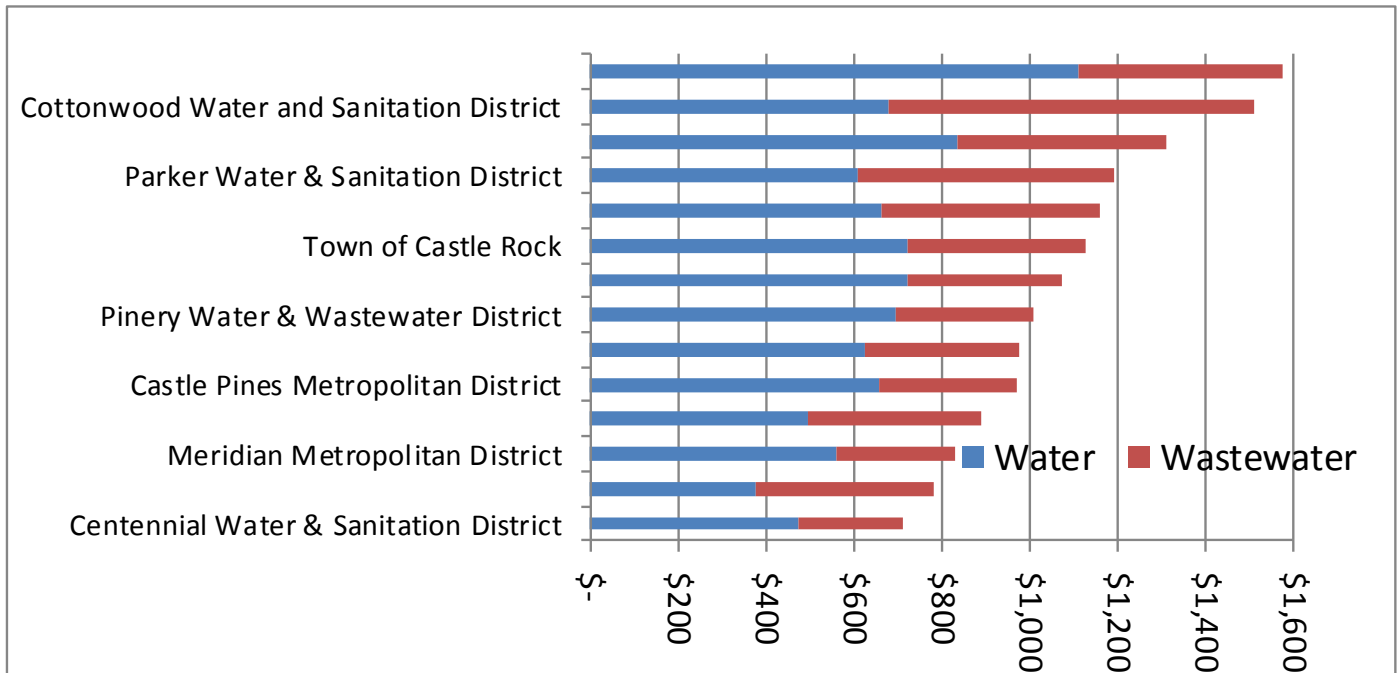


2013 Water Rate Increase Fact Sheet

Beginning with the first full billing period of 2013, customers will see a slight rate increase. The typical single family annual bill will increase \$18 per year (2.6 percent). Rates are still far below other providers in both the Denver Metro area and other users in Douglas County.



Douglas County Water Rates

Water Rates reflect the average cost of providing water service. The base rate includes the cost of :

- Water supply (surface water leases)
- Staffing (wages and benefits)
- Electricity
- Treatment chemicals
- General maintenance and minor repairs of infrastructure
- General operating supplies

In 2013 the beginning water supply in our reservoirs is significantly lower than it was in 2012. Because of this, Centennial anticipates utilizing more groundwater than in prior years, increasing the electricity costs. A portion of this increased cost will be offset by using available reserve funding of \$500,000, accumulated for this type of contingency.

Service Availability Charge funds water-related debt service and a portion of the major repair funding. In 2013 this charge remains unchanged, as it has since 2003.

Wastewater Charge represents a flat amount of \$6.50 per month, which remains unchanged, and a usage rate which reflects the average cost of treating wastewater including:

- Staffing
- Electricity
- Treatment chemicals
- General maintenance and minor repairs of infrastructure
- General operating supplies

Loading demands on the plant require additional electricity costs and increased chemicals for the treatment process. In 2013 Centennial is upgrading the wastewater treatment plant to improve efficiencies. The amount of the 2013 rate increase is partially offset by reserve funds, recognizing that in 2014, when new systems are in place, there will be a decrease in load demands and costs.

	2012	2013
Water Usage up to 100% of water budget	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.75
SAC	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50
Wastewater Fixed	\$ 6.50	\$ 6.50
Wastewater Usage	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.65

Rates: 2012 vs. 2013