

## 2025 Water Rate Update

The Sherrill-Kenwood Water District has had to pass along a significant increase from the City of Oneida of nearly 25%. In November 2024 when the budget was being formulated the water district received a preliminary rate increase of 3.7% for the wholesale rate to the district (the amount the district pays for water to provide and sell to our customers). At that time the water district was set to raise rates a similar amount, 4%.

On January 6, 2025 the water district received word from the City of Oneida that they were increasing wholesale water rates by 25.7% due to two year culmination of rates being artificially low due to a calculation oversight. The Sherrill-Kenwood Water District is not in a fiscal position to absorb a 25% increase without significant financial ramifications. Thus the 2025 water rates have also needed to increase 25% for our water customers across the board for all service classes.

The 2025 water rate structure was adopted as follows:

Customer charge per bill (residential/commercial) .....	\$25.00
Residential/Commercial rate.....	\$5.08/100 ct. ft.
Industrial rate <750,000 gallons annually.....	\$6.76/1,000 gallons
*Industrial rate >750,000 gallons annually.....	\$6.51/1,000 gallons
Hydrant rent.....	\$475.00/ annually

\* There is a 35,000 gallon/ month minimum consumption.

As a point of reference, a resident with a consumption of 1,500 cu ft. (this appears on your utility bill) would be billed \$101.20 in 2025 compared to 2024 rates that would calculate to \$85.90 for two months.

The water board will strive to make any near future rate increases, if needed, as minimal as possible. The water district appreciates your understanding in this very unfortunate situation.