Quick Facts:

3 PER CENT
The Utility rate increase takes effect January 1, 2021. This is the final of three consecutive increases that began in 2019.

$4.44/MONTH
The average additional cost that each household will pay on their Utility bill for 2021.

$365 MILLION
The amount that Regina will invest in 2021-2024 to restore, upgrade and replace our water, wastewater and drainage systems.

75 MILLION LITRES
The typical amount of water that Regina uses each day.

26 BILLION LITRES
The amount of sewage pumped into the Wastewater Treatment Plant each year. Our sewage moves through the McCarthy Boulevard Pumping Station.

Why a rate increase?
In 2018, the City adopted a three per cent annual rate increase to the water utility for 2019, 2020 and 2021. This three-year approach supports a financially stable utility that is based on full cost recovery and ensures that we can make ongoing investment in infrastructure renewal and continue delivering safe, reliable water, wastewater and drainage services.

Why do I have to pay a base rate before I use any water?
The daily base rate for water, wastewater and drainage will be $2.15/day for the average household in 2021. This supports the investment in major infrastructure projects and offsets the fixed costs related to delivering the service—such as maintaining pipes that get the water to your house and reservoirs, and ensuring water is available at fire hydrants.

Does a portion of my property tax pay for water, wastewater or drainage services?
No. The Utility operates on a full cost recovery basis. Rates are set to cover costs for the utility and the revenue collected is used to fund the services provided and the water, wastewater and drainage systems that support service delivery.

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The Utility delivers three services:

1. **Water**
   - Water, wastewater and storm water systems include over 3,000 km of pipe, roughly the distance to drive from Regina to Quebec City.
   - Regina uses about 27 billion litres of water every year - about 10,800 pools the size of Wascana pool.
   - Average person uses about 180 litres of water every day - about two full bath tubs.

2. **Wastewater**
   - Regina’s water originates in the Rocky Mountains and travels from Alberta to Saskatchewan.
   - There are 850 km of underground storm sewers.

3. **Drainage**

   It is a user pay system and operates on a full cost recovery basis.

The money collected through ‘water’ bills and other user fees pays for operating, maintenance and capital costs for the Utility.