

MISSOURI'S DRINKING WATER PRIMACY FEE

What is a Primacy Fee?

On July 9, 1992, Governor Ashcroft signed the Missouri Drinking Water Fee Bill – House Bill 1393. This legislation requires that water utility customers pay a fee to maintain the Safe Drinking Water Program.

This fee, known as the Missouri Primacy Fee, is forwarded to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources once all fees have been collected from the customers.

The State Drinking Water Program's purpose is to ensure that public water suppliers deliver water meeting all health related standards, which are mandated by the Federal EPA.

Present Federal and State funding is not adequate to finance the increased MANDATORY Federal Programs and this Primacy Fee will assist the State program.

The amount of the fee is based upon two variables:

- 1) The size of the water meter serving each connection or;
- 2) The number of connections served by the water system

Your fee of \$5.28 was based on the size of our district:

4001 – 7000 connections

If your fee is more than \$5.28, it is because you have a larger meter at your business/residence.

1 1/2" – 2" meters \$21.00

2 1/2" – 4" meters \$102.00

4 1/2" or larger \$198.00

The current rates went in to effect January 1, 2022.

This fee is collected monthly on your water bill. (Cost divided by 12 months = Primacy fee on bill. Ex: \$5.28 divided by 12 = .44 cents per month.)