

Notice to DeKalb County Water and Sewer Customers:

**New Effective Date for DeKalb
County Water and Sewer Rates**

On September 23, 2008, the Board of Commissioners approved the Department of Watershed Management's proposal to change the effective date for the 2009 water and sewer rates to October 1, 2008. These rates were originally approved to go into effect on January 1, 2009.

The new effective date will allow the Department of Watershed Management to collect additional revenues needed to cover budget shortfalls caused by the ongoing drought and associated reduced water usage.

The Department recognizes and thanks the residents of DeKalb County for their exceptional water conservation efforts; however, to continue providing high quality service and to properly maintain the system, the new effective date is essential.

For more information, please visit the Department of Watershed Management website at www.dekalbwatershed.com.

Q: What are the reasons for adjusting rates on October 1, 2008 instead of January 1, 2009?

A: The new effective date will allow the Department to collect additional revenues to cover budget shortfalls caused by the ongoing drought and associated reduced water use.

Rate adjustments are needed to:

- Fund operating and maintenance costs.
- Pay for critical repairs and replacements to the County's aging infrastructure.
- Comply with state-mandated environmental permit requirements.
- Extend water and sewer pipelines.
- Finance debt issued to cover system improvements.

Q: What are the ways the Department is getting information on the rate adjustment out to the community?

A: The Department is getting information to the citizens through a variety of methods including:

- Our website: www.dekalbwatershed.com.
- Newspaper ads.

- Our newsletter.
- Bill stuffer/message.
- Press release.

Q: *How much will my bill increase?*

A: See chart below:

Bi-Monthly Water Use Category (gallons)	Change in Maximum Bill for a 3/4" Meter Water and Sewer Customer		
	2008	2009	Increase
0 to 2,000	\$ 21.76	\$ 25.24	\$ 3.48
2,001 to 4,000	\$ 34.40	\$ 39.90	\$ 5.50
4,001 to 8,000	\$ 61.40	\$ 71.22	\$ 9.82
8,001 to 20,000	\$ 142.40	\$ 165.18	\$ 22.78
20,001 to 40,000	\$ 292.00	\$ 338.72	\$ 46.72

The average family in DeKalb County uses approximately 7,000 gallons every two months. The new rates will increase their bill by \$8.23.