

Dear Sandwich Water District Customers,

HIGH WATER BILL CONCERNS FOR YOUR JANUARY 2021 BILLING

Recently you may have received your water bill in the mail, please note this bill covers your water usage from July 2020 to December 2020.

Your bill may have increased significantly for the following reasons:

The residential water usages for this 6 month billing, July to December 2020 have increased by 98%, or nearly double that of the previous 6 month billing period, January to June 2020.

The overall residential water usage for calendar year 2020 has increased by 40% more compared to the previous calendar year 2019.

The rates have not changed in several years.

The annual precipitation (rain and melted snow) for 2020 was 43.38 inches which represents a significant decrease of 38% from 2019 which was 70.38 inches (rain and melted snow) causing extended drought conditions throughout the area for most of 2020.

Cape Cod and other parts of the State were declared to be under “significant drought” conditions (Level 2), by the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force last July, which remained in effect for months, the worst since 2016.

You may note bills are higher than usual due to the **significant drought** conditions experienced this summer causing higher usage increasing your irrigation use and or hose watering of gardens, flowers and koi ponds. In addition, many of our residents are home a lot more due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Many of you may have worked from home, had kiddie pools you filled to keep your kids entertained during the summer months to avoid beach crowds and or had family stay with you to stay safe on the Cape in lieu of being in their homes in the city.

All these changes and summer experiences factor into the higher water bills. .

If you have any concerns about your current water bill please call our office at 508-888-2775 and we will be glad to assist you with your concerns.

Thank you!
Sandwich Water District