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UTILITY RATES

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

WATER	RATE	SEWER	RATE	GAS	RATE	GAS	RATE	GAS	RATE
First 2000 Gallons (Inside City)	\$37.76	First 2000 Gallons (Inside City)	\$36.46	Residential Base Charge	\$14.49	Industrial Base Charge	\$80.50	Very Large Industrial Base Rate	\$2,600.79
Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Inside City)	\$19.26	Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Inside City)	\$20.09	Residential Distribution Charge (per MCF)	\$6.84	Industrial Distribution Charge (per MCF)	\$5.78	Very Large Industrial Distribution Charge (per MCF)	\$3.33
First 2000 Gallons (Outside City)	\$56.60	First 2000 Gallons (Outside City)	\$54.68	Commercial Base Charge	\$24.15	Large Industrial Base Charge	\$453.46		
Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Outside City)	\$28.85	Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Outside City)	\$30.15	Commercial Distribution Charge (per MCF)	\$6.84	Large Industrial Distribution Charge (per MCF)	\$4.50		

Beginning July 1, 2026, utility customers of the City of Social Circle will see an increase in their utility rates. This rate adjustment is part of a previously approved 5-year rate plan, which was adopted last year. Monthly gas rates are not set by the City; they are established by the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG), and may vary based on market conditions. The City does, however, set a base meter fee that is applied to each monthly bill. This base fee will

increase on July 1, 2026, and will then remain the same until July 1, 2027. Outside of this annual adjustment to the base fee, changes in a customer's gas bill are driven by a change in usage and/or changes in the per-therm rate set by MGAG.

To cover the upfront costs of necessary upgrades, the City secured a bond, which must be repaid over time. Utilities are not funded through taxpayer dollars. Instead, they rely upon customer rates. The upcoming

rate adjustments will help finance the repayment of the bond and several critical upgrades, including:

- **Water Line Replacements:** Replace aging water distribution lines to prevent leaks and improve overall reliability. Projects are already underway on Lakewood Drive and Cannon Drive.
- **Water Treatment Plant Renovations:** Upgrade and replace equipment to ensure high-quality drinking water.
- **New Wastewater Treatment Facility:** Replace the current facility, which was built in 1962. This will expand capacity and ensure compliance with environmental regulations for sustainable wastewater management.
- **New Water Tower Construction:** Add a new water tower to increase storage capacity and improve water pressure on the north side of town.
- **Other projects aimed at maintaining and improving the City's essential services.**

Previous City Councils have deferred critical utility projects, resulting in a neglected system that requires a lot of costly emergency repairs. To avoid more of those costly emergency repairs, the current City Council has chosen to address the deteriorating utility infrastructure. By proactively investing in the utility system, the City aims to provide long-term benefits and reliable service to its residents.

For more information about the rate adjustments and planned projects, residents are encouraged to visit the City's official website or contact City Hall.

Sanitation Rates

Waste Management, the City of Social Circle's sanitation service provider, will increase its sanitation rates for the first time in two years, effective July 1, 2026. The monthly rate for regular residential service will increase to \$21.45 per bin, while the senior residential rate will increase to \$19.34 per bin.

Meetings for City Council, Municipal Court, Commissions, and Boards

June 4 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor and Council will hold a Work Session in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trl.
June 9 at 6:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission will meet in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trl.
June 11 at 9:00 a.m. Downtown Development Authority will meet in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trl.
June 15 is the deadline to submit for the July 28 Planning Commission meeting.
June 16 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor and City Council meet in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trl.
June 17 at 1:00 p.m. Municipal Court will be held at the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trl.
June 23 at 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission will meet in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trl.
June 29 is the deadline to submit for the July 14 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.
July 2 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor and Council will hold a Work Session in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trl.

City Hall will be Closed on July 3 in Observance of the Independence Day Holiday

Proper Flag Disposal

Do you need to retire a worn-out American flag? The John Clarke Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is accepting flags at the Welcome Center, located at 129 E. Hightower Trail, Social Circle, GA 30025, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Concert in the Park

Join us for a Concert in Friendship Park on June 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of live music by Denim Arcade! This event is sponsored by Rivian.



Hometown Hero Parade

The Hometown Hero Parade will take place on July 2 at 6 p.m. in Downtown Social Circle. This special event is a partnership between the City of Social Circle and the Town of Good Hope and is part of the countywide America's 250th Celebration. Community members are invited to attend and celebrate local hometown heroes during this patriotic event. Interested in participating? Visit www.socialcirclega.gov for an application. Applications will be accepted until June 22.



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Grass Maintenance

The City reminds all residents that maintaining curbside grass is a shared responsibility. Homeowners without ditches in front of their property are responsible for mowing the grass all the way to the edge of the road. Additionally, residents with sidewalks are responsible for maintaining the grassy strip between the sidewalk and street. Regular upkeep helps our neighborhoods stay clean, safe, and attractive. Thank you for doing your part!

Farmers Market

Join us every first and third Thursday of the month, through October, for the Social Circle Farmers Market in Friendship Park! Upcoming dates include June 4, June 18, July 2, and July 16. Be sure to keep an eye out for additional dates and details by visiting our website at www.socialcirclega.gov. Interested in becoming a vendor? E-mail events@socialcirclega.gov for more information.