



Loudonville Reservoir

# Albany Water Board Proposed Rate Schedule | 2026

Rate Hearing: Thursday, December 18, 2025 6:00PM  
10 North Enterprise Drive Albany, NY



**Albany Water Board provides clean drinking water and maintains the sewer system for the City of Albany.**

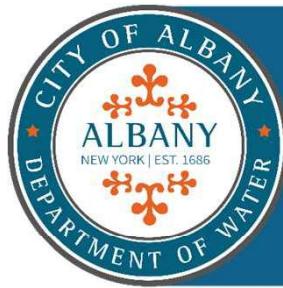
Manage Water - by maintaining and protecting our source reservoirs

Clean Water - by treating it to make it safe to drink

Test Water - to ensure it meets quality standards

Deliver Water - by piping it directly to your home

Remove Water - by safely carrying away wastewater and stormwater



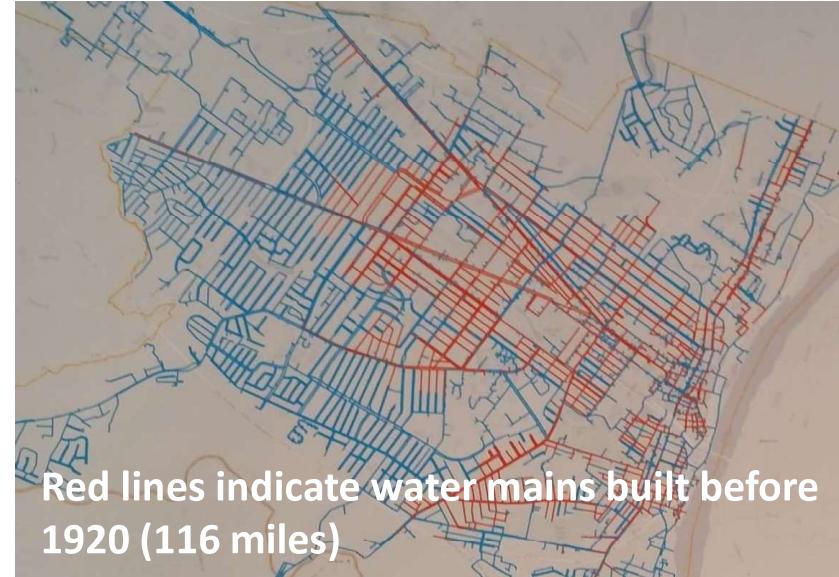
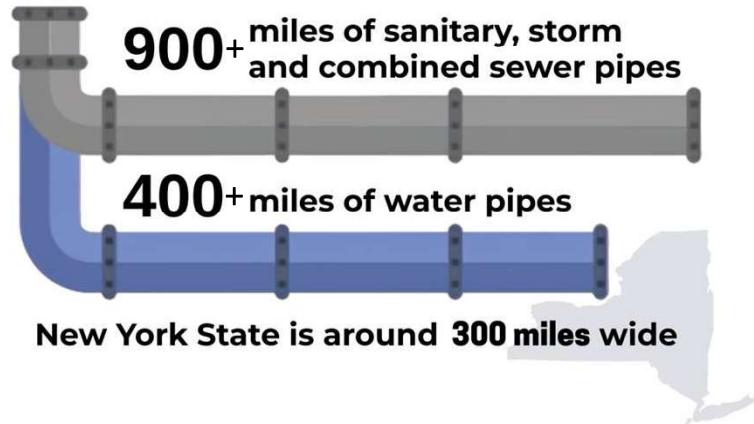
**WE FOCUS ON WATER  
24 HOURS A DAY  
7 DAYS A WEEK**

**All for less than a penny a gallon**

# Albany's Water and Sewer Infrastructure

- ❑ Much of Albany's water & sewer infrastructure is over 100 years old.
- ❑ Repairs and upgrades are necessary to guarantee the delivery of clean water and the removal of wastewater & stormwater.
- ❑ Your water & sewer bill pays for these improvements as well as daily operation and maintenance.

## The Pipes We Maintain



# Long Term Control Plan (LTCP)

- Albany is served by a combined sewer system, which carries wastewater and stormwater.
  - During heavy rainfall, the quantity exceeds the capacity of the waste water treatment plant, resulting in the release of untreated wastewater and stormwater into the Hudson River. This is called a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO), and harms water quality in the river.
- [Albany Pool Communities](#) (Troy, Cohoes, Rensselaer, Green Island, Watervliet, and the Albany & Rensselaer Sewer Districts) established a 15-year LTCP to mitigate the impact of CSOs.
- The goal of the LTRP is 85% capture of the annual CSO volume and treat it for bacteria and sewage-related floatable waste. **This will significantly improve the water quality of the Hudson River and its tributaries.**
- With an overall cost to the Albany Water Board (AWB) of \$60 million, the LTCP represents a significant portion of AWB's expenses.
- Albany's largest LTCP project is the Beaver Creek Satellite Treatment Facility in Lincoln Park. The facility was completed and became operational in 2024.
- The pool communities will begin a post construction monitoring program in 2026



# Capital Projects

- Since 1988 through 2025, we have invested over \$222 million in capital projects, over \$154 million since 2014.
- We have received over \$50 million in grants since 2014.
- Our [Five Year Capital Improvement Plan](#) (2026-2030) identified \$123+ million in projects to be funded through grants, long-term financing or ongoing funds.



# Flood Mitigation

- The Albany Water Board is committed to system-wide infrastructure improvements across roughly 900 miles of sanitary, storm, and combined sewers to reduce flooding and sewer back-ups in vulnerable neighborhoods.
- Upgrades to the sanitary, storm and combined sewer system have been focused on sewer separation and flood mitigation. The goals of these projects are to either separate the storm water flow from the combined sewer or to provide stormwater storage and retention.
- Over the past ten years, we have increased these efforts throughout the city, using a combination of underground detention galleries, groundwater recharge, constructed wetlands and green infrastructure.
- For Flood Mitigation and other project view more information on our web page: <https://albanyny.gov/632/Project-Updates>



# Why have a rate increase?

The need to cover costs to operate, maintain, repair and upgrade the water system.

These costs are increasing because...

- Increased maintenance and upgrades are required to operate our aging water/sewer infrastructure.
- To incorporate additional operation & maintenance costs associated with the implementation of the Long-Term Control Plan.
- New regulations and water standards that require infrastructure upgrades and modifications to current treatment methods.
- To incorporate increased costs associated with compliance with EPA Lead Water Service Replacement program: [lead water service lines](#).
- Stormwater infrastructure improvements necessary to manage impact from high intensity rain events associated with climate change.
- Offset revenue lost from continuation of hybrid office work environment's impact on water consumption.
- Offset the revenue lost with the modification to long term water sales contracts with outside users.

To provide sufficient income to ensure debt coverage and adequate capital reserves.

- Need to ensure adequate cash flow to invest in the system.
- Such investments are to ensure future rate stability.

# Proposed Rate Increase

If approved by the Albany Water Board, the proposed rate increase for water and sewer rates would take effect January 1, 2026.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Residential	\$2.96	\$3.11	\$3.42	\$3.76	\$4.04
Large Users I	\$5.38	\$5.65	\$6.22	\$6.84	\$7.35
Large Users II	\$6.46	\$6.78	\$7.46	\$8.21	\$8.83

- Rates are per 100 cubic feet
- Minimum charge is \$52.89 per 120-day billing cycle
- Vacant property is billed annually at \$3.66 per front foot

# Proposed Rate Increase

- The change would increase the average residential bill by \$85.06 per year, and the minimum bill by \$28.90 per year.  
View the [full rate schedule](#).

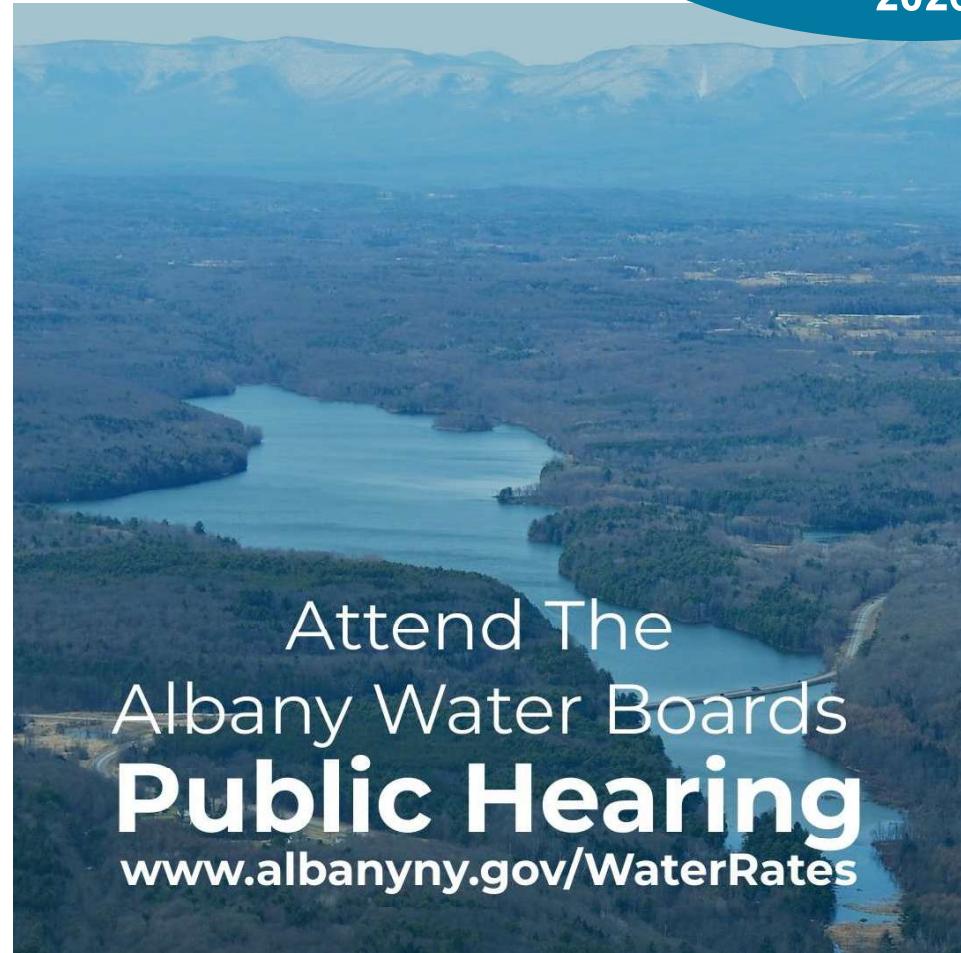
Water & Sewer Bill	2025	2026 (with 7.5% increase)	Impact (every 4 months)
Minimum Bill (every 4 months)	\$98.40	\$105.78	\$9.63
Average Residential Bill (every 4 months)	\$280	\$301	\$21

# Public Hearing

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