

June 2023 Utility and Community Announcements

Utility rates are scheduled to change effective July 1, 2023. This includes an increase in rates for fiber optics, gas, stormwater management, wastewater, and water services, and a decrease in rates for electricity. Learn more at cityofpaloalto.org/RatesOverview.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) supplies the City of Palo Alto with potable water that the City delivers to its retail customers. On May 9, 2023, the SFPUC voted to increase the wholesale water rate it charges the City from \$4.75 to \$5.21 per hundred cubic feet (CCF), effective July 1, 2023. The City will automatically pass this commodity rate increase on to its customers in accordance with Government Code 53756 and the City's Water Utility Rate Schedules W-1, W-2, W-4, and W-7, effective July 1, 2023.* For more information on City of Palo Alto rate changes, visit cityofpaloalto.org/RatesOverview. **On June 17, 2019 the City Council approved the commodity rate as a "pass-through" rate that automatically adjusts through June 30, 2024 each time the SFPUC changes the wholesale water rate it charges the City.*

Reduce single-use plastics... for good! The City's Disposable Foodware Ordinance means that food service establishments like restaurants and cafés are no longer allowed to offer single-use plastic items like utensils, produce bags and stir sticks. While dining out or ordering in, make sure you are receiving compostable foodware items instead. Better yet, bring your own reusable items to stop the waste! For more information on these requirements, visit cityofpaloalto.org/foodware or call (650) 496-5910.

Medicines and needles should not go in the trash, or down the sink or toilet. Medications disposed of improperly can contribute to pollution in the San Francisco Bay. Dispose of your sharps and medications safely. Visit cleanbay.org, or call (650) 329-2122 for drop-off locations or free mail-back options.