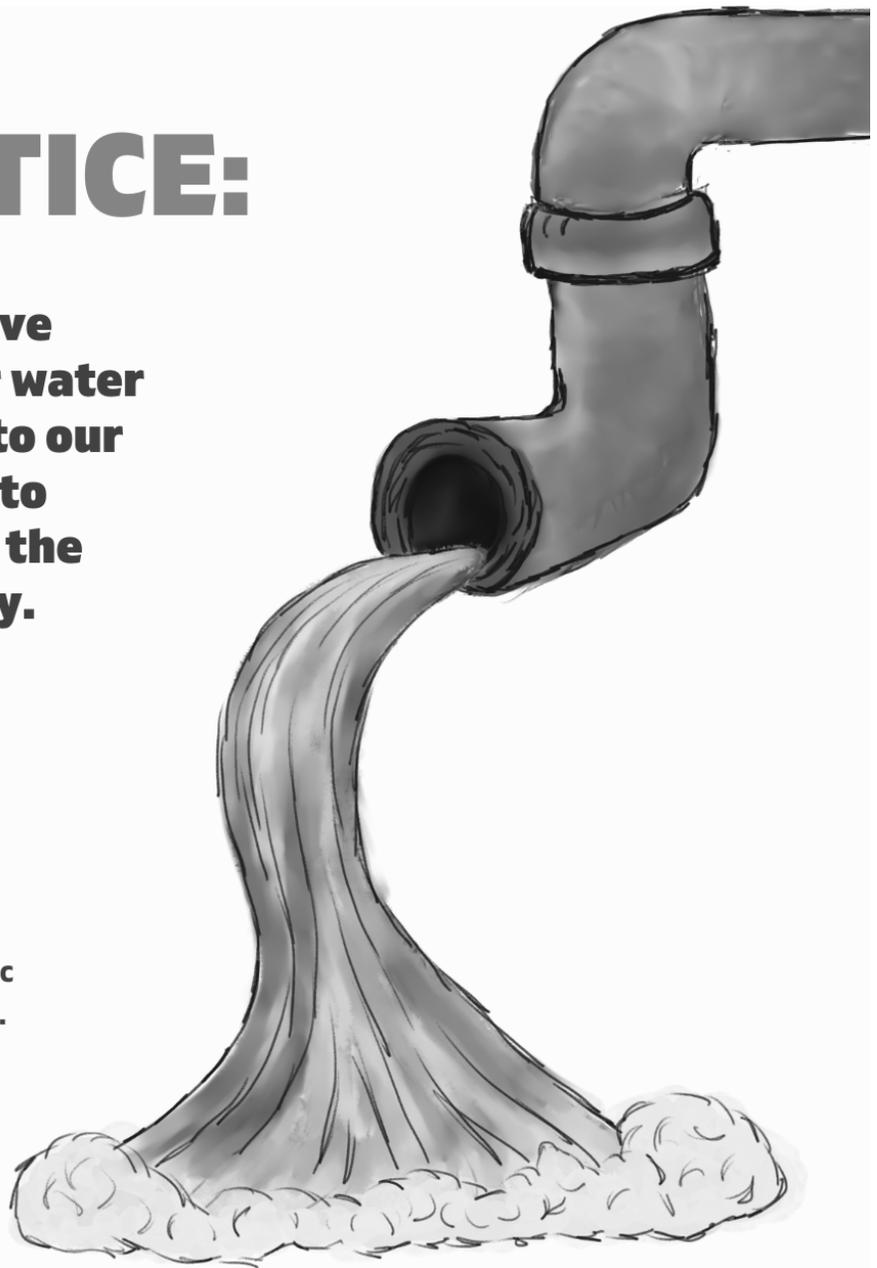


PUBLIC NOTICE:

Please note, water rates have increased to provide better water infrastructure and service to our community. We all deserve to have a reliable system with the cost of service divided fairly.

The City of Rawlins Council and Staff hired professional rate expert Carl Brown to evaluate and propose rate changes for our water enterprise fund. Mr. Brown presented his findings at City Council meetings on September 6th and 20th, followed by a public hearing and council vote on September 20th.

The study and other water infrastructure information is available at www.rawlinswy.gov/water.



Some important notes:

\$ For the average home on City Water, the bill will increase by approximately \$20/month. By the National Affordability Index, our rates are still considered affordable.

🚧 Our state grant and loan agencies said that a rate increase was required to receive funding. Without additional funds, we cannot repair our infrastructure or run the pre-treatment plant.

⚙️ Water base rates are now charged by meter size. Therefore those with a larger meter size and more capacity have a larger monthly base rate. The in-town usage charge per 1,000 gallons is \$3.48 for all users. You can find your meter size on this water bill or by emailing utilityclerk@rawlinswy.gov

Want more information? Visit www.rawlinswy.gov/water, email crelations@rawlinswy.gov, call 307-328-4500 ext. 1022, or stop by 521 W. Cedar.

Trick-or-Treat

Downtown Streets



October 31, 2022 - 3:00-5:00pm
Downtown Rawlins Streets

For more information visit **DowntownRawlins.org**

Rawlins Police Department

Neighborhood Trick or Treat

Joined By: Friends from Public Works and Fire Department



Join us for Downtown Trick or Treat
October 31st—3:00-5:00PM

RPD Neighborhood Rawlins Parks
Trick or Treat—October 31st

BOLTON PARK: 6:00-6:30 PM

WASHINGTON PARK: 7:00-7:30 PM

ROB ROY PARK: 8:00-8:30 PM

Roller Skating coming to the Rec Center starting October 14th! Open Friday 7-9 pm and Sunday 3-5 pm.

Safe TRICK OR TREAT

Candy Maze &
Haunted House

CANDY
CANDY CANDY!!!

Oct 31st 4-6pm
parking lot

**Bad weather will
take us inside**

HALLOWEEN

RAWLINS
REC
CENTER

307-324-7529

Non Perishable Food Donation collected for St. Vincent de Paul



THE DEMONS WITHIN PRESENT: OUTLAW TERROR

OCTOBER 28TH, 29TH, AND 31ST, 2022 | \$20 PER PERSON

7PM-MIDNIGHT

ONLINE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED | MORE INFO:

WYOMINGFRONTIERPRISON.ORG & 307.324.4422

WYOMING FRONTIER PRISON | 500 WEST WALNUT STREET, RAWLINS, WY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
City of Rawlins Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. Normal combined filtered water turbidity levels at our plant are **<0.3 turbidity units**. A combined filtered water sample taken **August 18, 2022** showed levels of **2.79 turbidity units**. This was above the standard of never exceeding 2.0 turbidity units. Because of this high level of turbidity, there is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other actions. We do not know of any contamination, and none of our testing has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at: 1(800) 426-4791.

What does this mean?

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What happened? What was done?

As we shared in August, the finalization of Phase 1 (replacement of 10,000 feet of woodstave line with PVC) in the Sage Creek Basin led to turbid water entering our pipeline and water treatment plant. Although the water was moderately turbid at the Springs, it compressed in the line and was much more turbid by the time it passed through the 32 miles of pipeline to reach the treatment plant.

Each time the highly turbid water was recognized at the plant, the water treatment staff performed the following steps:

1. Turned off water flow from the plant to town to guarantee no turbid water would be distributed
2. Turned off water flow to the plant and directed it to our backwash ponds (used for storage of water used to clean filters)
3. Thoroughly flushed and cleaned the filters
4. Thoroughly drained and flushed the clear well (where treated water is stored before being sent to water tanks)

Although all water that was sent to the community was not turbid because we turned off the flow, we are still required to distribute this notice. We were able to isolate the treatment plant when the turbid water was received, clean and flush the system, and state that no turbid water left our clear well and made it into our water tanks. However, we were unable to prove to EPA's satisfaction that no high turbidity water got into the system feeding the consumers, which caused a tier II violation for the City of Rawlins.

For more information, please contact Mira Miller, Community Relations/PIO at 307-328-4500 ext. 1022, stop by 521 W. Cedar Street, or mail at P.O. Box 953, Rawlins, WY, 82301.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by **City of Rawlins**
Public Water System ID#: **WY5600045**
Date Distributed: **September 31, 2022**