

# THE ARCADIA HOT SHEET

October 2025

Highlighting News & Events from Around Town

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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER & SEWER RATES

To keep pace with the rising costs of purchasing, purifying, and distributing water for Arcadia's more than 56,000 residents and businesses, a five-year adjustment to water and sewer rates is being proposed to start January 2026.

Five years ago, residents were presented with the last set of water and sewer rates, and since then, the cost to provide water and sewer service to 15,000 connections, 10 wells, 15 reservoirs, and 168 miles of water lines, has only grown.

In preparation for the proposed rate increases, a rate study was completed that identified water supply costs, capital reinvestment, inflationary pressures, and reserve balances, as the primary drivers for the increases proposed from 2026 to 2030. More than half of all the water revenues collected go to water production and water quality costs.

The Water Fund and Sewer Fund are exclusively supported by user-generated revenue, which means no other City services or programs are funded using these dollars. Unlike private utility companies, Arcadia does not profit from its collections - any surpluses are added to the funds' reserves to pay for unexpected repairs, maintenance, and future improvements to pipelines, wells, reservoirs, and water purchases.

Also changing in January, the bi-monthly bills customers receive will now be sent monthly. In response to customer feedback and industry standards, monthly billing can help even out utility expenses for most households. On average, the monthly bills for most residential customers with a 3/4-inch meter, the most common size - should only increase a few dollars a month. Water bill increases will range from as little as \$1.51 per month for low users, up to an increase of \$4.04 per month for high users.

Increases for multi-family and commercial customers mirror the gradual increases most single-family customers will experience. However, commercial customers with large meters and heavy use - think hotels, retail, entertainment venues - will see the largest of the planned increases.

Although increases of 6-12% over the next five years are noticeable, Arcadia will still remain among the lowest in costs compared to neighboring cities. When comparing rates across 10 other San Gabriel Valley cities, Arcadia ranks as the second most affordable, with monthly water bills expected to total \$54.31 - well below the average of \$84.66. Beginning this January, the proposed sewer rate increases for Arcadia's single-family customers would amount to an estimated \$9.05 per month, the lowest among the 10 cities measured.

The proposed plan will gradually raise rates over the next five years, starting with bills issued on or after January 1, 2026. Monthly sewer charges will increase by 6% each year, from 2026 through 2030. The monthly water charges will follow this schedule:

- 12% on January 1, 2026
- 6% on January 1, 2029
- 12% on January 1, 2027
- 6% on January 1, 2030
- 10% on January 1, 2028

### IMPORTANT DATES TO LEARN MORE & PARTICIPATE

The City Council is scheduled to consider the cost-of-service study on October 7 at the Arcadia City Council Meeting. If the study is approved, the following will take place:



#### OCTOBER 10

Mailing of Prop 218 Notices to Water Customers



#### OCTOBER 22, 7 P.M.

Community Information Session at Council Chambers



#### NOVEMBER 6, 5 P.M.

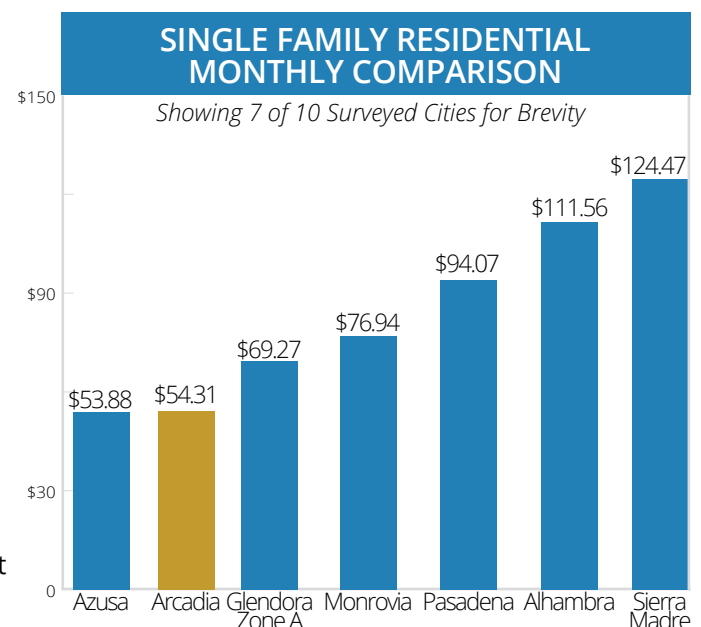
Community Information Session at Arcadia Library



#### DECEMBER 2

Public Hearing at City Council Meeting

View additional information and the Cost-of-Service Study at [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/WaterandSewer](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/WaterandSewer).



# OCTOBER

## EVENTS IN ARCADIA

### Father Daughter Dance

October 3; 6:30 p.m.

Wear your best retro outfit and enjoy a groovy evening with your father, uncle, grandfather, or someone special! There will be food, music, dancing, and games. Register at [ArcadiaCA.gov/RecReg](http://ArcadiaCA.gov/RecReg); Cost is \$56 per pair, \$31 additional child.

### The Ukelele Orchestra of the Western Hemisphere

October 4; 2 p.m.

Bending genres and breaking expectations! From New Wave to Top 40s, this uke group will strum songs never meant for four little strings. Don't miss this concert sponsored by the Friends of the Arcadia Public Library.

### Newcastle Park Grand Reopening Ceremony

October 7; 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the grand reopening of our beautiful, new neighborhood park including a ribbon cutting ceremony, giveaways, and park tours.

### The Ghost of Beethoven & the Romance of Mendelssohn

October 8; 7 p.m.

Violinist Paul Stein, pianist Stephanie Lan, and cellist David Mergen will combine the sonorities of Mendelssohn with the eeriness of Beethoven. Concert is free at the Arcadia Public Library and doors open at 6:30 p.m.

### Native Plant Landscape Training

October 23; 6 p.m.

Learn to create a beautiful, water-efficient landscape and discover current rebate programs through this online workshop. Register at [tinyurl.com/oct23workshop](http://tinyurl.com/oct23workshop).

### Halloween Haunting

October 24; 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat through Downtown Arcadia! Learn more about the event at [www.DowntownArcadia.org](http://www.DowntownArcadia.org).

### Community Craft Fair

October 25; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Shop handmade creations, including seasonal items. Enjoy a live band, craft demo, and raffle prizes at the Arcadia Community Center.

### Community Cleanup Day

November 1; 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Volunteers Needed for Community Cleanup Day! Help beautify Arcadia through landscaping, debris removal, and more. Register at [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/RecReg](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/RecReg).

### Request a 2026 Calendar

If you'd like a printed 2026 Arcadia City Calendar, please request one by calling (626) 574-5434 or submitting a form at [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/2026Calendar](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/2026Calendar).



# Moon Festival

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4  
5-8:30PM**

**ARCADIA CITY HALL LAWN  
240 W. HUNTINGTON DRIVE**

**ENTERTAINMENT | KIDS ACTIVITIES | VENDORS | FOOD | MOONCAKE MAKING**

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# Compostpalooza

**Saturday, October 11  
9am to 12pm**



**Arcadia Public Library Parking Lot  
20 W Duarte Ave.**



**Free Plants & Compost | Make & Take Worm Bin |  
Community Resources | Education on Edible Food  
Recovery & Food Waste Law SB 1383**