

Chelmsford Water District

The main reason why CWD is increasing its water rates is because it is **being proactive in maintaining its fiscal strength**. The commissioners feel that the **5% increase is reasonable** since there hasn't been an increase since July 2007.

This rate increase will enable the district to support the delivery of clean, dependable water to Chelmsford households and businesses by assuring that it will be fiscally able to:

- ✓ Comply with the increasingly **stringent public health regulations** associated with water services
- ✓ Focus on the district's **long-range capital improvement** plan to address infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance
- ✓ Pay for the rising costs of **energy and chemicals**, and
- ✓ Implement/maintain security **measures** to stay in compliance with **Homeland Security** regulations.