



# Arkansas Rural Water Association

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### ARWA Mission Statement:

To provide Arkansas Rural Water Utilities the highest level of Training & Technical Services in order to obtain a Quality Water at the lowest possible cost.

**Date: December 30, 2022**

**To: ARWA Membership**

**From: Dennis Sternberg/ARWA Executive Director**

**Re: ARWA 2023 System Membership Dues as of (January 1, 2023)**

### 2023 ARWA Membership Dues:

At the December 8, 2022, ARWA Board meeting the ARWA board voted to increase the ARWA Membership Dues for 2023 to all utilities. Below is the 2023 ARWA membership dues base rate and per connection charge structure for 2023 for all water and wastewater utilities. This is only the eleventh rate increase in forty-six years of operation for this association.

### 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

The 2023 ARWA Membership Fee is determined based on a base rate for the size of system and type of system (Water only or Water/Wastewater) and a per meter charge for both water and wastewater connections.

## Base Rate & Per Connection Charge Example

Example of New 2023 Rates				
Number of Meters	Water Meters Basic Rate	Wastewater Meters Basic Rate	Plus .015 Per Meter Rate (Water & Sewer) 12 mths x .015 = .18/meter/yr	Total Annual Dues Basic Rate + Meter Rate - Annual Dues
0 - 1000 (575 Water Only Meters)	\$500		575 X .18 = \$103.50	\$500.00 + \$103.50 = \$603.50
0 - 1000 (475 Water & 400 Wastewater Meters)	\$500	\$175	875 X .18 = \$157.50	\$500.00 + \$175.00 + \$157.50 = \$832.50
1001 - 2000 (1500 Water Only Meters)	\$700		1500 X .18 = \$270.00	\$700.00 + \$270.00 = \$970.00
1001 - 2000 (750 Water & 750 Wastewater Meters)	\$700	\$245	1500 X .18 = \$270.00	\$700.00 + \$245.00 + \$270.00 = \$1215.00
2000 + (2001 Water Only)	\$900		2001 X .18 = \$361.80	\$900.00 + \$361.80 = \$1261.80
2001 + (1010 Water & 1001 Wastewater Meters)	\$900	\$315	2011 X .18 = \$361.80	\$900.00 + \$315.00 + \$361.80 = \$1275.00
<b>Regardless of size total annual dues will not exceed \$1275.00</b>				

**Comments worthy of mentioning:**

- 1.) This will be only the eleventh time that ARWA has raised their membership rates in Forty-Six years of existence. 1980, 1990, 1997, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and now in 2023
- 2.) ARWA has incurred increased costs for operation as all utilities have in the last year.
- 3.) ARWA is aligning us on how neighboring state rural water associations charge for membership and the surrounding states have already switched to a base rate and a per connection charge.
- 4.) ARWA has increased the services of emergency equipment available to assist the member systems in the past number of years to include emergency generators, emergency response trailer, by-pass pumps, sewer camera trailer and a sewer VACTOR-Truck.
- 5.) ARWA staff are licensed water operators, wastewater operators, licensed backflow technicians and graduates of the Water University in Utility Management available to assist utilities with their system concerns and problems.
- 6.) Systems Membership Dues Base Rate and the \$0.18/Cents Per Connection Fee for Water and Wastewater number of connections with a max of \$1275/Year/System. Only the Ernie Faucett Scholarship Donation is optional.
- 7.) ARWA Water and Wastewater Operator Certification classes will be continuing for all systems.
- 8.) Being a member of Arkansas Rural Water Association provides utilities with the highest level of Training and Technical Services to obtain Quality Water at the lowest possible cost. Twenty-Four Hours a Day, Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Days a Year.

**ARWA has provided a quick and easy way for utility systems to pay their utility systems membership dues online by going to ARWA's website at:**  
[www.https://arkansasruralwater.org/](https://arkansasruralwater.org/) and entering your systems information and paying online for quick and ease. ARWA will provide your system with a receipt in return.

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact ARWA at 501-676-2255.**