

WHAT DOES PAW PAW WATER COST?

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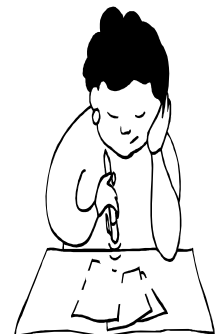
We know money doesn't grow on trees in our yard or in your yard. We monitor our rates closely. We compare our rates with other ground-water supplied municipal systems. We are not the highest and we are not the lowest. Our rates are in the middle of the pack. Residents pay two fees. One is what we call the "Ready-to-Serve" fee (RTS). This RTS fee covers all our expenses for the ground wells that pump water out of the ground, the storage tank (water tower) that keeps the pressure in the water lines so when you turn on a faucet water comes out, and the delivery of the water to your home (water mains, hydrants, valves, etc). As of July 2008, costs residents \$13.65 per month. The second cost is what we call the "Consumption" fee. This consumption fee covers the cost for treating the water once it comes out of the ground, reading meters, billing and such. In July 2008 this is just \$1.49 for 1,000 gallons of water.



The American Water Association estimates that the typical family of four (two parents and two children) uses 180 gallons a day or 5,400 gallons a month. In this case, this typical person would pay the \$13.65 for the RTS fee and \$8.05 for the amount of water; a total of \$21.70 for the month.

HOW DOES THIS COMPARE TO BOTTLED WATER?

Our water is really cheap compared to bottled water you buy at a store. Let's assume you can buy a 16.9 ounce bottle of water in Paw Paw for \$0.99. Since a gallon is 128 ounces, you would need to buy 7.57 bottles to equal a gallon of water. This would cost you \$7.49. Two gallons of bottled water - roughly 15 bottles - would cost you \$14.98.



For \$15.14 you get 1,000 gallons from the Village. This is the monthly RTS fee (\$13.65) and the Consumption fee (\$1.49) added together.

- Bottled water is 500 times more expensive than Village water!
- To buy 1,000 gallons in bottled water, you would need to purchase 7,570 bottles. This is 315.41 cases of bottled water. This would cost you a grand total of \$7,494.30.

Read the information elsewhere on this same Website titled "Water Myths and Facts" to learn more about comparing bottled water to municipal water.