

Conservation Rate Structure

Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.291, was amended in 2008 to include a requirement for public water suppliers serving more than 1,000 people to adopt a water rate structure that encourages conservation:

Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.291, subd. 4. **Conservation rate structure required.**

(a) For the purposes of this section, "conservation rate structure" means a rate structure that encourages conservation and may include increasing block rates, seasonal rates, time of use rates, individualized goal rates, or excess use rates. The rate structure must consider each residential unit as an individual user in multiple-family dwellings.

While the City of Henderson does not meet the threshold for legally complying with the Water Conservation law, the Henderson City Council agreed that it would incorporate this rate structure into any future rate changes. The rates on the enclosed sheet were changed accordingly and became effective August 1, 2010.

For more information on Water Conservation go to the following links:

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/appropriations/conservation.html

For full Minnesota Statute section 103G.291

Minnesota Rural Water Association

<http://www.mrwa.com/waterconservation.htm>

For public education on water conservation and tips

Metropolitan Council

http://metro council.org/environment/WaterSupply/conservationtoolbox_residential.htm

For water conservation tips

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