



My Flower Mound

Town News and Events

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Town Passes Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget



Flower Mound Town Council passed the FY 2021-2022 budget at the Council meeting on Monday, Sept. 20. The new budget totals more than \$184 million and is a blueprint of the programs and services the

Town provides to its residents and visitors. To view the new budget, please visit www.flower-mound.com/budget.

Flower Mound Kicks Off Shop Local Initiative

The Town and the Flower Mound Chamber of Commerce are teaming up for a Shop Local initiative, which officially kicks off in October, just in time for the holiday season. There will be a Shop Local Week as part of the initiative, when businesses will offer special discounts and deals. The week was originally scheduled to occur in early October but has been moved to Nov. 1-7. Keep an eye on www.flower-mound.com for more information.

New Businesses Now Open

Alma Mexicana Restaurante (2321 Cross Timbers Rd., Suite 405): Alma Mexicana Restaurante is a family-owned restaurant that specializes in authentic Mexican food. They offer everything from tacos and burritos to enchiladas and fajitas. For more information, please visit www.almamexicanarestaurant.com.

Crumbl Cookies (2550 Cross Timbers Rd., Suite 108): The popular cookie franchise is now open in Flower Mound. They offer a rotating lineup of cookie flavors each week. For more information, please visit crumblcookies.com.



Tropical Smoothie Cafe (2840 Flower Mound Rd.): Tropical Smoothie Cafe is now open in Flower Mound. The popular smoothie chain offers made-to-order smoothies, toasted flatbreads, wraps, sandwiches, quesadillas, and bowls with meats, produce, and flavorful sauces. For more information, please visit www.tropicalsmoothiecafe.com.

New AMBUS Now in Service at the Flower Mound Fire Department



The Flower Mound Fire Department's new AMBUS is now in service. The new vehicle is used to provide medical transport and evacuations for large-scale disasters and other major incidents.

This new AMBUS is hosted by FMFD on behalf of the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council and is operated under the State's Emergency Medical Task Force. It will replace the Town's old bus, which was in service since 2015. The new AMBUS is larger and has more capacity to transport patients, because it was custom built on a freightliner chassis. The new vehicle can transport 21 patients who are laying down or 25 seated patients.

The Town's old AMBUS is now in use at the Abilene Fire Department. Historically, FMFD has used the AMBUS to evacuate nursing homes and hospitals, as well as for mass casualty exercises and special event stand-by locally and in the DFW region.

Town of Flower Mound Named One of 'The 50 Best Places to Live in the U.S.'



Independent economics website *Money* named Flower Mound the 4th Best Place to Live in the U.S. in 2021-2022. *Money* created its list by finding places that combine affordability, economic

growth, and quality of life.

The website attributed Flower Mound's high standing to the Town's impressive job growth, excellent high school graduation rate, the flourishing Lakeside Business District, abundant recreational activities, and overall quality of life, including community events like the Town's annual Independence Fest. Flower Mound was the only Texas city to place in the top 15 on the list. To read more about the Town's ranking and to see the whole list, please visit <https://bit.ly/3nwbz4o>.

2021 - 2022 Flower Mound Utility Rates

Flower Mound is implementing a rate adjustment that will allow the Town to continue providing residents with a clean, safe, and reliable water supply and wastewater service, while also maintaining and building necessary utility infrastructure.

Rising Wholesale Water Costs

Flower Mound receives water from two sources, the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) and Dallas Water Utilities (DWU). Most wholesale customers pay two fees, an annual “demand charge” and a per gallon “volume” rate. While the demand and volume charges from DWU have historically increased at a normal inflationary rate; the demand charge from UTRWD has increased from \$342,865 to \$465,055 per million gallons since 2011. The 39.6% hike represents a \$5 million increase to Flower Mound and positions the UTRWD’s demand charge rate equal to a level the district was not projected to reach until 2022. UTRWD’s volume rate will be \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons; this rate was not projected by UTRWD until after 2022.

In the past few years, Flower Mound has continued to upgrade the water and sanitary sewer systems to meet both the current and future needs of the Town. These projects have included increasing the current capacity of the existing water and sewer systems and expanding both systems to the western portion of Town.

Major utility improvements include ongoing renovations/upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, increasing elevated water capacity from 3 to 5.5 million gallons to improve pressure and fire-fighting capabilities, adding auxiliary power to the water and wastewater pump stations to ensure reliability, completion of a new water pump station located in the western portion of Town, and rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment plant. Maintaining the current utility system and constructing new facilities ensures that Flower Mound can continue to provide reliable and high quality service to key priorities of the Town.

Updated Utility Rate Schedule

Flower Mound is implementing a rate adjustment to balance Utility Fund revenues and expenditures, meet debt service requirements, and fund the full cost of operating the utility system. The new rates will be applied to October 2021 water usage and will be reflected on statements distributed during the November 2021 billing cycle.



The chart below illustrates a detailed overview of the new water rate schedule for FY 2021-2022. Excluding the minimum charge, all rates are applied per 1,000 gallons of usage.

<u>Water</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>November 2021</u>
Minimum Bill	\$36.94	\$37.86
2,001 - 10,000	\$4.20	\$4.30
10,001 - 15,000	\$5.68	\$5.82
15,001 - 50,000	\$6.46	\$6.62
Over 50,001	\$7.25	\$7.43

Sewer

Minimum Bill	\$21.44	\$21.44
Over 2,001 gallons (Residential)	\$4.36	\$4.36
Over 2,001 gallons (Non-residential)	\$4.80	\$4.80



For Water and Sewer Information

Water and sewer charges will vary based upon individual water usage. For water conservation tips and a copy of the Town’s conversation ordinance, please visit www.flower-mound.com. For additional information or to receive a detailed financial briefing regarding the new rate structure, call 972.539.SERV (7378) to schedule an appointment with Debra Wallace, Interim

Town Manager/CFO.

Updated Stormwater Drainage Fee Schedule

The Town has a stormwater drainage utility funded by stormwater fees to meet federally mandated requirements to preserve, protect, and improve water resources from polluted stormwater runoff. The stormwater fees have not been increased since 2019. The stormwater fees are increasing by 3.13% to account for inflation according to the Consumer Price Index. Residential and commercial properties identified as having stormwater detention features will continue to automatically receive a 17% discount to the standard fee. The chart below illustrates the existing and new schedule for stormwater fees. A commercial fee schedule is available online at www.flower-mound.com.

<u>Residential</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>November 2021</u>
<1 acre	\$4.55	\$4.69
1 - 5 acres	\$3.92	\$4.05
5+ acres	\$3.30	\$3.40

<u>Detention Credit</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>November 2021</u>
<1 acre	\$3.77	\$3.89
1 - 5 acres	\$3.26	\$3.36
5+ acres	\$2.74	\$2.83