



HOW TO MANUALLY CALCULATE A WATER/SEWER BILL

CURRENT 2025-2026 RATES

According to City Ordinance customers are billed for the same amount of sewer as their water usage, as there is no way to measure sewer discharge. If the customer uses 2,000 gallons of water, they are also billed for 2,000 gallons of sewer.

According to DNR, the national average for water usage is 2,000 gallons per person, per month, although usage habits do vary greatly.

Occasionally, a customer will ask how a bill is calculated for example if they are new customers in town and would like to know an average or if they are filling a swimming pool to get an idea of how much more a monthly bill will be to do so.

Current City User Rates (These rates are subject to change every fiscal year)

Water	\$15.16 base charge plus \$12.77 per 1,000 gallons
Sewer	\$9.58 base charge plus \$11.51 per 1,000 gallons of water used
Trash	\$16.91 per month (single family residence)
Tax (water)	3.0625% (City residential); 9.5375% (commercial)

Example 5,000 gallons per month

5,000 gal water x \$12.77 = \$63.85 + \$15.16 base charge = \$79.01

5,000 gal sewer x \$11.51 = \$57.55 + \$9.58 base charge = \$67.13

Tax (water only) = \$79.01 x 3.0625% = \$2.42

Trash = \$16.91

Total Bill = \$165.47