



# 2026 UTILITY RATES: FEE STRUCTURE



## Facts

Average daily water usage is 2.3 million gallons, peak demand reaches 5 million gallons (primarily due to irrigation)



One-third of the City's Water and Utility Infrastructure is 50+ years old



1.71 million gallons of wastewater is treated daily



City utilities cover a service area of approximately 19.5 square miles

Revenue collected from utility bills is used to maintain and upgrade the City's water treatment infrastructure and wastewater systems; 2026 rates were set by the City Council in December 2025.

### Water Rates/1,000 gallons\*

Tier 1	Up to 10,000 gallons	\$3.86
Tier 2	10,000-20,000 gallons	\$4.63
Tier 3	20,000-30,000 gallons	\$6.02
Tier 4	Over 30,000 gallons	\$9.05

\*Based on usage.

### City Sewer Rates/1,000 gallons\*

Tier 1	Up to 10,000 gallons	\$3.48
Tier 2	10,000-20,000 gallons	\$4.18
Tier 3	20,000-30,000 gallons	\$5.44
Tier 4	Over 30,000 gallons	\$8.16

\*Based on usage.

\*2026 MCES Sewer Rate \$3.61

- An average single family home with 4 occupants uses 14-18k gallons per billing cycle during the winter.
- Utility bills include a service fee of \$46.44 which covers about 25% of the fixed costs associated with providing water and sewer services.
- MN State Surcharge of \$2.53 is collected and sent to the state to pay for water quality initiatives.
- Stormwater Management Fee is \$28.54 for residential users.
- For detailed descriptions of additional charges on your bill, see the back side of your invoice.

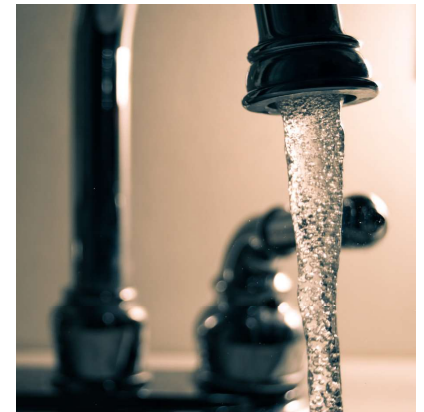
### MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL RATES

#### Base Rates:

# of Units at Property	Base Fee/bill
100+	\$3,505
50-99	\$2,337
20-49	\$934
10-19	\$467
Under 10	\$93.48

#### Usage Rates:

Water - \$5.69 per 1,000 gallons  
 Sewer - \$4.88 per 1,000 gallons  
 2026 MCES Sewer Rate \$3.61



### Rate Structure Goals

- **Promote water conservation.** Summer water usage is typically between two to three times higher than in winter largely due to irrigation.
- **Charge more equitably for usage.** The tiered rate system helps recover City costs from the users who use the most.
- **Maintain City infrastructure.** The base fee provides a stable source of revenue to ensure the City can cover the system's fixed costs.

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