

RESIDENTIAL WATER AND SEWER RATES

The rates charged for water and sewage disposal services to be as follows for all bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025.

Consumption Charges per Billing Period

Tiered Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet

Tier 1 Water Usage Charge (first 12 ccf or less)	\$2.66
Tier 2 Water Usage Charge (over 12 ccf)	\$4.87

Water Fixed Charge (monthly)

5/8"	\$9.60
3/4"	9.60
1"	21.50
1½"	40.30
2"	64.00
3"	137.30
4"	244.80

Sewer Usage Charge (per 100 cubic feet)	\$7.07
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For all single-family residential customers of both water and sewer services from the City, sewer usage will be based on water consumption during the current billing period or the average of the actual water consumption (whole units) of the bills issued on January 1, February 1, and March 1, whichever is lower.

Sewer Fixed Charge (monthly)	\$8.30
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Sewer Only Customers	\$34.00 charge per bill
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FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Final Water & Sewer Bill Preparation Fee	\$22.00
City Performed Final Water Meter Read	\$44.00
Water Turn on Fee	\$109.00
Bounced (NSF) Check Fee	\$30.00
Water Meter Testing Fee	\$122.00
Bypass Inspection Fee	Back bill + \$185.00
Citizen Water Service Request – after hours	\$109.00
Landlord/Tenant Affidavit Filing Fee	\$280.00

Keep an eye on water consumption by monitoring your water meter located in the basement of your home. The meter is read from left to right with the billing based on the first four digits from left to right. The furthestmost right digit represents 7.5 gallons (one cubic foot), the second from the right, 75 gallons and the third digit from the right, 750 gallons (one unit or 100 cubic feet). Consumption as shown on your water bill is measured in units of 100 cubic feet. Be alert for leaks in toilets, faucets, lawn sprinklers and water back-up sump pump systems that can result in high consumption water bills.

Final water bill procedures require the seller of the home to determine the date through which they are required to pay their bill: either the date of closing or when they turn the keys over, as listed in the purchase agreement of the house. Immediately prior to that date, the seller should read the numbers off the water meter (usually the meter is located in the basement of the house). Phone in the reading to water billing (586-446-2320) or email waterbilling@sterlingheights.gov, and a bill will be provided that can be picked-up and paid the next day or faxed to the title company/realtor handling the sale.

For your convenience, drop boxes are located along the circular driveways near the entrances to City Hall. Do not deposit cash in the drop box.

For electronic billing and automatic payment options go to www.sterlingheights.gov/waterbill or call 586-446-2320.