

**Water Usage**

Water usage is based on the meter reading for the current period. ESTIMATE indicates we were unable to read the meter. If your current bill is estimated, call Meter Office at 651-266-6850 to schedule an appointment as we need to get inside and troubleshoot the metering problem. **Note:** 100 cu. ft. of water equals 1 unit or 748 gallons.

**Billing Periods**

Accounts are billed quarterly for residential and monthly for commercial.

**NOTE:** "Due Date" means date to be received by the SPRWS. The SPRWS is not responsible for late payments caused by a delay in the mail service.

**Water Rate Settings**

Water rates are changed periodically to cover increased costs for water treatment, chemicals, electric power, fuel, maintenance of the supply and distribution systems, and other general expenses. Changes in water rates are proposed by resolution of the Board of Water Commissioners and put into effect upon confirmation by the Saint Paul City Council.

**Water Usage Charges**

Winter\* \$2.52 per 100cu.ft.  
Summer\*\* \$2.62 per 100cu.ft.

*For accounts with 1-inch and smaller meters:*

\* Winter rates apply to bills sent during January through May, and December.  
\*\* Summer rates apply to bills sent during June through November.

*For accounts with 1 1/2 -inch and larger meters:*

\* Winter rates apply to bills sent during January through April, November and December.  
\*\* Summer rates apply to bills sent during May through October.

**Water Service Base Fee**

The water service base fee covers such costs as general administration, billing, accounting, customer service, etc.

| Meter Size | Service Base Fee | Bill Cycle  |
|------------|------------------|-------------|
| < 1"       | \$15.00          | per quarter |
| 1"         | \$37.50          | per quarter |
| 1 1/2"     | \$75.00          | per quarter |
| 1 1/2"     | \$25.00          | per month   |
| 2"         | \$40.00          | per month   |
| 3"         | \$80.00          | per month   |
| 4"         | \$125.00         | per month   |
| 6"         | \$250.00         | per month   |
| 8"         | \$400.00         | per month   |
| 10"        | \$575.00         | per month   |

**About Sewer Charges**

Saint Paul Regional Water Services handles only the billing services for Lauderdale sewer customers. All other aspects of the sewer utility continue to be operated and maintained by the City of Lauderdale. Sanitary sewer charges pay for the operation, maintenance, and capital cost of Lauderdale's sewer system, and for treatment costs levied by the Metropolitan Council, Environmental Services Division.

**Sewer Rate Settings**

Sanitary sewer and miscellaneous service charges are established annually by your City Council. If you have any questions about your rates, please call:

**City of Lauderdale 651-792-7650**

**Sanitary Sewer Rates**

*Residential Properties:*

A flat rate of \$52.77 per residential unit will be assessed per quarter.

*Commercial Properties:*

The sanitary sewer charge per month will be based on \$2.60 per unit of water consumption, with a minimum monthly charge of \$13.00.

**Storm Sewer Rates**

A flat rate of \$15.27 per REF (Residential Equivalency Factor) will be assessed for all properties per quarter.

**Sales Tax**

A 6.875% state sales tax is applied to non-residential accounts.

**Transit Tax**

A 0.25% transit tax is applied to non-residential accounts.

**Meter Reading Fee**

Per reading fee for the properties that have an exterior-mounted, non-radio metering system (Touchpad)

**Minnesota Safe Drinking Water Act**

The Minnesota Department of Health via the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (Statute 144.3831) requires we charge 53 cents per month or \$1.59 per quarter for testing public water supplies.

**Water Main Replacement Surcharge**

A charge of 20 cents per billing unit is added to pay for the replacement of water main.

**Bill Problems**

If you dispute this bill, please call **651-266-6350**. You are entitled to a hearing before an impartial hearing officer who will make a recommendation regarding resolution of your concerns.

**Payment Responsibility**

Property owners are responsible for all water bills issued against their property. If a property owner desires to have the bills sent to a tenant, the SPRWS will agree to do so; however, all charges for water and sewer services are a continuing statutory lien against the property until they are paid. Unpaid charges that are delinquent as of November 15th of each year may be certified to the County Auditor, at the SPRWS' discretion, to be collected with the real estate taxes for the property.

**Late Charge**

Water bills are considered delinquent if not paid within 30 days, at which time a 5% late charge will be added to your bill.

**Returned Checks**

A \$30.00 fee will be charged for all returned check and "Automatic Withdrawal" returns.

**The Saint Paul Regional Water Services**

SPRWS is a publicly owned corporation operating as a self-supporting non-profit entity. It is financed solely by the sales of water and fees for other services. It receives no other outside financial support or tax subsidy.

**WATER SERVICES PHONE NUMBERS**

Customer Service 651-266-6350  
TDD Hearing Impaired 651-266-6299  
Call: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon - Fri

**EMERGENCY SERVICE 651-266-6868**