

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 Consumption Charges

Winter* \$3.02 per 100cu.ft.
Summer** \$3.14 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.

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"	\$18.00	per quarter
1"	\$45.00	per quarter
1 1/2"	\$90.00	per quarter
1 1/2"	\$30.00	per month
2"	\$48.00	per month
3"	\$96.00	per month
4"	\$150.00	per month
6"	\$300.00	per month
8"	\$480.00	per month
10"	\$690.00	per month

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.

Late Charge

Water bills are considered delinquent if not paid within 30 days of the Bill Date, 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.

Water - Surcharge

A 10% surcharge on current water charges (Water Service Base Fee and Water Usage Charge) is collected each billing cycle by the Saint Paul Regional Water Services on behalf of the City of Mendota Heights for funding modifications to the water system required to facilitate Mendota Heights development or reconstruction projects.

Water Main Replacement Surcharge

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

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.

Meter Reading Fee

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

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.

Pay using Automatic Withdrawal

You can pay your water bill directly from your bank account. For further information call customer service at the numbers below.

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