

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 the Meter Office at 651-266-6850 to schedule an appointment as we need to get inside and troubleshoot the metering problem.

**Note: One billing unit equals 100 cu. ft. or 748 gallons of water.**

Billing Periods

Accounts are billed quarterly for residential and monthly for commercial.

Water Rate Settings

Water rates consist of water usage charges, a water service base fee, and a water main replacement surcharge. 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\* \$4.95 per 100cu.ft.  
Summer\*\* \$5.11 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

A water service base fee shall be charged to all active domestic and commercial water service accounts in the SPRWS service area. The amount of the fee shall be determined by water meter size and shall be applied during established billing cycles, as shown below

Meter Size	Service Base Fee	Bill Cycle
< 1"	\$26.91	per quarter
1"(Single Family)	\$26.91	per quarter
1"(other)	\$67.29	per quarter
1 1/2"	\$44.86	per month
2"	\$71.78	per month
3"	\$143.56	per month
4"	\$224.31	per month
6"	\$448.61	per month
8"	\$717.78	per month
10"	\$1031.81	per month

**1-inch single family dwelling** is an account with 1" meter for which the property structure is described in County Property Tax Records as either Single Family Dwelling or Townhome.

Water Main Replacement Surcharge

A charge of 30 cents per billing unit is added to pay for the replacement of water main.

About Sewer Charges

Saint Paul Regional Water Services handles only the billing services for West St. Paul sewer customers. All other aspects of the sewer utility continue to be operated and maintained by the City of West St. Paul.

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 West Saint Paul 651-552-4100**

Sanitary Sewer Rates

Charges for sanitary sewer services are based upon water consumption and charges from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. Rates are approved by the West St Paul City Council.

For single and two-family homes, the sewer charges are prorated to a 91 day standard and charged at \$7.35 per unit. In addition, a demand charge of \$40.08 per quarter is charged. Sewer charges are based on consumption during the first calendar quarter of the year. If subsequent quarters' consumption is less, the lesser amount is charged. A minimum use of 3 units per quarter totalling \$22.05 is charged.

For all other properties, the sewer charge is based upon actual consumption at \$8.40 per unit. Minimum charge is \$25.55 per month.

Storm Sewer Charge

A flat rate per REF(residential equivalency factor) is charged for each billing period as follows:  
\$17.09 per quarter for residential properties  
\$8.52 per month for commercial properties

Water Usage Surcharge

A 1 percent 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 West St Paul.

Sales Tax

A 6.875% state sales tax is applied to non-residential accounts, plus a 0.5% local sales tax is applied to non-residential accounts in the City of West Saint Paul.

Transit Tax

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

Metro Area Sales and Use Tax for Housing

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

Metro Area Transportation Sales and Use Tax

A 0.75% tax is applied to non-residential accounts.

Minnesota Safe Drinking Water Act

The Minnesota Department of Health via the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (Statute 144.3831) requires we charge 81 cents per month or \$2.43 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, 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 September 1st of each year may be certified to the County Auditor, at SPRWS' discretion, to be collected with the real estate taxes for the property.

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

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.

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  
Call: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon - Fri  
**EMERGENCY SERVICE 651-266-6868**