

2020/2021 Water and Sewer Rates

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Water Rates 2020/2021

Residential Water Rates		
	2020 Rates per 1,000 gallons	2021 Rates per 1,000 gallons
0 – 7,000 gallons	\$2.15	\$2.32
7,001 – 16,000 gallons	\$2.68	\$2.89
Over 16,000 gallons	\$3.99	\$4.31
Commercial Water Rates		
	2020 Rates per 1,000 gallons	2021 Rates per 1,000 gallons
0 – 60,000 gallons	\$2.15	\$2.32
60,001 – 325,000 gallons	\$2.68	\$2.89
Over 325,000 gallons	\$3.99	\$4.31
High Volume Water Rates		
	2020 Rates per 1,000 gallons	2021 Rates per 1,000 gallons
0 – 5,000,000 gallons	\$2.00	\$2.20
5,000,001 – 10,000,000 gallons	\$2.21	\$2.43
10,000,001 – 20,000,000 gallons	\$2.44	\$2.68
Over 20,000,000 gallons	\$2.66	\$2.93
Irrigation Rates		
	2020 Rates per 1,000 gallons	2021 Rates per 1,000 gallons
All Usage	\$3.99	\$4.31

Separate water rates are set for properties that are on City of St. Paul Water. Contact the Utility Billing department for these rates.

Water Sprinkling Ban. The City of South St. Paul has a permanent conservation program for outside water usage. It shall be a violation of the code to water lawns any day of the week between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The watering restrictions apply to all property within the City of South St. Paul.

Sewer Rates 2020/2021

Residential Sewer Rates		
	2020 Rates	2021 Rates
Fixed Charge Per Bill	\$8.32	\$9.00
Consumption Charge	\$6.09 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.58 per 1,000 gallons
Sewer Flat Rate (Non-Water Properties)	\$99.67 per quarter	\$107.66 per quarter
Note: Sewer rates are set on winter quarter for residential and churches. Minimum usage per quarter is 4,000 gallons, except during the winter quarter period ending the last day of January, February or March.		
Commercial Sewer Rates		
	2020 Rates	2021 Rates
Fixed Charge Per Bill	\$8.32	\$9.00
Consumption Charge	\$6.09 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.58 per 1,000 gallons
High Volume Sewer Rates		
	2020 Rates	2021 Rates
Fixed Charge Per Bill	\$8.32	\$9.00
Consumption Charge	\$5.44 per 1,000 gallons	\$5.88 per 1,000 gallons
Sewer Non-Water Property Rates		
	2020 Rates per Quarter	2021 Rates per Quarter
Flat Rate	\$99.67	\$107.66

Meter Service Charge		
	2020 Rates	2020 Rates
5/8 Inch Meter	\$15.07	\$16.28
3/4 Inch Meter	\$15.07	\$16.28
1 Inch Meter	\$21.54	\$23.26
1.5 Inch Meter	\$31.61	\$34.14
2 Inch Meter	\$49.73	\$53.71
3 Inch Meter	\$68.86	\$74.37
4 Inch Meter	\$107.56	\$116.16
6 Inch Meter	\$166.75	\$180.09

Discounted Water and Sewer Rates. The City of South St. Paul offers a discount on water and sewer to the elderly, blind, and disabled. To be eligible for this discount, customers must meet certain income qualifications and complete an application to the City Finance Department annually. Discounted rates are as follows:

Discounted Water Rates		
	2020 Rates per 1,000 gallons	2021 Rates per 1,000 gallons
0 – 6,000 gallons	\$1.06	\$1.14
6,001 – 15,000 gallons	\$1.33	\$1.44
Over 15,000 gallons	\$2.03	\$2.19
Discounted Sewer Rates		
	2020 Rates	2021 Rates
Fixed Charge Per Bill	\$8.32	\$9.00
Consumption Charge	\$4.56 per 1,000 gallons	\$4.92 per 1,000 gallons
Note: Sewer rates are set on winter quarter for residential and churches. Minimum usage per quarter is 4,000 gallons, except during the winter quarter period ending the last week of February, March, or April.		

Water Testing Fee		
	2020 Rates	2021 Rates
Flat Rate Quarterly Billing	\$2.43	\$2.43

This quarterly charge is required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and goes to the Minnesota Department of Health for testing public water supplies.

Other Water/Sewer Related Charges		
Charge	2020 Rates	2021 Rates
Non-Radio Read meter reading charge	\$13.32	\$14.65
Water Turn On Fee per Occurrence	\$60.00	\$60.00
Water Shut Off Fee per Occurrence	\$60.00	\$60.00
Water Turn On Fee per Occurrence-Winter	\$100.00	\$100.00
Water Shut Off Fee per Occurrence-Winter	\$100.00	\$100.00
Water Turn On Fee per Occurrence-After Hours	-----	\$150.00
Water Shut Off Fee per Occurrence-After Hours	-----	\$150.00
Returned Payment Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00
Standby Fire Protection Fee	\$100.00 annually	\$100.00 annually
Water Meter Tampering Fee	\$150.00	\$150.00
Water Meter Testing Deposit	\$100.00	\$100.00

Storm Water Fees		
Land Use	2020 Rates	2021 Rates
Single and 2-Family Residential	\$12.74 Flat Rate	\$14.01 Flat Rate
Multi-Family Residential	\$70.46 per Acre	\$77.51 per Acre
Commercial	\$89.25 per Acre	\$98.18 per Acre
Industrial	\$93.95 per Acre	\$103.35 per Acre
Churches, Private Schools	\$56.39 per Acre	\$62.03 per Acre
Airport Hangars	\$93.95 per Acre	\$103.35 per Acre
Vacant Land	\$18.79 per Acre	\$20.67 per Acre

Storm water utility fee revenues help pay for the cost of complying with Federally mandated storm water management plans, construction of storm water facilities, and costs associated with storm water related maintenance.

Street Light Fees		
Class	2020 Quarterly Rates	2020 Quarterly Rates
Single Family Residential	\$7.50	\$8.25
Duplex (Side-by-Side, Twin)	\$7.50 per unit	\$8.25 per unit
Duplex (Up/Down, Front/Back)	\$5.45 per unit	\$6.00 per unit
Multi-Family	\$3.40 per unit	\$3.74 per unit
Commercial/Industrial/Institutional/Airport	\$21.81 per acre	\$23.99 per acre
Schools	\$21.81 per acre	\$23.99 per acre

Minimum charge of \$11.68 per quarter for commercial, industrial, institutional and Airport. Mixed use properties are charged for both uses (e.g. commercial below and residential above).

This fee was instituted by the City as a means to generate revenue to pay for street lighting costs, infrastructure and operating costs.

Penalty for Late Payment. Water and sewer billings must be paid within thirty days or a penalty of 5% will be added to the balance of the bill.

Delinquent Accounts. All charges for water and sewer services to a property are a continuing statutory lien against the property until they are paid. Accounts that are delinquent on November 1st of each year will be sent to Dakota County, along with a \$25.00 administrative fee and an 8% interest charge to be collected with the following year's property taxes. The owner of the premises served by the City system is equally responsible with the occupant thereof for payment of any charges made to the premises. Mailing of a statement of a charge to the occupant of the premises constitutes notice thereof to the owner.