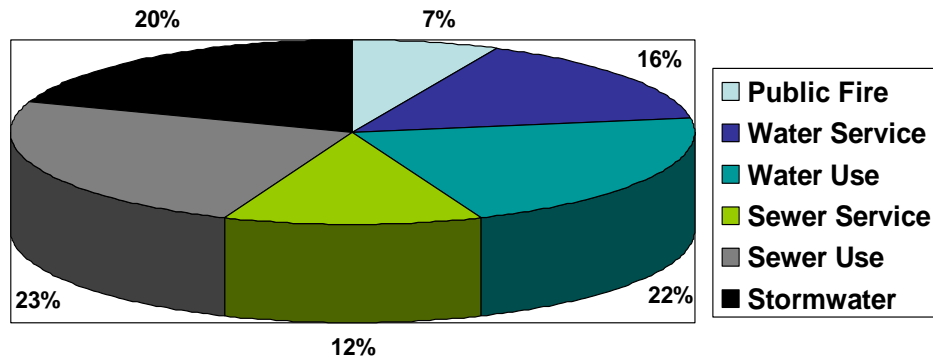


Typical Components of Residential Water Bill



Public Fire Protection Charge – Prior to 2003, this charge was a portion of the property tax bill. This charge is based on your property valuation. It covers costs for fire hydrants and maintenance as well the extra capacity in the water system needed for additional water to fight fires. Rates are set by the State Public Service Commission and the Village Water Utility. Note that this represents approximately 7 percent of the typical residential water bill.

Water Service Charge – This is a fixed charge based on the size of your water meter and covers fixed components of the water system such as pipe depreciation and readiness to handle water main breaks. Rates are set by the State Public Service Commission and Village Water Utility. Note that this represents approximately 16 percent of the typical residential water bill.

Water Use Charge - This will vary depending on the amount of water you use. The current charge is \$1.71 per 1,000 gallons. This covers the cost of buying water from the City of Milwaukee Water Utility and many of the operating and maintenance costs of the Village Water Utility. Rates are set by the State Public Service Commission and the Village Water Utility. Note that this represents approximately 22 percent of the typical residential water bill.

Sanitary Sewer Connection Charge – This is a fixed charge for each sanitary sewer connection in the Village and covers the fixed components of the sewer system, such as manholes and pipes. Rates are set by the Village Board after input from the Finance Committee, Finance/Public Works Committee, and MMSD. Note that this represents approximately 12 percent of the typical residential water bill.

Sanitary Sewer Use Charge – This will vary based on your water use as measured by the water meter during the winter and spring quarters. If you use greater amounts of water in the summer, the sewer bill does not increase. This covers the basic operating and maintenance charges of the Village Sewer Utility and MMSD. Rates are set by the Village Board after input by the Finance Committee, Public Works Committee, and MMSD. Note that this represents approximately 23 percent of the typical residential water bill.

Stormwater Utility Fee – This is a new charge for 2005. Previously, these costs were included in the property tax bill. This charge covers the cost for maintaining stormwater ponds, roadside ditches and storm sewers in the Village. Rates are set by the Village Board after input from the Finance/Public Works Committee. Note that this represents approximately 20 percent of the typical residential water bill.