

Residential Brown Deer Water Bill Components

Water Volume Charge - This will vary depending on the amount of water you use. The new rate as of 2-15-2015 is \$2.34 per 1,000 gallons for the first 50,000 used per quarter. 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 17 percent of the typical residential water bill.

Water Fixed Charge – This is a service charge based on the size of your water meter and covers fixed components of the water systems such as pipe depreciation and readiness to handle water main breaks. Most residential properties have a fixed water charge of \$19.67 as of 3-1-2015. Rates are set by the State Public Service Commission and Village Water Utility. Note that this represents approximately 14 percent of the typical 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.

Local Sewer Volume 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. Rates are set by the Village Board after input by the Finance Committee, and Public Works Committee. Note that this represents approximately 13 percent of the typical residential water bill.

Local 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, and/Public Works Committee. Note that this represents approximately 10 percent of the typical residential water bill.

MMSD Sewer Volume 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 by MMSD. Rates are set by MMSD. Note that this represents approximately 16 percent of the typical residential water bill.

MMSD Sewer Connection Charge – This is a fixed charge for each sanitary sewer connection in the Village and covers the fixed components of the MMSD conveyance system. Rates are set by MMSD. Note that this represents approximately 5 percent of the typical residential water bill.

Stormwater Utility Fee – This is separate charge since 2005. Previously, these costs were included in the property tax bill. The current quarterly charge as of 12-01-2014 is 29.77. 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 18 percent of the typical residential water bill.

Typical Components of Residential Water Bill

