

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CITY UTILITY BILL

Water, Sewer and residential Trash Service is included on your monthly City utility bill. The bill contains a lot of information. The example below uses the headings and the code letters that appear on your bill. Grab one of your bills and refer to it as you walk through this explanation. It looks complicated, but in reality can be followed easily by the average person.

The examples below are for a typical City residential customer. Township customer fees are 1.5 times more for water and 2 times more for sewer. Refer to the headings and designations on your bill.

W

The cost of water used. We charge \$1.77 for every 100 cubic feet (748 gallons). For example: If you used 700 cubic feet. Divide by 100 and multiply by \$1.77 to get the charge of \$12.39 on this bill.

M

Water Maintenance Fee and a Capital Improvement Fee. This is based on your meter size. The larger the meter, the higher the fee. For a typical City resident with a 5/8-inch meter the fee is \$9.00 per month.

PREVIOUS

Reading from your meter last month. For this example let us say the number printed here is: 24348

PRESENT

Reading from your meter this month. For this example let us say the number printed is: 25048

USED

This means how many cubic feet of water went through the meter to your home. Subtract the Previous month from the Present month to get the amount of water used for this bill. For example, if a City resident had the following 24348 under the Previous reading and had 25048 under the Present month reading, the amount of water used was 700 cubic feet of water. 1 cubic foot equals 7.48 gallons. So, you used 5,236 gallons of water. To figure the cost of the water you used see " W " above.

S

The cost for sewage you sent us to treat. Water into your home equals the sewage sent from your home. We charge \$4.58 for every 100 cubic feet (748 gallons). For this example: You used 700 cubic feet. Divide by 100 and multiply by \$4.58 to get the charge of \$32.06 that shows on your bill.

TR

This is the monthly fee for City Residents for their weekly trash service. The cost is \$6.87

TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE EXAMPLE'S MONTHLY BILL

W -	\$ 12.39
M -	\$ 9.00
S -	\$ 32.06
<u>TR -</u>	<u>\$ 6.87</u>
Total	\$ 60.32

NOTE: The City reads meters each month - weather permitting - to find out how much water you used. To read more about this, please refer to the article titled: **Reading Your Meter.**