

Did You Know . . .

Sewer user fees are used to operate and maintain the City's wastewater treatment plant -- Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), which meets some of the most stringent regulatory permit requirements in the state. Additionally, the fees are used to maintain and repair the City's sewer lines and pump stations.

The City conducts sanitary sewer rate analysis and equity reviews biennially to ensure that the actual revenues and expenses are meeting the needs of McMinnville's growing population.

The most recent study for fiscal year 2021-22 concluded that after no increases since 2019, a rate increase of 2.5 percent is recommended. Sanitary sewer fees are set by resolutions, which are approved by City Council. City Council approved the resolution to increase the fees by 2.5 percent along with a 1 percent increase to the wastewater franchise fee for a total increase of 3.5 percent and will be effective July 1, 2023.

In addition, these fees are used to fund major capital projects in the sewer system and at the WRF, provide building improvements, and replace aging equipment.



**City of
McMinnville**

Sewer Usage Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

RESIDENTIAL RATES



CUSTOMER CHARGE

\$23.16 per living unit
(whether you use water or not)



FLOW BASED CONSUMPTION

\$6.28 per 100 cubic feet (CF)
of water used



MONTHLY BILL

Example

For 300 cubic feet of water use, the bill would be:

\$23.16 - Monthly Sewer Customer Charge

18.84 - Flow Based Charges [$\$6.28 \times (300 \text{ CF}/100)$]

\$42.00 - Total Sewer Charges

The City of McMinnville uses a consumption-based averaging as described to the right.

COMMERCIAL RATES



CUSTOMER CHARGE

\$23.16 per account
(whether you use water or not)



FLOW BASED CONSUMPTION

\$7.77 per 100 cubic feet (CF)
of water used



MONTHLY BILL

Monitored Commercial/Industrial customers will be billed based on an assigned wastewater strength classification.

Residential Septic Waste rate is \$0.15 per gallon -- hauled by permitted commercial service providers.

For more information, contact Wastewater Services office at (503) 434-7313

What We Do For You

- ✧ Clean, inspect, and maintain 157 miles of public sewer line
- ✧ Repair or replace damaged sewer lines
- ✧ Operate and service 14 unique pump stations
- ✧ Administer our DEQ approved local pretreatment program and protect the City's Water Reclamation Facility, sewer system, citizens, and the environment through partnering with businesses to prevent illicit discharge
- ✧ Operate and maintain an advanced wastewater treatment facility under the strict requirement of our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit



CONSUMPTION-BASED AVERAGING

Consumption-based averaging allows residential customers to use water as needed during the summer months without affecting the monthly sewer charges. For billing periods during the winter months (December - March), sewer charges are billed according to actual water consumption. Charges for the remaining months (April - November) are based on the average of the winter months' water use or actual water use, whichever is less.