

2018 Water, Sewer & Infrastructure Rate Increase

On January 1, 2018, Water, Sewer & Infrastructure rates will increase overall by 9.25% on your utility bill.

Water, Sewer & Infrastructure utilities fund annual operating costs, capital projects and contributions to general revenues. Capital projects include upgrades or rehabilitation for:

- Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants;
- Water mains, including lead service pipe replacements;
- Wastewater collection system (sewer);
- Associated roadway rehabilitation; and
- Water and sewer infrastructure in core areas to support new development.

How much more will I pay?

In 2018, a typical home will see an increase of \$9.15 per month on their bill for water, sewer & infrastructure.

How do Saskatoon's residential monthly charges compare with other cities?

Saskatoon residents continue to pay significantly lower rates for water, sewer & infrastructure services compared to other prairie cities. For example, if you lived in Edmonton, your monthly bill would be 13% higher than Saskatoon.

Meter Size/ Consumption	Residential 15 mm/ 25.5 cu. m. per month	Commercial 20 mm/ 85 cu. m. per month
Saskatoon (2018)	\$105.31	\$342.54
*Edmonton (2017)	\$119.03	\$313.76
Calgary (2018)	\$121.36	\$308.16
*Regina (2017)	\$125.07	\$337.46
Winnipeg (2018)	\$134.31	\$409.80

* 2018 rates not set.

Monthly Charges

The rate structure consists fixed and volumetric charges. The fixed charge is based on the water meter size to reflect the demand placed on the utilities. The volumetric charge (\$/cu. m.) is based on how much you use, to encourage conservation.

Cubic Metres (cu. m.)*	Cost per Cubic Metre (\$/cu. m.)			
Usage	Water	Wastewater	Infrastructure	Total
First 17	\$1.271	\$0.874	\$1.119	\$3.264
Next 17	\$1.415	\$0.974	\$1.119	\$3.508
34 +	\$1.863	\$1.282	\$1.119	\$4.264

* 1 cubic metre is equal to 1,000 litres

How can I save money on my water bill?

By making simple changes, families can save money, help reduce greenhouse gases and protect our water resources. Learn more about water conservation at saskatoon.ca/bewaterwise.

- Repair leaky faucets and toilets immediately.
- Run your dishwasher and washing machine only when you have a full load. This can save 1,875 litres to 3,000 litres every month.
- Install high-efficiency fixtures such as water-saving showerheads and low-flow toilets.
- Only water your lawn once a week, and skip watering for a week after rain, during the heat of the day and when it is windy.

Should I pour grease down the drain or flush cleaning wipes?

NO! Grease, oils, fat and wipes can clog pipes causing odours and costly sewer backups in your home and business, and in the sanitary sewer system under your street. Instead, put waste in the right place:

- Scrape and toss any leftover grease and solid food into a garbage container before washing the dishes or putting them in the dishwasher.
- Use paper towel to wipe away cooking oil, butter, sauces and salad dressing before washing dishes.
- Place cleaning wipes/sanitary products with your regular garbage (even ones labelled 'flushable').
- Take strong chemicals, pesticides, etc., to a City of Saskatoon Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day.