

Residential Sewer Averaging 2023-2024



Wastewater (sewer) averaging calculates wastewater (sewer) charges based on the average amount of water used at your residence during three consecutive billing months from December to February. This is completed annually.

Winter water usage is used to calculate sewer charges because it most accurately reflects the amount of water going directly into the wastewater system from your household. It usually does not include outdoor watering, washing cars, etc.

Conserving your water during these months can help lower your wastewater charges and save you money on your utility bill.

Sewer averaging for the winter months begins December 2023 and continues through February 2024.

Water usage over this period determines your sewer charge for the next billing year, which begins March 2024. The water usage readings for these months will be averaged and the average per thousand-gallon usage will be multiplied by \$6.86. The final calculation result will be your sewer charge for the next 12 months.

Example of Sewer Billing

Sewer Average Calculation

- December 2023 (Month 1) = 4,000 gallons
- January 2024 (Month 2) = 3,000 gallons
- February 2024 (Month 3) = 5,000 gallons

Sewer Average: $(4,000 + 3,000 + 5,000 = 12,000 \text{ gallons}) / 3 = 4,000 \text{ gallons averaged}$

4000 gallons X 6.86 divided by 1,000 = \$27.44 + \$6.89 (customer service charge) = \$34.33 per month for the next 12-months

Residents without historical winter water use:

Wastewater User Charge for new residential customers *without* historical winter water use will be based on the District's last calculated median winter metered residential water use of 4,280 gallons during a billing period and the established Customer Service Charge.

Minimum water use for existing residential users

Wastewater User Charge for *existing* residential users will be based on a minimum 2,000 gallons average winter water use volume for each customer during the billing periods for December, January and February or the actual use volume metered, whichever is greater will be the established Customer Service Charge.

For more information, see the Rates Resolution on www.fountainsanitation.com or call 719-382-5303.