



**CITY OF CEDARBURG
NOTICE OF SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020**

Sewer Use Charge:	\$7.55 per 1,000 gallons
Monthly Sewer Connection Fee:	\$15.00 per connection

The Sewer Use Charge has been changed for 2020. The Sewer Use Charge will increase to \$7.55 from \$5.40 per 1,000 gallons effective January 1, 2020. The Monthly Sewer Connection Fee will remain at \$15.00 per month.

Generally, the sewer bill is based on 100% of the water gallons used, plus the monthly connection fee. For customers classified as **one- or two-family residential**, however, a **summer sewer maximum** helps to avoid sewer from being charged on water used for lawn sprinkling. Here is how the summer sewer maximum works:

- Upon completion of the winter months (see definition below), the utility will review each one- or two-family residential customer's water usage from the winter months and calculate the average of the three highest winter months. This average, or 6,000 gallons, whichever is greater, becomes the customer's sewer maximum for the summer months.
- During the summer months (see definition below), one- or two-family residential customers will only pay sewer charges on the lesser of their actual water usage or their summer sewer maximum.

Definition of "winter" and "summer" months for one- or two-family residential sewer bills.

It is somewhat difficult to define winter and summer months because water/sewer usage dates vary from customer to customer, as meters are read throughout the community at different times of the month. The payment due date shown on the monthly utility bills may be helpful in determining usage dates covered in the winter and summer months for each specific customer.

- **WINTER MONTHS:** The easiest way for each one- or two-family residential customer to determine what usage is included in "winter months" is to look at the "read dates" included on bills that have payments due in January, February, March, April and May. *One- or two-family residential customers pay sewer charges on 100% of the water gallons used during the read dates included on these bills.*
- **SUMMER MONTHS:** The easiest way for each customer to determine what usage is included in "summer months" is to look at the "read dates" included on bills that have payments due in June, July, August, September, October, November and December. *One- or two-family residential customers pay sewer charges on the lesser of the actual water gallons used or the summer sewer maximum during the read dates included on these bills. This helps to avoid sewer from being charged on water used for lawn sprinkling.*

For other customers classified as **multi-family residential** (having three or more dwelling units in one building), **commercial, industrial or public**, a sewer credit meter may be installed to prompt reductions to the sewer bill as a result of water that is not discharged into the sanitary sewer. Approval for such installations must be obtained from the City of Cedarburg before the property owner initiates plumbing and metering modifications or installations. The property owner is responsible for costs associated with such modifications and installations, as well as the testing and maintenance of the sewer credit meter. Such plumbing and metering configurations require a plumbing permit and inspection by the City of Cedarburg before any adjustments are reflected on the sewer bill.

The rates are calculated to meet the operating and debt service budget. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Director of Engineering & Public Works Tom Wiza at 262-375-7610 or Wastewater Superintendent Eric Hackert at 262-375-7900.