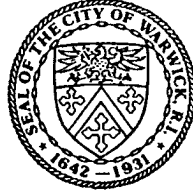


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Frequently Asked Questions and Answers Bayside Sewer Construction Project

Sewer Usage Billing Questions

1. When I am connected, how frequently will I be billed and what can I anticipate for my sewer charges?

Sewer fees will be added to your quarterly Warwick utility (water) bill and will include:

- a. **Sewer Usage Fee** - The sewer usage fee is based on water consumption. The **sewer usage fee** pays for the collection and treatment of your wastewater. It also pays to maintain the pipes and pump stations used to convey wastewater to the City of Warwick's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The current **residential usage rate** is \$47.80 per 1,000 cubic feet of water used.

The **commercial usage rate** is \$73.24 per 1,000 cubic feet of water used.

- b. **Service Charge Fee** - The service charge fee is a flat fee that pays for debt service, as well as, general administration and billing-related services.

The current **residential service charge** is \$31.72 per unit.

The current **commercial service charge** varies, based on the size of the water meter.

- c. **Renewal and Replacement Fee** - The renewal and replacement is also based on water consumption. Collected fees are set aside in a dedicated fund for necessary capital improvements to the City's existing wastewater treatment infrastructure.

The current **renewal and replacement charge** on all accounts is \$6.00 per 1,000 cubic feet.

2. Will I be billed sewer usage charges for outside water usage?

Yes, you would be billed based on 100% of your water consumption. Therefore, the WSA highly recommends that you purchase a **deduct meter** if you have a lot of outside water usage which is not discharged into the sewer system. Any User of the sewer system may, at their own option and expense, install a separate water meter, purchased from the WSA, to measure water consumed in sprinkling of lawns, gardens, or vehicle washing, and for other consumption of water which is not discharged into the sewer system.

Again, the meters *must be purchased from the WSA* to ensure the meter is compatible with meter reading and billing programs.

Deduct meters are subject to testing and inspection by the WSA or its agents whenever the WSA deems this necessary. All maintenance and repairs required upon inspection must be made at the expense of the User.

Water consumption registered on the separate meter shall be deducted from the total sewer usage for the purposes of calculating consumption- based User charges.

The WSA's detailed deduct meter policy follows on next page.