

Your Cost for Wastewater

Your sewer charges pay to collect, clean and treat wastewater generated by your home or business. This includes operating costs to provide daily services, capital investments to upgrade our sewer system and administrative costs to run the utility.

Sewer services in Hamilton County are equal to approximately 1 - cent per gallon of the average household use. While no one likes to see costs go up, rising costs for sewer services are not unique to the Cincinnati region. Other utilities across the country are upgrading their sewer systems and face similar economic challenges.

2013/2014 Rate Increase Comparison:

Cincinnati - 6%
Louisville - 5.78%
St. Louis - 12.54%
Columbus - 5.80%
Cleveland - 11.90%



PROJECT GROUNDWORK
your pipeline to clean water

Detailed information about Project Groundwork - our plan to upgrade our system, reduce or eliminate sewer overflows, improve public health and our local rivers and streams - can be found at www.projectgroundwork.org

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2014 Wastewater Rate Information

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Wastewater rate increase - about 10¢ a day

At the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, we believe that improved sewer services can create cleaner waterways and a healthier community.

Protecting public health through the collection and treatment of wastewater is our highest priority.

We work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to collect your wastewater, clean and treat it, and return the water safely to the environment. With you in mind, we constantly look for ways to optimize our processes and performance to keep these operating costs low.

For most people, sewers are out of sight and out of mind. But below our streets and landscapes is a maze of sewers that transports wastewater from our homes and businesses to one of seven wastewater treatment plants in Hamilton County.

A majority of these sewer pipes were built years ago. Today, parts of our sewer system are outdated and/or deteriorating and can't contain all combined water (wastewater and stormwater) flows. As a result, 11.5 billion gallons of stormwater and untreated sewage overflow into local rivers and streams and can also back up into basements.

To fix this problem, we are investing in our sewer system under a federal mandate. On January 9, 2014 a wastewater rate increase went into effect that will add about 10 cents a day or \$11.30 more per quarter to the average* customer's cost for sewer services. Your sewer service costs are based on the quantity of water you use. Information about the amount of water you use can be found on your water bill.

Need help calculating your charges?

Call 513-591-7700
Monday – Friday
7:30 am – 5:30 pm
We're here to help!

*assumes use of 25 ccf/quarter

Sewerage Service Charge Rate Schedule

The minimum charge includes an allowance for the first 500 cubic feet of water used for monthly bills; and the first 900 cubic feet of water used for quarterly bills.

The minimum charge rates are as follows:

MONTHLY BILLS

Meter Size (Inches)	Number of Family Units	OM&R Portion	Total Rate
5/8	1	\$31.96	\$53.88
3/4	2-3	37.25	64.61
1	4-5	47.34	83.15
1 1/2	6-12	71.07	128.21
2	13-20	96.98	176.69
3	21-50	201.96	433.05
4	51-115	336.91	717.06
6	116-250	652.41	1,402.92
8	Over 250	967.96	2,085.35
10		1,305.34	2,802.36
12		1,529.60	3,263.05

QUARTERLY BILLS

Meter Size (Inches)	Number of Family Units	OM&R Portion	Total Rate
5/8	1	\$61.73	\$110.71
3/4	2-3	77.62	142.75
1	4-5	109.22	195.70
1 1/2	6-12	181.38	332.56
2	13-20	255.72	471.07
3	21-50	573.82	1,208.95
4	51-115	950.94	2,002.17
6	116-250	1,871.91	3,955.82
8	Over 250	2,792.92	5,902.62
10		3,735.74	7,887.50
12		4,323.30	9,106.83

The commodity charge is based on the quantity of water used on the premises served as measured by the water meter or meters therein used, which meters must be acceptable to the Municipality which collects such charge.

The commodity charges are as follows:

MONTHLY BILLS

For each 100 cubic feet consumed per month in excess of 500 cubic feet but not in excess of 5,000 cubic feet--

OM&R Portion \$2.323 per Ccf
Total Rate \$5.546 per Ccf

For each 100 cubic feet consumed per month in excess of 5,000 cubic feet--

OM&R Portion \$2.323 per Ccf
Total Rate \$4.435 per Ccf

QUARTERLY BILLS

For each 100 cubic feet consumed per quarter in excess of 900 cubic feet but not in excess of 15,000 cubic feet--

OM&R Portion \$2.323 per Ccf
Total Rate \$5.546 per Ccf

For each 100 cubic feet consumed per quarter in excess of 15,000 cubic feet--

OM&R Portion \$2.323 per Ccf
Total Rate \$4.435 per Ccf

Ccf-100 cubic feet or 748 gallons

Public Law 95-217 requires notice of the "OM&R Portion" being operation, maintenance, and replacement costs that are included in the "Total Rate". By definition, such replacements are those necessary to extend the life of facilities and not the total replacements of the entire system.