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The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) protects the environment and public health by collecting and treating wastewater and returning clean water to local streams and rivers.

Your sewer bill pays for:

- **Collecting and Treating Wastewater**

Wastewater, also known as sewage, is what goes down your drain or gets flushed down the toilet. Wastewater travels through sewer pipes to a treatment plant where it is cleaned and released back into local waterways.

MSD operates and maintains the public sewer system and wastewater treatment plants. Costs range from personnel, equipment, chemicals, and electricity to major upgrades to our sewers and plants.

- **Reducing Sewer Overflows**

During heavy rains, MSD's sewers can fill up with too much stormwater, causing sewer overflows into local streams and rivers and sewer backups.

MSD is working to reduce sewer overflows and address basement backups through our Wet Weather Program.

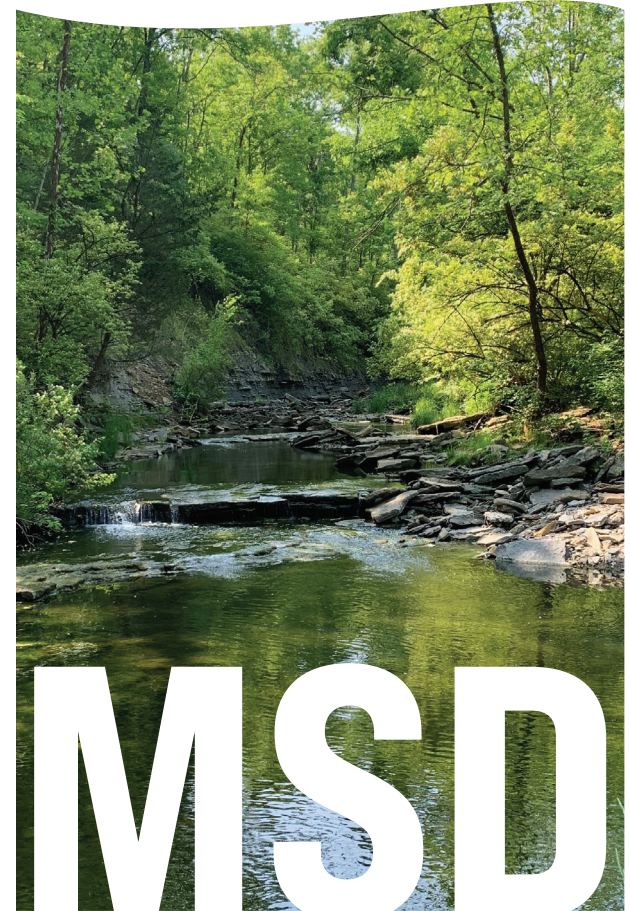


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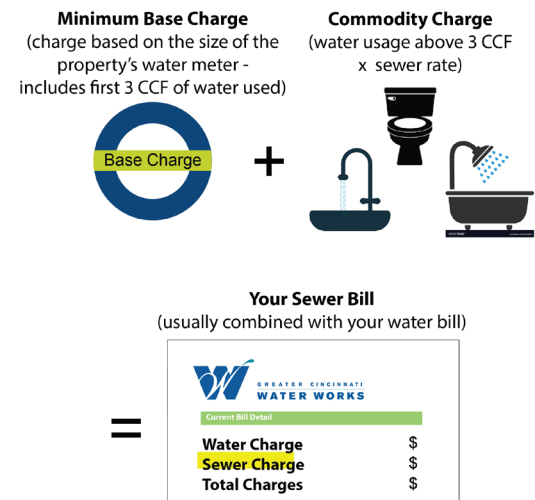
What's New in 2026?

- No increase in the Minimum Base Charge, Surcharge rates, or Industrial Pretreatment Program annual fees**
- One universal rate for the Commodity Charge for all customers**
With this change, residential sewer bills will generally stay the same or see a modest decrease. Industrial and commercial bills may see an increase depending on water usage.
- Customer Assistance Program (CAP)**
MSD offers a 25% discount to low-income seniors who own their home: msdgc.org/CAP

Your Sewer Bill

A sewer bill typically consists of two separate charges:¹

- Minimum base charge
- Commodity charge



Minimum Base Charge

The minimum base charge is a charge applied to all customers based on the size of the property's water meter. This charge includes the first 3 CCF² of water used each month, based on 30 days³ of service. Most residential customers have a 5/8th inch water meter.

Meter Size (inches)	Minimum Base Charge	25% CAP Discount
5/8	\$ 43.06	\$ 32.30
3/4	\$ 55.52	\$ 41.64
1	\$ 76.11	\$ 57.08
1 1/2	\$ 129.33	\$ 97.00
2	\$ 183.19	\$ 137.39
3	\$ 470.16	\$ 352.62
4	\$ 778.65	\$ 583.99
6	\$ 1,538.45	\$ 1,153.84
8	\$ 2,295.57	\$ 1,721.68
10	\$ 3,067.52	\$ 2,300.64
12	\$ 3,541.72	\$ 2,656.29

Notes:

¹Commercial/industrial customers may be charged additional fees to cover the costs associated with their discharges.

²1 CCF = 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons

³If greater or less than 30 days of service, the amount is prorated.

⁴Winter Period: Many residential customers (single and two-family homes) use a lot of water during the warmer months that never enters the sewer system (e.g., for watering lawns, gardening).

Since the commodity charge is based on water usage, MSD uses a customer's average water consumption during the winter months of January, February, and March as the maximum water usage per month for the rest of the year (April through December). This is called the "winter period."

Commodity Charge Rates

The commodity charge is a water use charge applied to all customers who use more than 3 CCF of water each month. This charge is calculated by multiplying the CCF of water used above 3 CCF by the sewer rate (see table).

The commodity charge for residential customers is based on their water usage during the winter period⁴.

Commercial and industrial customers do not have a winter period.

	Sewer Rate	Rate with 25% CAP Discount
First 3 CCF	Included in the minimum base charge	
For each cubic foot consumed per month in excess of 3 CCF	\$ 6.277/CCF	\$ 4.708/CCF

⁴Winter Period (continued):

In the months of January, February, and March, the commodity charge for residential customers is based on the actual amount of water used. In the months of April through December, the commodity charge is based on whichever is less: (a) the actual amount of water used in that month or (b) the maximum water usage set during the winter period. If there are greater or less than 30 days of service, the amount is prorated. A new winter period maximum water usage rate is established each year during the winter period.