It’s all about clean water!

2020 Sewer Rate Information

METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT
of Greater CINCINNATI
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What’s New in 2020?
- No sewer rate increase for the 5th year in a row.

Your Sewer Bill
Sewer bills are based on the amount of water used by a property. Your sewer bill consists of two separate charges:
- Minimum base charge
- Commodity charge

Minimum Base Charge:
The minimum base charge is a service fee applied to all customers based on the size of the property’s water meter. It includes the first 3 CCF of water used each month, based on 30 days of service. If there are greater or less than 30 days of service, the amount is prorated.

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Commodity Charge Rates:
The commodity charge is 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 established sewer rate (see table).

Winter Period for Residential Customers: From Jan-March, the commodity charge is based on the amount of water used. For April-Dec, the charge is based on the lesser of either (a) amount of water used that month or (b) average amount of water used from Jan-Mar. This average is known as the “winter period.” Commercial and industrial customers do not have a winter period.

Notes:
1 1 CCF = 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons
2 Industrial customers may be charged additional fees to cover the costs associated with their discharges.
3 Public Law 95-217 requires public notice of the operation, maintenance, and replacement (OM&R) cost portion of the minimum base charge and sewer rate. By definition, replacement costs are those necessary to extend the life of facilities and not total replacement of the entire system.
4 Many residential customers (single and two-family homes) use greater amounts of water during the warm, summer months (e.g., watering lawns, gardening), much of which never enters the sewer system. Since sewer bills are based on water usage, MSD uses a customer’s average water consumption during January, February, and March of each year as the maximum water usage to calculate the monthly commodity charge for the next 9 months (April-December). A new winter period maximum water consumption rate is established each year during the winter period.
Clean water is essential to a healthy environment.

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) protects the environment by returning clean water to local streams and rivers and partnering with the community on green solutions.

Your sewer bill helps make our water cleaner and healthier by paying for:

- **Collection and Treatment of Wastewater**
  Also known as sewage, this is what goes down your drain or gets flushed down the toilet. Wastewater arriving at an MSD treatment plant is cleaned and released back into local streams and rivers.

- **Other Operating Costs** to run and maintain a wastewater utility, such as personnel, equipment, fuel, and fleet vehicles.

- **Projects and Programs** to reduce sewer overflows, address sewer backups in homes and businesses, keep our sewers and treatment plants in good condition, provide round-the-clock customer service, and develop innovative solutions to today’s environmental challenges.

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