



2019 WATER RATE INCREASE

As of July 1, 2019, rates for water and sewer will increase to pay for infrastructure improvements, services, and increased costs of operation.

Water and Sewer Rate Increases (2019)

- Water – 3.1% Consumer Price Index and 5% infrastructure improvements.
- Sewer – 3.1% Consumer Price Index and 12% Department of Environmental Quality mandated infrastructure improvements.

Currently, the City of Carlton is working on upgrading the water main line section between the reservoir and the water plant reducing water loss. The City is also planning to replace several sections of sewer line as well as increasing the capacity of the City's lagoons (mandated by The Department of Environmental Quality).

Current Billing Structure

Water Accounts – All billing of water is based on actual monthly water consumption plus the base fee.

Residential Sewer Accounts – Charges for sewer services are based on a 3-month winter averaging (December – February) of water consumption plus the base fee. Where three months of indoor winter consumption is not available, a two month minimum sample period shall be established. Where there is no data available because of change of use, ownership, or other factors such as a structure newly connected to the system, the city will apply the system-wide average usage of 600 cubic feet.

Non-Residential Sewer Accounts – Volume rates will be based on actual monthly water consumption plus the base fee.

Utility rates are reviewed annually by a third-party government financial consulting firm to ensure they are set at appropriate levels to maintain continuation of services and plan for funding of scheduled infrastructure work. The proposed rates are presented to the Carlton City Council along with the City's annual budget adoption.

For more information on water rates, please visit our website, or contact City Hall at 503-852-7575 M-F 8AM to 4PM.