



Water & Sewerage  
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# Explanation of Charges On Your Water Bill:

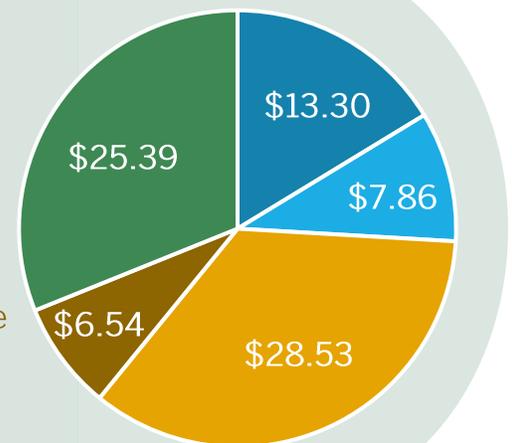
(Residential Customers)

- **Water Usage:** The cost of service for each centum cubic feet\* (CCF) of water used during a billing period. Your usage is based on the monthly meter reading at your home.
- **Sewerage Disposal:** The cost to collect, treat and dispose of untreated sewage for each CCF of water used during a billing period.
- **Drainage Charge\*\*\*:** Monthly fee for cost to collect and treat stormwater and snowmelt as required by law, calculated by hard, impervious (surface) acreage. An automatic 25% credit for disconnected downspouts which flow onto the lawn and/or into a rain barrel is applied to bills for parcels subject to the fee.
- **Water Service Charge\*\*:** A fixed monthly amount based on meter size to cover the cost of the meter, billing, and customer service.
- **Sewerage Service Charge\*\*:** A fixed monthly amount to cover the following:
  - **Operations, Maintenance, and Repair Charges (OM&R):** Amount for day-to-day customer service and maintenance operations.
  - **Capital Charges:** Cost of improving and expanding meters, service centers, and equipment.

Average Monthly Bill for  
Detroit Residential  
Customer\*\*\*\*

**\$81.62**

- Water Usage
- Water Service Charge
- Sewerage Disposal
- Sewerage Service Charge
- Drainage Charge



\*CCF (Cubic Feet) equals 100 cubic feet or approximately 748 gallons of water.

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\*\*\*\*Based on 5 CCFs of water for an average family of three members using a 5/8-inch meter and 0.05 impervious acreage.

Rates as of July 1, 2021

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