

# 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 is recorded by the water meter and based on the DWSD Inclinig Block Rates. Block 1 provides one rate for every water customer in Detroit that uses 4,500 gallons (6 CCF) of water or less per month, and Block 2 is a higher rate for usage above 4,500 gallons per month as higher volume users put more demand on the water system. Low-income households are eligible for a fixed rate – enroll by calling Wayne Metro at 313-386-9727 or waynemetrol.org/DWSDlifeline.

**Water Service Charge\*\*:** A fixed monthly amount based on meter size to cover the cost of the meter, billing, and customer service.

**Sewerage Disposal:** The cost to collect, treat and dispose of untreated sewage for each CCF of water used during a billing period. Single-family residential properties will not be charged for sewerage usage above 12 CCF.

**Sewerage Service Charge\*\*:** A fixed monthly amount to cover the following:

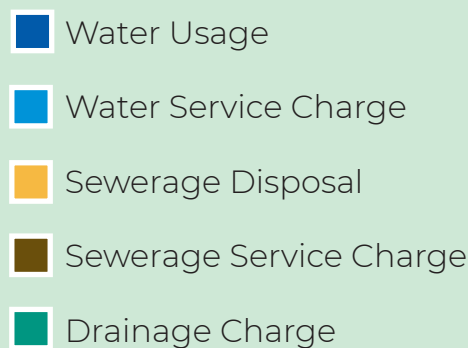
**Operations, Maintenance, and Repair Charges (OM&R):** Amount for day-to-day customer service and maintenance operations.

**Capital Charges:** Cost of improving and expanding meters, service centers, and equipment.

**Drainage Charge\*\*\*:** Monthly fee for the cost to collect and treat stormwater and snowmelt as required by the 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.

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

**\$79.59**



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

\*\*Amount is applicable whether or not water is used during the billing cycle.

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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.