



Water Works and Lighting Commission

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CHARGE DESCRIPTIONS

ELECTRIC

- Electric Service Charge – Fixed monthly charge, determined by the rate class of the customer.
- Energy Charge – Determined by the energy (kWh) used during the billing period.
- Power Cost Adjustment – Reflects the variable cost of power and is used to adjust the retail power cost to the wholesale power cost for the billing period. Determined by the energy (kWh) used during the billing period and set by the Public Service Commission.
- Commitment to Community – Required under 2005 Wisconsin Act 141, each municipal utility must collect on average \$16 per meter per year for low-income assistance and energy efficiency programs.
- State and County Tax – According to Wisconsin Law (s. 77.54 (30) Wisconsin Statutes), electricity sold for residential use and electricity used for farming is exempt from sales tax from November through April. If you feel you qualify for the exemption and are being charged sales tax, you must file an exemption certificate with the Utility.
- Street Lighting – Determined by fixture type and fixture wattage, number of fixtures and the average kWh used by similar fixtures for the billing period.

WATER

- Water Service Charge – Fixed charge determined by the size of service.
- Sprinkling Meter – Fixed charge determined by the size of service.
- Water Usage – Determined by the water (units) used. A unit is 100 cubic feet which is equal to 748.1 galls.
- Public Fire Protection – Fixed charge determined by the size of service and customer type. This charge offsets the cost of the infrastructure needed to build a distribution system to have adequate water available in the event of a fire.

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS SEWER

- Sewer Service Charge – Fixed monthly charge determined by the size of your water service.
- Sewer Usage - Monthly charge determined by the water (units) used during the billing period and location of service. A unit is 100 cubic feet which is equal to 748.1 gallons.
- Storm Sewer – Fixed monthly charge determined by the area of impervious surface producing storm water runoff at the customer's location.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

- Penalty Charge – 3% charge applied one time to all accounts that are not paid by the due date.
- Green Energy Program – Voluntary charge to cover additional cost of acquiring electricity from renewable resources. 1 block=100 kWh and costs \$1.70

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL CHARGES

- Demand Charge – Determined by highest demand (kW) used during any 15-minute period during the billing period.
- Distribution Demand Charge – Determined by the highest demand (kW) used during any 15-minutes period during the current billing period or the preceding 11 months.
- Power Factor – Calculated by the percentage of real power to apparent power.
- Primary Metering Discount – Customers metered on the primary side of the transformer shall be given a 2% discount on the monthly energy charge, distribution demand charge, and demand charge.