

2019 residential rate changes are effective on this bill

The City of St. Louis Park periodically conducts a utility rate study to ensure its utility rates are properly structured and generate enough revenue to maintain city services. The most recent rate study was completed in 2018. The city council adopted the study's recommended rate changes for 2019. **The 2019 rates are effective for billing periods beginning after January 1, 2019; the entire billing period must be in 2019 for the new rates to be effective. Below is a description of the services the city provides, along with a comparison of the 2018 and 2019 rates.**

Services	2018 rates	2019 rates
State testing fee: Established by the State of Minnesota to monitor and test drinking water quality.	\$1.59	\$1.59
Water service charge: The cost to provide service to a property based on meter size. A 5/8 in. x 3/4 in. meter is standard.	\$27.23	\$31.31
Water Consumption: Charges per unit – 750 gallons = one unit		
Residential	2018	2019
Tier 1:	0-40	0-13
Tier 2:	41-80	14-20
Tier 3:	81+	21+
Multifamily - all units	n/a	\$2.30
Sewer consumption: Charges per unit – Based upon water consumption, not to exceed the set winter average sewer consumption.	\$3.44	\$3.61
Sewer service charge: The cost to provide service to a property.	\$17.61	\$18.49
Storm drainage: Pays for flood control projects and storm water maintenance.	\$23.14	\$23.83
Solid waste charges are based upon the garbage cart service level (rate includes taxes and fees)*		
20-gallon garbage - every other week (<i>new service level</i>)	n/a	\$25.72
30-gallon garbage - every other week (<i>new service level</i>)	n/a	\$35.71
20-gallon garbage	\$29.40	\$36.75
30-gallon garbage	\$48.83	\$51.03
60-gallon garbage	\$72.45	\$75.70
90-gallon garbage	\$111.04	\$116.04
120-gallon garbage	\$176.40	\$184.34
150-gallon garbage	\$220.50	\$230.42
180-gallon garbage	\$264.60	\$276.51
270-gallon garbage	\$396.90	\$414.76
360-gallon garbage	\$529.20	\$553.03
Organics, recycling and yard waste	Included in rate	Included in rate

*Rates will change effective April 1 due to an increase of the Hennepin County solid waste management fee. See reverse for more information.

Solid waste utility

Solid waste rates include all city collection services. A base amount is paid by customers to provide collection of recycling, organics and yard waste. The remaining cost is determined by, and increases with, the garbage service level. This supports waste reduction by charging residents based on how much they throw away. The 2019 rates reflect increased costs to provide service. Two new every-other-week garbage service levels have been added as options for residents who generate small amounts of garbage.

For 2019, the way solid waste rates are displayed on your bill has been updated to more accurately represent what is included. The rates are now broken down into four lines:

- **SOLID WASTE - RECY/ORG/YW (NONTAX):** The amount paid by a household for the collection and processing of recycling, organics and yard waste, regardless of whether the household participates or not.
- **SOLID WASTE - GARBAGE (TAXABLE):** The amount paid by a household for the collection and processing of garbage. This portion of your bill is subject to the following:
 - **SOLID WASTE TAX - STATE:** State of Minnesota, 9.75%
 - **SOLID WASTE MGMT FEE - COUNTY:** Hennepin County, 9% (increasing to 15.5% on April 1, 2019)

To reduce your utility bill:

- Add organics recycling or an extra recycling cart for no additional cost
- Downsize your garbage cart service level
- Maintain appliances that use water to reduce leaks and malfunctions
- Practice water conservation

Questions? Contact Utility Billing at 952.924.2111 or utilitybilling@stlouispark.org