Understanding your utility bill

Quarterly residential charges:

State Testing Fee: Established by the State of Minnesota to monitor and test drinking water quality.

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.

Water Consumption: Charges per unit - Tier 1: 0 - 40; Tier 2: 41 - 80 units; Tier 3: 81+ units.

Sewer Consumption: Based upon water consumption, not to exceed the set winter sewer consumption.

Sewer Service Charge: The cost to provide service to a property.

Storm Drainage: Pays for flood control projects and storm water maintenance.

Solid Waste Non Taxable: Tax is not charged on recyclables, organics or yard waste because these items do not go to a landfill or incinerator.

Solid Waste Taxable: Tax is charged on garbage that goes to a landfill or incinerator.

Solid Waste Tax: The sales tax amount charged on the taxable portion of your garbage service.

Commercial charges:

State Testing Fee: Established by the State of Minnesota to monitor and test drinking water quality.

Water Service Charge: The cost to provide service to the property based on meter size. Meter sizes vary depending on capacity requirements.

Water Consumption: Charges per unit billed at Tier 1 for all usage.

Sewer Consumption: Based upon the water consumption. Units of sewer will match the quantity of water used.

Sewer Service Charge: The cost to provide service to a property.

Storm Drainage: Pays for flood control projects and storm water maintenance. Calculated based upon the acreage and the primary land use of the property.

Solid Waste (if applicable): Commercial accounts are charged for each individual garbage, recycling or organics container. See residential charges for explanation of charges. Approval is required to enroll in service.

Payment option information is on the back of this brochure.