

## NOTICE OF 2018 UTILITY RATES

The City of St. Louis Park annually reviews its utility rates and takes into consideration the current year budget for operations, the multi-year Capital Improvement Plan and the Long-Range Financial Management Plan in determining if current rates will allow each utility fund to remain sustainable in the long term. Based on these analyses, the City Council authorized an increase to the city's utility rates for 2018. **The 2018 rates are effective for billing periods beginning after January 1, 2018.**

### SUMMARY OF RATE CHANGES EFFECTIVE ON THIS BILL

#### ***Water Utility***

The water consumption rate has increased from \$1.78 to \$1.89 per unit. One unit equals 750 gallons.

The monthly service charge for commercial water (a fixed fee to partially offset the cost of making water available to you) has changed as well. After conducting a Water Rate Study, the city has adopted a phased approach to the fixed fee that completely offsets the cost of making water available to customers and allows the city to be less dependent on the consumption fees. The monthly service charge is based on the size of your meter.

#### ***Sanitary Sewer Utility***

The sanitary sewer consumption rate has increased from \$3.28 to \$3.44 per unit of water used for 2018.

The monthly sewer service charge (a fixed fee to offset the cost of making sanitary sewer service available to you) increased from \$5.60 to \$5.87 for 2018.

#### ***Storm Drainage Utility***

The monthly storm drainage rate (pays for flood control projects and storm water drainage) increased from \$36.38 to \$38.56 for 2018.

#### ***Solid Waste Utility (Garbage, Recycling and Organics Recycling)***

Solid waste services are made available to some small commercial generators through the city's residential program. Rates are per service; each service is priced individually and varies based on volume of service utilized (weekly collection for garbage and organics recycling and bi-weekly collection for recycling). Commercial entities that want to use city garbage service must also sign up for recycling and/or organics (the city does not provide trash-only service). Monthly rates range from \$12.30 to \$30.42 for recycling, \$15.81 to \$30.42 for organics, and \$17.08 to \$62.08 for garbage. Contact Emily Barker, solid waste program specialist, at [ebarker@stlouispark.org](mailto:ebarker@stlouispark.org) or 952.924.2187 to find out if your business is eligible to participate.

***Note:*** City solid waste services may not be available to all commercial businesses. Commercial participants must be on an existing residential hauling route.

The 2018 Utility Rates are on the city's website at [www.stlouispark.org/2018-utility-rates](http://www.stlouispark.org/2018-utility-rates)

**Questions? Contact the Utility Billing Department at 952.924.2111.**