

## 2018 residential rate changes are effective on this bill

The City of St. Louis Park annually reviews its utility rates and takes into consideration if rates will allow funds 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; the entire billing period must be in 2018 for the new rates to be effective.**

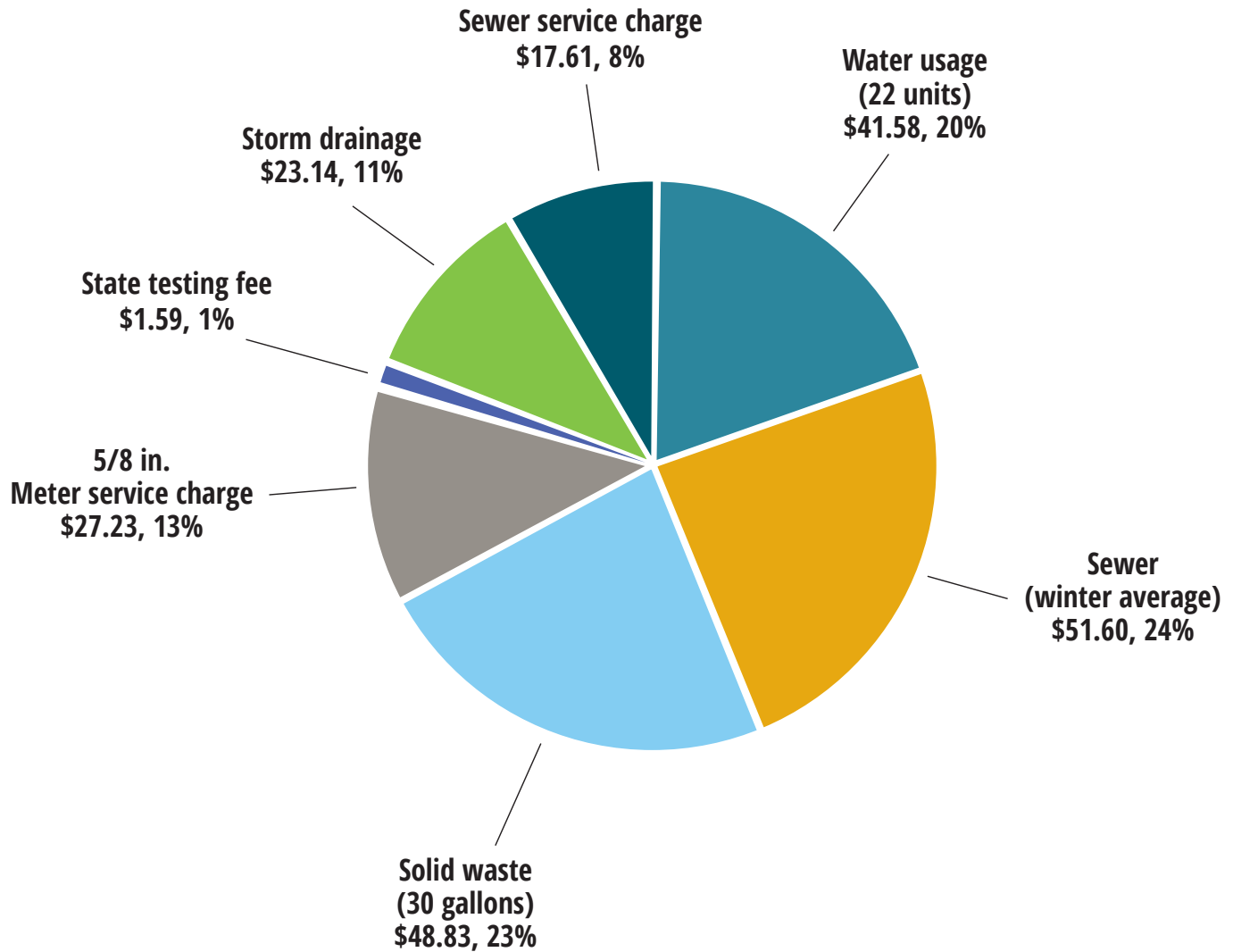
Below is a description of the services the city provides, along with a comparison of the 2017 and 2018 rates.

<i>Services</i>	<i>2017 rates</i>	<i>2018 rates</i>
<b>State testing fee:</b> Established by the State of Minnesota to monitor and test drinking water quality.	\$1.59	\$1.59
<b>Water service charge:</b> The cost to provide service to a property based on meter size. A 5/8 in. x 3/4 in. meter is standard.	\$24.79	\$27.23
<b>Water Consumption:</b> Charges per unit – 750 gallons = one unit Tier 1: 0 – 40 Tier 2: 41 – 80 Tier 3: 81+	Tier 1 – \$1.78 Tier 2 – \$2.21 Tier 3 – \$3.31	Tier 1 – \$1.89 Tier 2 – \$2.34 Tier 3 – \$3.51
<b>Sewer consumption:</b> Charges per unit – Based upon water consumption, not to exceed the set winter average sewer consumption.	\$3.28	\$3.44
<b>Sewer service charge:</b> The cost to provide service to a property.	\$16.78	\$17.61
<b>Storm drainage:</b> Pays for flood control projects and storm water maintenance.	\$21.83	\$23.14
<b><i>Solid waste charges are based upon the garbage cart service level</i></b>		
20-gallon garbage	\$28.00	\$29.40
30-gallon garbage	\$46.50	\$48.83
60-gallon garbage	\$69.00	\$72.45
90-gallon garbage	\$105.75	\$111.04
120-gallon garbage	\$168.00	\$176.40
150-gallon garbage	\$210.00	\$220.50
180-gallon garbage	\$252.00	\$264.60
270-gallon garbage	\$378.00	\$396.90
360-gallon garbage	\$504.00	\$529.20
Yard waste credit	\$3.00 credit	Included in rate
Organics recycling, recycling, and yard waste	Included in rate	Included in rate

**Please see the back for a breakdown of utility services.**

## Sample quarterly utility bill

*\$211.58 for a 2-3 person household*



### 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