

Foley Water and Sewer Rates

The City of Foley will soon break ground on a project that will allow us to pipe our wastewater to the St. Cloud regional treatment plant. The city is also shifting the water/sewer billing cycle from quarterly to monthly in 2022.

Foley residents and businesses will see an increase in their 2022 water/sewer rates, **but what exactly does your water bill pay for?**



Water Charges

There are many costs associated with getting water from the ground to your faucet. The infrastructure needed to move and distribute the water includes meters, water mains and pipes, and hydrants. The cost to maintain such a complex system is ongoing and includes:

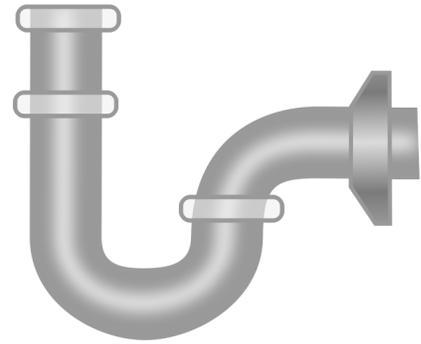
- Pumping the water from the wells to the water tower.
- Seasonal maintenance of water mains and repairs.
- Backup generators used to sustain services in the event of a power outage.
- Weekly and monthly testing and reports.
- Required state testing fee and chemical treatments (i.e. chlorine) to meet state regulatory standards.
- Debt service payments for large water infrastructure improvements.
- Administrative services such as meter reading, billing, receipting, and reporting.



Sewer Charges

Just as there is a cost to pumping water to your faucet, there are also costs associated with pumping wastewater away from your homes and businesses. A separate infrastructure of sewer mains/pipes, pumps and lift stations must be regularly maintained in addition to:

- Pumping wastewater utility costs to the city ponds and eventually to St. Cloud.
- Jetting and cleaning sewer mains.
- Maintenance and repairs of manholes.
- Backup generators used to sustain services in the event of power outages.
- Required weekly/monthly testing and reports to meet state regulatory standards.
- Debt service payments for large sewer infrastructure improvements.
- Administrative services such as meter reading, billing, receipting, and reporting.



Safe and Reliable

A well-maintained water/sewer infrastructure is important to the health and safety of city residents as well as to the future growth of the City of Foley. As state standards change, we must upgrade our infrastructure to meet the new clean water standards. The city is also working diligently to ensure that water/sewer services are reliable while still controlling costs.

For questions about your water bill, please call us at City Hall:
320-968-7260.



<u>New Monthly Minimum</u>	
2,500 gallons	
Water	\$15.75
Sewer	\$32.50
MN Test Fee	\$.81
Total:	\$49.06