

## Did You Know . . .

Under the **regulatory permit** issued by Oregon DEQ, the City must meet some of the most stringent requirements in the state.

**Analysis and equity reviews** for sanitary sewer rates are conducted biennially to ensure that the actual revenues and expenses are meeting the needs of McMinnville's growing population.

The latest review was completed in 2022. The findings from the study indicate a rate increase of 2.5 percent starting July 1, 2023 and annually thereafter was needed.

**Sanitary sewer fees** are set by resolutions, which are approved by City Council.

A resolution approved by City Council increasing the sewer user fees by 3.5 percent will be effective July 1, 2024. The increase includes 1 percent for the new Water & Light Billing fees.

Sewer user fees are used to:

- ♦ operate, maintain and repair the City's wastewater treatment plant -- Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), sewer lines, and pump stations
- ♦ fund major capital projects in the sewer system and at the WRF,
- ♦ provide building improvements, and
- ♦ replace aging equipment.



**City of  
McMinnville**

**Sewer Usage Rates**  
Effective July 1, 2024

## RESIDENTIAL RATES



### CUSTOMER CHARGE

\$23.97 per living unit  
(whether you use water or not)



### FLOW BASED CONSUMPTION

\$6.50 per 100 cubic feet (CF)  
of water used



### MONTHLY BILL

#### Example

For 300 cubic feet of water use, the bill would be:  
\$23.97 - Monthly Sewer Customer Charge  
19.50 - Flow Based Charges [ $\$6.50 \times (300 \text{ CF}/100)$ ]  
\$43.47 - Total Sewer Charges

The City of McMinnville uses a consumption-based averaging as described to the right.

## COMMERCIAL RATES



### CUSTOMER CHARGE

\$23.97 per account  
(whether you use water or not)



### FLOW BASED CONSUMPTION

\$8.05 per 100 cubic feet (CF)  
of water used



### MONTHLY BILL

Monitored Commercial/Industrial customers will be billed based on an assigned wastewater strength classification.

Residential Septic Waste rate is \$0.15 per gallon -- hauled by permitted commercial service providers.

For more information, contact Wastewater Services office at (503) 434-7313

## What We Do For You

- ✧ Clean, inspect, and maintain 157 miles of public sewer line
- ✧ Repair or replace damaged sewer lines
- ✧ Operate and service 14 unique pump stations
- ✧ Administer our DEQ approved local pretreatment program and protect the City's Water Reclamation Facility, sewer system, citizens, and the environment through partnering with businesses to prevent illicit discharge
- ✧ Operate and maintain an advanced wastewater treatment facility under the strict requirement of our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit



### CONSUMPTION-BASED AVERAGING

Consumption-based averaging allows residential customers to use water as needed during the summer months without affecting the monthly sewer charges. For billing periods during the winter months (December - March), sewer charges are billed according to actual water consumption. Charges for the remaining months (April - November) are based on the average of the winter months' water use or actual water use, whichever is less.