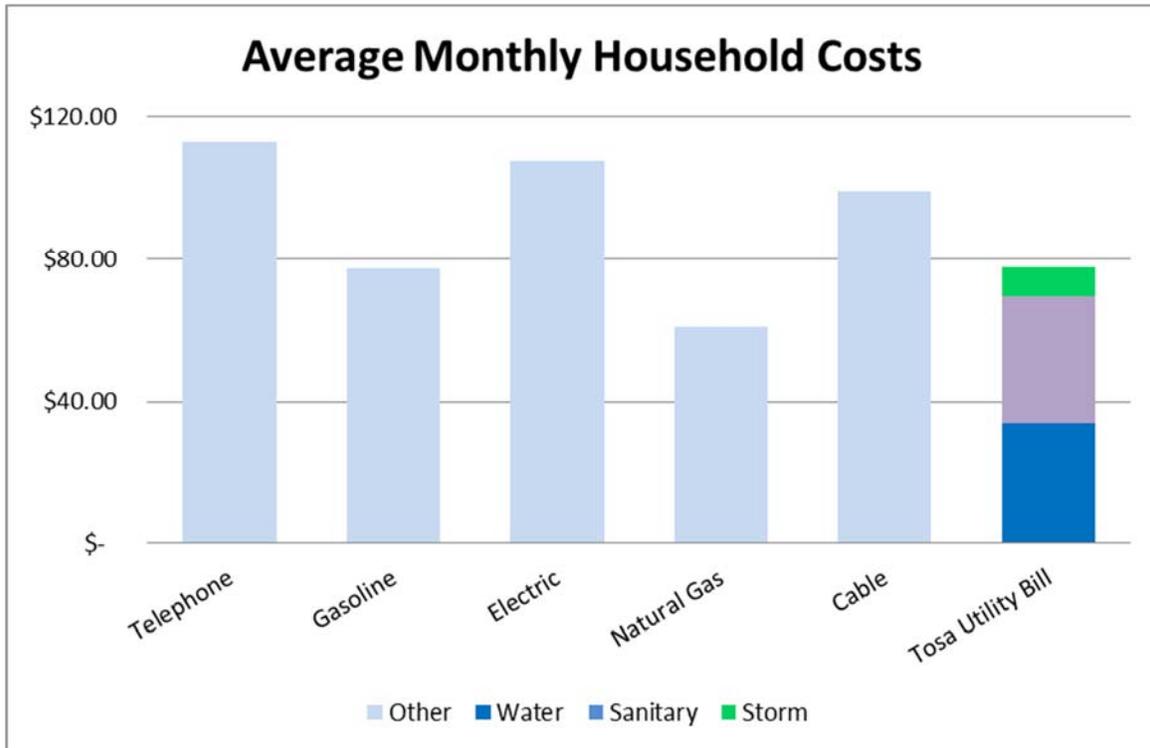


2016 Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rates Increase

Your City of Wauwatosa water bill consists of three parts: water, sanitary sewer, and storm water charges. This notice provides information related to the sanitary and storm water portion of the bill.

- On January 19, 2016 the Common Council approved an 11% increase in sanitary sewer rates and an 11% increase in storm sewer rates for 2016. These rate increases will be used to provide Wauwatosa residents and businesses with a greatly improved sewer infrastructure that addresses basement backups, surface flooding and failing pipes problems experienced over the past several years.
- Beginning in 2011 and continuing for the next 7-10 years, Wauwatosa is strategically undertaking multiple large sewer rebuilding projects to replace pipes at the end of their useful life as the bulk of the sewer infrastructure was installed 75-100 years ago. The City will then need to maintain that level of infrastructure spending in order to sustain the system.
- Between 2012 and 2014, the City repaired and/or replaced 107,680 feet, or almost 20.4 miles, of sanitary sewer and 50,800 feet, or about 9.6 miles, of storm sewer. All improvements are intended to replace end-of-life sewer mains and to alleviate flooding during storms due to undersized pipes and bring the system into compliance with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) regulations.
- Based on average residential water consumption, the sanitary sewer portion of the average homeowner's quarterly water bill will increase from \$99.10 to \$105.86 and the storm sewer portion will increase from \$22.83 to \$25.38 beginning with the enclosed bill.
- The average residential total quarterly bill will increase from \$223.99 to \$233.30 in 2016, approximately a \$9.30 or 4.2% increase.
- Currently, there is no rate increase to the water utility rates but may be subject to change later in the year.

The graph on the back shows your total water bill, despite the increases, remains less than most other monthly household costs. If you have any questions or would like more information, visit our website at www.wauwatosa.net/utilityrates or contact the Wauwatosa Water Utility at 414-479-8963.



Telephone: \$90 for average family cellular phones (mid-plan minutes with mid-texting per *Consumer Reports*) plus \$23 for a landline with long distance.

Gasoline: 12,000 miles per year @25 mpg X \$1.93/ 12 months (Milwaukee average on 12/31/15 based on www.WisconsinGasPrices.com).

Electric: 694 kWh per household (per Department of Energy residential monthly average) * .13232 energy charge + .52602 facilities charge X 30.5 days.

Natural Gas: 858 therms per year (per Department of Energy 2014 Wisconsin residential consumption/ households)/12 months* .7106 rate + .33 facilities charges X 30.5 days.

Cable: \$99.10 monthly bill (www.leichtmanresearch.com/press/090315release.pdf).