



The Water Chronicles

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What is your city charging you??

December 31, 2009 changed the way cities would charge for water used outside of the home. State legislation which was put into enforcement on this date allowed for cities to access fees on water which was used outside of the home to water our lawns. For most cities this affects water usage after the first 9000 gallons each month. Water after the first 9000 gallons would be charged on a minimum of a three tiered system. Because it is a fee, it does not have to reflect the actual cost to produce the water. The state of Minnesota gave guidelines but not enforcements of what those fees would look like, with the first rate after 9000 gallons being 3.00 per 1000 gallons and the highest fee of 6.00 per 1000 gallons plus a 1.00 per 1000 gallon surplus charge on every 1000 gallons over the first 9000 gallons. These were only guidelines, but the result has been the steady increase of the cost of water for all cities in the State of Minnesota. We have done the research for some of the cities north and west of the metro. We also calculated what it would cost for the average homeowner who irrigates a 1/2 acre yard with in that city. The average price of water in the 62 cities which were researched was \$3.09. Fortunately there were some cities that still had reasonable rates, but were very few in the research which we had done.

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Check to see what your city is charging.

Town	Price per Thousand	Cost to water 1/2 acre yard	Possible 35% Savings with an Audit
Andover	\$2.29	\$687.00	\$240.45
Anoka	\$1.34	\$402.00	\$140.70
Apple Valley	\$1.74	\$522.00	\$182.70
Big Lake	\$2.30	\$690.00	\$241.50
Blaine	\$1.43	\$429.00	\$150.15
Blaine	\$2.10	\$630.00	\$220.50
Bloomington	\$3.05	\$915.00	\$320.25
Brooklyn Center	\$2.09	\$627.00	\$219.45
Brooklyn Park	\$3.30	\$990.00	\$346.50
Buffalo	\$3.10	\$930.00	\$325.50
Burnsville	\$2.79	\$837.00	\$292.95
Champlin	\$2.58	\$774.00	\$270.90
Chanhassen	\$2.89	\$867.00	\$303.45
Columbia Heights	\$4.12	\$1,236.00	\$432.60
coon rapids	\$2.20	\$660.00	\$231.00
Eagen	\$1.75	\$525.00	\$183.75
Eden Prairie	\$3.30	\$990.00	\$346.50
Edina	\$1.55	\$465.00	\$162.75
Elk River	\$4.00	\$1,200.00	\$420.00
Falcon Heights	\$3.20	\$960.00	\$336.00
Golden Valley	\$4.34	\$1,302.00	\$455.70
Hamel	\$3.94	\$1,182.00	\$413.70
Hopkins	\$2.40	\$720.00	\$252.00
Inver Grove Heights	\$2.76	\$828.00	\$289.80
Lake Elmo	\$4.90	\$1,470.00	\$514.50
Lakeville	\$1.34	\$402.00	\$140.70
Lauderdale	\$3.20	\$960.00	\$336.00
Lilydale	\$3.78	\$1,134.00	\$396.90
Maple Grove	\$2.25	\$675.00	\$236.25
Maplewood	\$3.20	\$960.00	\$336.00
Medina	\$3.94	\$1,182.00	\$413.70
Mendota	\$3.78	\$1,134.00	\$396.90
Mendota Heights	\$3.78	\$1,134.00	\$396.90
Minneapolis	\$3.20	\$960.00	\$336.00
Mnetonka	\$3.62	\$1,086.00	\$380.10

note some cities have not published there current rates

Minnetonka Beach	\$2.71	\$813.00	\$284.55
Minnetrista	\$4.25	\$1,275.00	\$446.25
Monticello	\$1.40	\$420.00	\$147.00
Mound	\$4.04	\$1,212.00	\$424.20
Mounds view	\$1.87	\$561.00	\$196.35
Newport	\$3.78	\$1,134.00	\$396.90
Orono	\$2.67	\$801.00	\$280.35
Osseo(2008)	\$3.28	\$984.00	\$344.40
Otsego(2010 Rate)	\$5.00	\$1,500.00	\$525.00
Plymouth	\$2.63	\$789.00	\$276.15
Ramsey	\$2.44	\$732.00	\$256.20
Robinsdale	\$3.61	\$1,083.00	\$379.05
Rockford	\$3.09	\$927.00	\$324.45
Rogers	\$1.73	\$519.00	\$181.65
Roseville	\$3.78	\$1,134.00	\$396.90
Sartell	\$2.60	\$780.00	\$273.00
Sauk Rapids	\$3.95	\$1,185.00	\$414.75
Savage	\$3.12	\$936.00	\$327.60
South St. Paul	\$3.78	\$1,134.00	\$396.90
St. Augusta	\$5.15	\$1,545.00	\$540.75
St. Cloud	\$4.20	\$1,260.00	\$441.00
St. Louis Park	\$2.12	\$636.00	\$222.60
st. michael	\$2.71	\$813.00	\$284.55
St. Paul	\$3.20	\$960.00	\$336.00
Sunfish Lake	\$3.78	\$1,134.00	\$396.90
Waite Park	\$3.15	\$945.00	\$330.75
Wayzata	\$2.73	\$819.00	\$286.65
West St. Paul	\$3.20	\$960.00	\$336.00

Put your lawn on a diet.
 As you start up your irrigation system, think about all that money you could be saving if you get a professional audit done by Use Your Water Right. For more info go to www.useyourwaterright.com or call 320-310-4241 or email us at info@useyourwaterright.com .



If you don't like what you see, just remember that the price of water is only going up and many of these cities have not achieved what the state of Minnesota has proposed to them. Use Your Water Right is an Irrigation Efficiency company and can provide many solutions that can help to curb these rising costs. For more information visit our website at www.useyourwaterright.com, call us at 320-310-4241 or email us at info@useyourwaterright.com.

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