



City of Rockford, Minnesota

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Dear Rockford Residents,

We are writing to inform you of the proposed adjustments to the water, sewer, and recycling rates within the City of Rockford. Since 2014, the City has not increased utility or recycling rates. Despite this, we have maintained our utility infrastructure and have been able to provide successful services. However, with costs rising significantly over the past decade and our need to improve our aging infrastructure, it is crucial to implement rate increases and an annual 5% increase over the next five years to fund the future needed improvements to our utility systems and to help cover costs for residential recycling collection.

Current Rates:

Water Rates	\$4.95 per 1,000 gallons	\$4.95 Base Rate
Sewer Rates	\$6.58 per 1,000 gallons	\$4.95 Base Rate
Sewer Only	\$54.34 per quarter	
Recycling Rates	\$2.00 per month	

Increased Rates (Starting July 1, 2024):

Water Rates	\$5.46 per 1,000 gallons	\$10.00 Base Rate
Sewer Rates	\$7.08 per 1,000 gallons	\$10.00 Base Rate
Sewer Only	\$81.24 per quarter	
Recycling Rates	\$5.00 per month	

Residential Recycling costs the City approximately \$70,093.60 per year. The City collects approximately \$34,800 annually from residents to cover those costs, creating the need to use general funds to cover the remainder of those costs for services.

With the proposed rate increases, Rockford's rates remain competitive compared to neighboring cities. Please see the back page for information related to current and future rates and for comparisons to our neighboring cities.

We also encourage you to review the 2024-2028 Utility Rate Study on our City Website for a detailed list of planned project expenses and to review the full utility rate study which was conducted. Your understanding and support are vital as we strive to keep Rockford a great place to live with reliable utility services. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Anna Carlson, Rockford City Administrator

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2024 Monthly Bills:	3,000 gallons	4,000 gallons	5,000 gallons	6,000 gallon
Current 2024 rates with Current Recycling Charge	\$ 47.27	\$ 59.06	\$ 70.85	\$ 82.64
Proposed Increase	\$ 60.40	\$ 73.20	\$ 86.00	\$ 98.80
Plus Recycling Increase of \$3.00 per month	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Proposed Increase including Recycling	\$ 63.40	\$ 76.20	\$ 89.00	\$ 101.80
<i>Increase from current bill</i>	\$ 16.13	\$ 17.14	\$ 18.15	\$ 19.16

2025 Monthly Bills:	3,000 gallons	4,000 gallons	5,000 gallons	6,000 gallon
Proposed Bill Amount	\$ 66.32	\$ 79.76	\$ 93.20	\$ 106.64

How does this effect me now?

Annual increase in 2024 (July - December)	\$ 96.78	\$ 102.84	\$ 108.90	\$ 114.96
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How does this effect me next year?

Annual increase from proposed amount in 2024 to 2025	\$ 35.04	\$ 42.72	\$ 50.40	\$ 58.08
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