

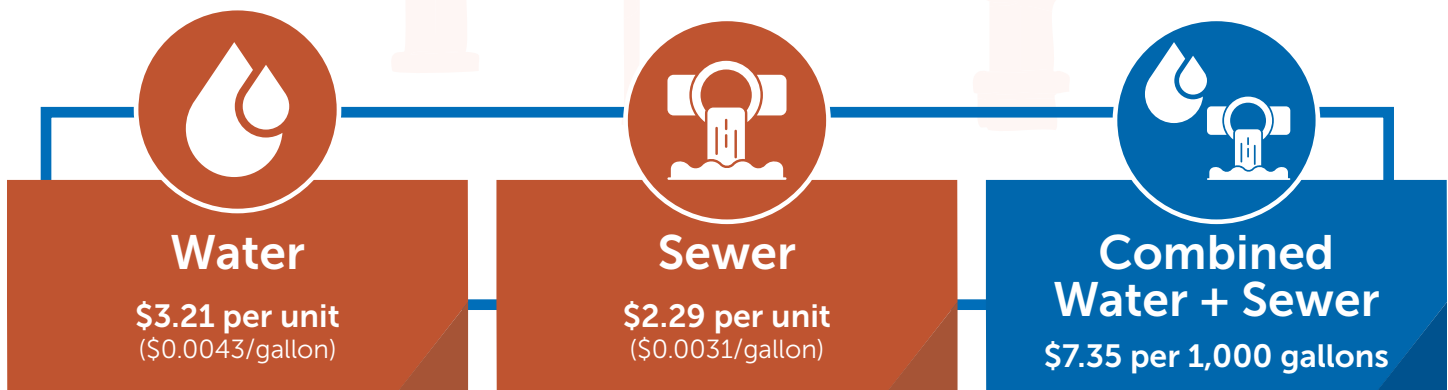
UNDERSTANDING YOUR UTILITY BILL

WHERE DO UTILITY PAYMENTS GO?

The money collected from utility bills in Williston can **ONLY** be used for water, sewer, and solid waste services. These funds pay for the continued operation, maintenance, testing, disposal, infrastructure, treatment, and planning needed to keep your faucets flowing and toilets flushing.

By law, these funds **CANNOT** be used for any other City services such as police, fire, streets, recreation, etc.

2026 WATER AND SEWER RATES



(Residential, inside city limits – usage charges only. Commercial rates slightly higher due to more system impact.)



**Williston residents pay less than half a penny
per gallon for water and sewer usage.**

**1 Unit
=
748 gallons**

An average home in Williston uses 4 – 6 units (or 2,992 – 4,488 gallons) per month.

WHAT'S A 'UNIT'?

That's the same as:



~10 full bathtubs



~13–15 loads of laundry



~225 average three-minute showers

HOW DO OUR RATES COMPARE?

Williston's 2026 combined usage rate is lower than Watford City, Grand Forks, and Minot, and remains in line with other peer communities. Some cities (such as Fargo) also add separate fixed charges, which make their total bills higher.

Estimated Combined Water + Sewer Usage Cost Per 1,000 Gallons*

\$44

Average Home
Monthly Bill Using
6,000 Gallons

Williston (2026)

\$7.35 Combined Water (\$4.29) + Sewer (\$3.06)
Per 1,000 Gallons

\$51

Average Home
Monthly Bill

Watford City (2024)

\$8.47 Combined
Water (\$5.63) + Sewer (\$2.84)
Per 1,000 Gallons

\$52

Average Home
Monthly Bill

Grand Forks (2025)

\$8.73 Combined
Water (\$4.95) + Sewer (\$3.78)
Per 1,000 Gallons

\$59

Average Home
Monthly Bill

Minot (2025)

\$9.80 Combined
Water (\$5.16) + Sewer (\$4.64)
Per 1,000 Gallons

\$60

Average Home
Monthly Bill

Fargo (2025)

\$5.70 Water
Per 1,000 Gallons +
\$25 Sewer Flat Fee Per Month

**Rounded; based on published city rate tables. Some cities price by 100 cubic feet instead of 1,000 gallons.*

What is Changing in 2026?

Costs for labor, materials, equipment, fuel, testing, and wholesale water continue to rise. Williston's water and sewer infrastructure is aging and must be continually maintained and updated to prevent system failures and meet environmental/quality standards. As a result, rates are increasing slightly in 2026.

Average Household Using 5 Units/Month

💧 Water + \$0.75 | 🚰 Sewer + \$0.55 | **Total = \$1.30**

Adjusting rates now helps to avoid unexpected emergencies and costly system failures that would lead to larger rate increases later.

Summer Rates

Williston uses summer water and sewer rates to help keep utility bills affordable when outdoor use spikes. In the summer, your usage up to your "winter average" (January - March) is charged the regular water rate, and any usage above is charged at a lower "irrigation rate". The lower rate accounts for irrigation water not being put into the sewer system.

If approved, new rates will be included on your February 2026 bill. Beginning in 2027, water and sewer rates will include an "up to 5% annual adjustment" to keep pace with inflation, costs, and maintenance. (Reviewed annually by City Commission and can be adjusted down.)

For more information on Williston water and sewer rates visit <https://bit.ly/2026UtilityRateAdjustments> or email citywater@ci.williston.nd.us.