

How to Read Your Bi-Monthly Utility Bill

Utility Bill Charges are broken up into three categories: **Service Charge**, **Water Charges**, and **Sewer Charges**. The **Service Charge** is a fixed fee based on meter size. **Water and Sewer charges** depend on how much water was used. The explanation below shows how the charges on the attached sample bi-monthly Utility Bill were calculated.

1. Service Charge

- **Service Charge (5/8" x 3/4" Meter):** This is a fixed fee based on meter size.

Total Service Charge = \$70.39

2. Water Usage

- **Water Usage:** Bill shows customer used a total of 17 kgal (1 kgal = 1,000 gallons).

Water is billed in tiers, with higher rates for higher usage:

- **Tier 1:** First 7 kgal x \$5.22 = \$36.54
- **Tier 2:** Next 9 kgal x \$6.65 = \$59.85
- **Tier 3:** Remaining 1 kgal x \$9.23 = \$9.23

Total Water Charges = \$105.62

3. Sewer Charges

- **Service Charge (5/8" x 3/4" Sewer):** This includes:
 - **Base charge:** \$105.73
 - **Usage charge:** Based on a "winter average" (to account for outdoor irrigation not entering the sewer system). For this bill, the winter average is: **12 kgal x \$17.18 = \$206.16**

Total Sewer Charges = \$311.89

4. Total Bill

- **Service Charge:** \$70.39
- **Water Charges:** \$105.62
- **Sewer Charges:** \$311.89
- **Total Amount Due:** **\$487.90**

Key Takeaways

- **Service charge** is fixed each month based on meter size.
- **Water Charges** are tiered—the more water used, the higher the rate per unit.
- **Sewer Charges** have a **base charge** and use a **winter water average** to estimate household wastewater, so irrigation water isn't billed as sewer.



Account Statement

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

ACCOUNT: 00-000
SERVICE ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
SERVICE PERIOD: 7/1/2025 to 8/31/2025 (62 days)
BILLING DATE: 9/9/2025

DUE DATE: 10/9/2025

METER READING

Serial No	Date	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Reading	Kgal
[REDACTED]	7/31/2025	194	8/31/2025	201	7
	6/30/2025	184	7/31/2025	194	10

SPECIAL MESSAGE

New Water & Sewer Rates Effective July 1, 2025 Per City Council Resolution No. 6599-2024, updated rates are now in effect. Details: https://www.cityofsebastopol.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/SebastopolCA_WaterWW_RateStudyReport_06122024_FINAL.pdf ****NEW WINTER AVERAGE CHARGES FOR SEWER USAGE ARE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.*** For more information about this, see back of bill under SEWER BASE Billing Information.

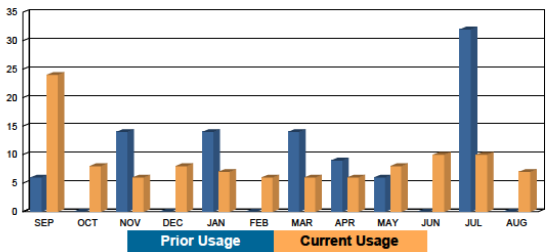
TIER DISPLAY

Code	Tier - Cons - Rate	Amount
CONS-R 1: 7	G @ 5.22	36.54
CONS-R 2: 9	G @ 6.65	59.85
CONS-R 3: 1	G @ 9.23	9.23
01-R	12 G @ 17.18	206.16

CURRENT CHARGES

5/8"x3/4"Meter Service Chg	70.39
Water Usage-SFR	105.62
5/8"x3/4"Sewer Charge	311.89
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES	487.90

USAGE HISTORY



BILL SUMMARY

Previous Balance	238.33
Payments Received	-238.33
Additional Billing	0.00
Current Charges	487.90
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	487.90

Payment Coupon

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT
PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

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AMOUNT DUE

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BY 10/9/2025 487.90

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

REMIT PAYMENT TO:

City of Sebastopol
PO Box 1776
Sebastopol, CA 95473-1776

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

Five-Year Water Rate Schedule, Fixed Charges, \$/Bi-mo.

Meter Size	Current	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
5/8"x3/4" & 3/4"	\$49.33	\$67.68	\$70.39	\$73.21	\$75.78	\$78.44
1"	\$82.41	\$111.95	\$116.43	\$121.09	\$125.33	\$129.72
1.5"	\$164.13	\$222.59	\$231.50	\$240.76	\$249.19	\$257.92
2"	\$262.77	\$355.37	\$369.59	\$384.38	\$397.84	\$411.77
3"	\$575.37	\$775.82	\$806.86	\$839.14	\$868.51	\$898.91
4"	\$821.78	\$1,395.46	\$1,451.28	\$1,509.34	\$1,562.17	\$1,616.85

Note: Single family on a 1" meter for fire service are charged the 3/4" rate.

Five-Year Water Rate Schedule, Volume Charges, \$/kgal

Customer Class	Current	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
Residential						
Tier 1: 0 - 7 kgal	\$4.52	\$5.01	\$5.22	\$5.43	\$5.63	\$5.83
Tier 2: 8 - 16 kgal	\$4.52	\$6.39	\$6.65	\$6.92	\$7.17	\$7.43
Tier 3: > 16 kgal	\$4.52	\$8.87	\$9.23	\$9.60	\$9.94	\$10.29
Commercial	\$4.52	\$5.51	\$5.74	\$5.97	\$6.18	\$6.40
Irrigation	\$4.52	\$9.92	\$10.32	\$10.74	\$11.12	\$11.51

Note: Water truck haulers are charged at the Irrigation customer class rate.

1 kgal = 1,000 gallons

Five-Year Wastewater (Sewer) Rate Schedule

Charge	Current	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
Meter Size, \$/bi-mo						
5/8x3/4" & 3/4"	\$76.61	\$95.25	\$105.73	\$115.25	\$125.63	\$136.94
1"	\$127.97	\$258.35	\$286.77	\$312.58	\$340.72	\$371.39
1.5"	\$254.86	\$657.20	\$729.50	\$795.16	\$866.73	\$944.74
2"	\$408.03	\$841.02	\$933.54	\$1,017.56	\$1,109.15	\$1,208.98
3"	\$893.44	\$2,093.81	\$2,324.13	\$2,533.31	\$2,761.31	\$3,009.83
4"	\$1,276.06	\$6,307.17	\$7,000.96	\$7,631.05	\$8,317.85	\$9,066.46
Volume, \$/kgal	\$10.31	\$15.47	\$17.18	\$18.73	\$20.42	\$22.26

Note: Single family on a 1" meter for fire service are charged the 3/4" rate.

Volume charge is based on the lowest two months of water use between December and March, commonly referred to as Average Winter Consumption.