

COMMUNITY WASTEWATER COSTS: 2024 REPORT

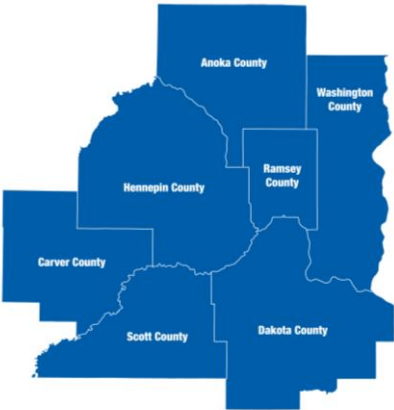


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The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning organization for the seven-county Twin Cities area. The Council operates the regional bus and rail system, collects and treats wastewater, coordinates regional water resources, plans and helps fund regional parks, and administers federal funds that provide housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. The 17-member Council board is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governor.

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About Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

Environmental Services is one of four operating divisions of the Metropolitan Council. Met Council operates and maintains the Metropolitan Disposal System (MDS), a vast system of underground sewer pipes and treatment facilities that collect, convey, treat, and dispose of wastewater from residential units, businesses, and industries in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Met Council serves 2.9 million people across 111 customer communities and partners with approximately 900 industrial permit holders and over 90 liquid waste haulers. In total, the MDS collects and treats an average of 250 million gallons of wastewater daily. The regional wastewater collection and treatment system includes:

- 660 miles of large interceptor sewer pipes, ranging from 7 inches to 14 feet in diameter which collect wastewater from about 5,000 miles of local sewer.
- 61 lift stations that pump wastewater from a lower to a higher elevation so gravity can move flow to treatment sites.
- 226 metering stations that help determine the volume of wastewater treated for each community.
- 9 water resource recovery facilities where wastewater is treated before returning clean water to the environment.

The cost of operating and maintaining wastewater treatment systems is covered entirely by user fees. The Environmental Services division consistently achieves near-perfect compliance with federal and state wastewater treatment standards while holding rates about 35% below the national average. Met Council is committed to sustainable operations through energy efficiency, use of renewable energy resources, use of technology, and reducing air pollutant emissions and resource recovery. Learn more about the operations of the Environmental Services division at: <https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water.aspx>

Sewer utility cost for 111 customer communities connected to the Metropolitan Disposal System (MDS):

	2024	2023	Percentage Change
Median Monthly Cost	\$31.26	\$30.67	1.93%
Weighted Average Monthly Cost*	\$33.76	\$32.65	3.37%

Sewer utility cost for communities not connected to the MDS, most of which rely on subsurface sewage treatment systems:

	2024	2023	Percentage Change
Median Monthly Cost	\$52.64	\$50.14	4.99%
Weighted Average Monthly Cost*	\$60.65	\$57.58	5.33%

*Average weighted based on the number of single-family households served by the MDS within each community.

Sewer Rate types used by the 111 customer communities connected to the MDS:

Flat	17
Uniform	6
Increasing Block	1
Base/Uniform	67
Base/Increasing Block	19
Communities that do not charge sewer rates	1

2024 Monthly sewer utility costs for one and two single-family residences are based on an average usage of 60,000 gallons of water:

Customer Cities ranked alphabetically

Community	Monthly Sewer Utility Cost	Rate Type
Andover	\$23	Flat
Anoka	\$30	Base/Uniform
Apple Valley	\$29	Base/Increasing Block
Arden Hills	\$57	Base/Uniform
Bayport	\$22	Base/Increasing Block
Birchwood	\$35	Base/Uniform
Blaine	\$27	Flat
Bloomington	\$28	Uniform
Brooklyn Center	\$36	Flat
Brooklyn Park	\$25	Base/Uniform
Burnsville	\$31	Base/Uniform
Carver	\$41	Uniform
Centerville	\$27	Base/Uniform
Champlin	\$39	Base/Uniform
Chanhassen	\$36	Base/Uniform
Chaska	\$41	Base/Uniform
Circle Pines	\$43	Base/Uniform
Columbia Heights	\$28	Base/Increasing Block

Community	Monthly Sewer Utility Cost	Rate Type
Columbus	\$37	Uniform
Coon Rapids	\$26	Base/Uniform
Corcoran	\$47	Base/Uniform
Cottage Grove	\$26	Base/Uniform
Crystal	\$37	Base/Increasing Block
Dayton	\$38	Base/Uniform
Deephaven	\$65	Flat
Eagan	\$26	Base/Uniform
East Bethel	\$40	Base/Uniform
Eden Prairie	\$28	Base/Uniform
Edina	\$36	Base/Uniform
Elko New Market	\$54	Base/Uniform
Empire Township	\$17	Base/Uniform
Excelsior	\$49	Base/Uniform
Falcon Heights	\$29	Base/Uniform
Farmington	\$28	Base/Uniform
Forest Lake	\$53	Base/Uniform
Fridley	\$36	Base/Uniform
Gem Lake	\$18	Flat
Golden Valley	\$31	Increasing Block
Greenfield	\$55	Base/Uniform
Greenwood	\$33	Flat
Hastings	\$30	Base/Uniform
Hilltop	\$17	Base/Uniform
Hopkins	\$40	Base/Uniform
Hugo	\$29	Base/Uniform
Independence	\$87	Flat
Inver Grove Heights	\$33	Base/Uniform
Lake Elmo	\$27	Base/Increasing Block
Laketown Township	\$25	Flat
Lakeville	\$31	Base/Uniform
Landfall	\$20	Base/Uniform
Lauderdale	\$21	Flat
Lexington	\$24	Base/Uniform
Lilydale	\$19	Flat
Lino Lakes	\$22	Base/Uniform
Little Canada	\$30	Base/Uniform
Long Lake	\$55	Base/Uniform
Loretto	\$61	Base/Uniform
Mahtomedi	\$51	Base/Uniform
Maple Grove	\$24	Base/Uniform
Maple Plain	\$55	Base/Increasing Block
Maplewood	\$28	Uniform

Community	Monthly Sewer Utility Cost	Rate Type
Medicine Lake	\$23	N/A
Medina	\$29	Base/Uniform
Mendota	\$13	Flat
Mendota Heights	\$40	Base/Uniform
Minneapolis	\$44	Base/Uniform
Minnetonka	\$45	Base/Uniform
Minnetonka Beach	\$38	Flat
Minnetrista	\$36	Flat
Mound	\$55	Base/Increasing Block
Mounds View	\$33	Base/Uniform
New Brighton	\$29	Base/Uniform
New Hope	\$39	Base/Uniform
Newport	\$23	Base/Uniform
North Oaks	\$25	Flat
North St. Paul	\$55	Base/Increasing Block
Oak Park Heights	\$29	Base/Increasing Block
Oakdale	\$31	Base/Uniform
Orono	\$42	Base/Uniform
Osseo	\$21	Base/Uniform
Plymouth	\$35	Base/Uniform
Prior Lake	\$21	Base/Increasing Block
Ramsey	\$31	Base/Uniform
Richfield	\$31	Uniform
Robbinsdale	\$52	Base/Uniform
Rogers	\$43	Base/Uniform
Rosemount	\$26	Uniform
Roseville	\$28	Base/Increasing Block
Saint Anthony	\$31	Base/Uniform
Saint Bonifacius	\$32	Base/Uniform
Saint Louis Park	\$37	Base/Uniform
Saint Paul	\$37	Base/Increasing Block
Saint Paul Park	\$30	Base/Increasing Block
Savage	\$29	Base/Increasing Block
Shakopee	\$22	Base/Uniform
Shoreview	\$36	Base/Increasing Block
Shorewood	\$41	Flat
South St. Paul	\$44	Base/Uniform
Spring Lake Park	\$25	Flat
Spring Park	\$52	Base/Increasing Block
Stillwater	\$26	Base/Uniform
Tonka Bay	\$50	Base/Increasing Block
Vadnais Heights	\$31	Base/Uniform
Victoria	\$28	Base/Increasing Block

Community	Monthly Sewer Utility Cost	Rate Type
Waconia	\$47	Base/Increasing Block
Wayzata	\$52	Base/Uniform
West St. Paul	\$57	Base/Uniform
White Bear Lake	\$31	Base/Uniform
White Bear Township	\$32	Base/Uniform
Willernie	\$20	Flat
Woodbury	\$29	Base/Uniform

Customer Cities ranked from lowest to highest sewer utility rate

Community	Monthly Sewer Utility Cost
Mendota	\$13
Empire Township	\$17
Hilltop	\$17
Gem Lake	\$18
Lilydale	\$19
Willernie	\$20
Landfall	\$20
Lauderdale	\$21
Osseo	\$21
Prior Lake	\$21
Lino Lakes	\$22
Shakopee	\$22
Bayport	\$22
Newport	\$23
Medicine Lake	\$23
Andover	\$23
Maple Grove	\$24
Lexington	\$24
Brooklyn Park	\$25
Spring Lake Park	\$25
Laketown Township	\$25
North Oaks	\$25
Rosemount	\$26
Coon Rapids	\$26
Stillwater	\$26
Eagan	\$26
Cottage Grove	\$26
Blaine	\$27
Lake Elmo	\$27
Centerville	\$27

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Bloomington	\$28
Eden Prairie	\$28
Columbia Heights	\$28
Victoria	\$28
Farmington	\$28
Maplewood	\$28
Roseville	\$28
Savage	\$29
Hugo	\$29
Medina	\$29
Oak Park Heights	\$29
Apple Valley	\$29
Falcon Heights	\$29
New Brighton	\$29
Woodbury	\$29
Little Canada	\$30
Hastings	\$30
Saint Paul Park	\$30
Anoka	\$30
Golden Valley	\$31
Ramsey	\$31
Lakeville	\$31
Burnsville	\$31
White Bear Lake	\$31
Oakdale	\$31
Vadnais Heights	\$31
Saint Anthony	\$31
Richfield	\$31
White Bear Township	\$32
Saint Bonifacius	\$32
Greenwood	\$33
Mounds View	\$33
Inver Grove Heights	\$33
Birchwood	\$35
Plymouth	\$35
Chanhassen	\$36
Fridley	\$36
Shoreview	\$36
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Minnetonka Beach	\$38
New Hope	\$39
Champlin	\$39
Mendota Heights	\$40
East Bethel	\$40
Hopkins	\$40
Carver	\$41
Shorewood	\$41
Chaska	\$41
Orono	\$42
Circle Pines	\$43
Rogers	\$43
Minneapolis	\$44
South St. Paul	\$44
Minnetonka	\$45
Corcoran	\$47
Waconia	\$47
Excelsior	\$49
Tonka Bay	\$50
Mahtomedi	\$51
Spring Park	\$52
Wayzata	\$52
Robbinsdale	\$52
Forest Lake	\$53
Elko New Market	\$54
Maple Plain	\$55
Long Lake	\$55
North St. Paul	\$55
Mound	\$55
Greenfield	\$55
West St. Paul	\$57
Arden Hills	\$57
Loretto	\$61
Deephaven	\$65
Independence	\$87

70 Cities and Townships within the Council's 7-county jurisdiction that are not connected to the regional system

Community	Monthly Sewer Rate	Rate Type	Estimated Households served by city sewer system
Afton	\$50	Flat	1,146
Baytown Twp.	na		
Belle Plaine	\$78	Base/Increasing Block	2,735
Belle Plaine Twp.	na		
Benton Twp.	na		
Bethel	\$39	Flat	190
Blakeley Twp.	na		
Camden Twp.	na		
Castle Rock Twp.	na		
Cedar Lake Twp.	na		
Coates	na		
Cologne	\$56	Base/Uniform	800
Credit River Twp.	na		
Dahlgren Twp.	na		
Dellwood	na		
Denmark Twp.	na		
Douglas Twp.	na		
Eureka Twp.	na		
Grant	na		
Greenvale Twp.	na		
Grey Cloud Island Twp.	na		
Ham Lake	na		
Hamburg	\$38	Base/Uniform	227
Hampton	\$24	Base/Uniform	271
Hampton Twp.	na		
Hancock Twp.	na		
Helena Twp.	na		
Hollywood Twp.	na		
Jackson Twp.	na		
Jordan	\$50	Base/Uniform	2,480
Lake St. Croix Beach	na		
Lakeland	na		
Lakeland Shores	na		
Linwood Twp.	na		
Louisville Twp.	na		
Marine on St. Croix	na		
Marshan Twp.	na		
May Twp.	na		
Mayer	\$64	Base/Uniform	862
Miesville	na		
New Germany	\$121	Base/Uniform	188

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New Market Twp.	na		
New Trier	na		
Nininger Twp.	na		
Norwood Young America	\$55	Base/Uniform	1,661
Nowthen	na		
Oak Grove	\$68	Base/Uniform	3,238
Pine Springs	na		
Randolph	na		
Randolph Twp.	na		
Ravenna Twp.	na		
San Francisco Twp.	na		
Sand Creek Twp.	na		
Scandia	na		
Sciota Twp.	na		
Spring Lake Twp.	na		
St. Francis	\$64	Base/Uniform	3,041
St. Lawrence Twp.	na		
St. Marys Point	na		
Stillwater Twp.	na		
Sunfish Lake	na		
Vermillion	\$29	Flat	167
Vermillion Twp.	na		
Waconia Twp.	na		
Waterford Twp.	na		
Watertown	\$50	Base/Increasing Block	1,819
Watertown Twp.	na		
West Lakeland Twp.	na		
Woodland	na		
Young America Twp.	na		
Weighted Average *	\$60.65		

* Weighted for the number of households connected to community-operated sewer systems (na means all residents in the community use private septic systems).

Septic systems typically cost between \$15,500 and \$32,000 to install, with an average price of about \$24,000 according to data gathered from Carver, Dakota, and Scott County Environmental Services.

Septic systems last about 20-30 years and require cleaning and inspection every 2-3 years, which costs about \$400-\$500.



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