

# COMMUNITY WASTEWATER COSTS ANNUAL REPORT

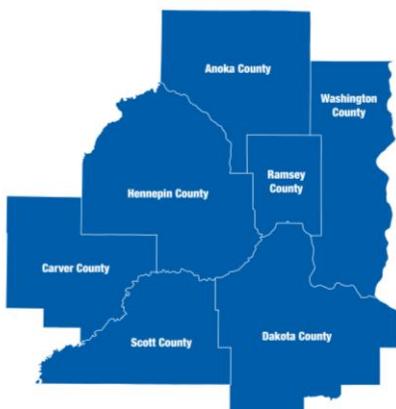
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## Purpose

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 473.5492, this report provides a summary of the 2025 average monthly wastewater costs for communities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

## Introduction

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (Met Council) operates and maintains the Metropolitan Disposal System (MDS), the regional wastewater collection and treatment system serving the urbanized areas of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The MDS comprises 656 miles of interceptor sewers and 9 water resource recovery facilities, which collectively treat about 255 million gallons of wastewater daily for about 2.8 million people across 111 communities connected by sanitary sewer pipes.

Met Council's wastewater services are fully funded by user fees. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 473.517, the Council assesses a Municipal Wastewater Charge (MWC) annually to recover the costs associated with operating and maintaining the MDS. The MWC is allocated to communities based on each community's proportionate share of total regional wastewater flow. While the Met Council sets the regional wastewater wholesale rate, communities independently set their own retail sewer utility rates. On average, Met Council's MWC accounts for 50% to 60% of a household's total sewer bill.

## 2025 Community Wastewater Costs Summary

The average monthly sewer utility rate across the Met Council's 111 customer communities is \$35.58 in 2025, a 5.40% increase from 2024. The median monthly sewer utility rate is \$33.35, a 6.69% increase from the prior year.

Table I details the 2025 monthly sewer utility costs for one-and two-unit single-family residences for communities served by the MDS. Table II ranks these communities from lowest to highest monthly sewer cost.

Most communities outside the MDS service area rely primarily on private septic systems. For the 14 community-operated sewer systems, monthly sewer utility costs increased by 10.13% in 2025. Table III provides detailed monthly sewer utility cost information for communities outside the MDS service area.

### Wastewater costs for 111 customer communities connected to the MDS

	2025	2024	Percentage Change
Median Monthly Cost	\$33.35	\$31.26	6.69%
Weighted Average Monthly Cost	\$35.58	\$33.76*	5.40%

\*Weighted for the number of households connected to community-operated sewer systems

### Wastewater costs outside the MDS service area

	2025	2024	Percentage Change
Median Monthly Cost	\$60.97	\$52.64	15.82%
Weighted Average Monthly Cost	\$66.79	\$60.65*	10.13%

\*Weighted for the number of households connected to community-operated sewer systems

## Wastewater Services Costs Details

Table I. 2025 Monthly sewer utility costs for one and two single-family residences (Based on an average annual usage of 60,000 gallons of water)

Community	Monthly Sewer Utility Cost	Rate Type
Andover	\$24	Flat
Anoka	\$30	Base/Uniform
Apple Valley	\$32	Base/Increasing Block
Arden Hills	\$62	Base/Uniform
Bayport	\$22	Base/Increasing Block
Birchwood	\$36	Base/Uniform
Blaine	\$31	Flat
Bloomington	\$28	Uniform
Brooklyn Center	\$38	Flat
Brooklyn Park	\$31	Base/Uniform
Burnsville	\$33	Base/Uniform
Carver	\$48	Uniform
Centerville	\$28	Base/Uniform
Champlin	\$42	Base/Uniform
Chanhassen	\$38	Base/Uniform
Chaska	\$42	Base/Uniform
Circle Pines	\$43	Base/Uniform
Columbia Heights	\$28	Base/Increasing Block
Columbus	\$39	Uniform
Coon Rapids	\$28	Base/Uniform
Corcoran	\$49	Base/Uniform
Cottage Grove	\$27	Base/Uniform
Crystal	\$39	Base/Increasing Block
Dayton	\$38	Base/Uniform
Deephaven	\$47	Flat
Eagan	\$28	Base/Uniform
East Bethel	\$40	Base/Uniform
Eden Prairie	\$29	Base/Uniform
Edina	\$39	Base/Uniform
Elko New Market	\$53	Base/Uniform
Empire	\$18	Base/Uniform
Excelsior	\$56	Base/Uniform

Community	Monthly Sewer Utility Cost	Rate Type
Falcon Heights	\$30	Base/Uniform
Farmington	\$34	Base/Uniform
Forest Lake	\$55	Base/Uniform
Fridley	\$38	Base/Uniform
Gem Lake	\$39	Flat
Golden Valley	\$31	Increasing Block
Greenfield	\$61	Base/Uniform
Greenwood	\$37	Flat
Hastings	\$31	Base/Uniform
Hilltop	\$18	Base/Uniform
Hopkins	\$42	Base/Uniform
Hugo	\$33	Base/Uniform
Independence	\$90	Flat
Inver Grove Heights	\$36	Base/Uniform
Lake Elmo	\$32	Base/Increasing Block
Laketown Township	\$27	Flat
Lakeville	\$32	Base/Uniform
Landfall	\$20	Base/Uniform
Lauderdale	\$22	Flat
Lexington	\$24	Base/Uniform
Lilydale	\$19	Flat
Lino Lakes	\$22	Base/Uniform
Little Canada	\$32	Base/Uniform
Long Lake	\$61	Base/Uniform
Loretto	\$66	Base/Uniform
Mahtomedi	\$54	Base/Uniform
Maple Grove	\$26	Base/Uniform
Maple Plain	\$57	Base/Increasing Block
Maplewood	\$29	Uniform
Medicine Lake	\$36	N/A
Medina	\$29	Base/Uniform
Mendota	\$13	Flat
Mendota Heights	\$44	Base/Uniform
Minneapolis	\$46	Base/Uniform
Minnetonka	\$47	Base/Uniform

Community	Monthly Sewer Utility Cost	Rate Type
Minnetonka Beach	\$44	Flat
Minnetrista	\$40	Flat
Mound	\$60	Base/Increasing Block
Mounds View	\$34	Base/Uniform
New Brighton	\$31	Base/Uniform
New Hope	\$41	Base/Uniform
Newport	\$52	Base/Uniform
North Oaks	\$25	Flat
North St Paul	\$55	Base/Increasing Block
Oak Park Heights	\$29	Base/Increasing Block
Oakdale	\$32	Base/Uniform
Orono	\$73	Base/Uniform
Osseo	\$21	Base/Uniform
Plymouth	\$37	Base/Uniform
Prior Lake	\$24	Base/Increasing Block
Ramsey	\$32	Base/Uniform
Richfield	\$32	Uniform
Robbinsdale	\$53	Base/Uniform
Rogers	\$46	Base/Uniform
Rosemount	\$33	Uniform
Roseville	\$28	Base/Increasing Block
Savage	\$33	Base/Increasing Block
Shakopee	\$23	Base/Uniform
Shoreview	\$37	Base/Increasing Block
Shorewood	\$47	Flat
South St Paul	\$47	Base/Uniform
Spring Lake Park	\$28	Flat
Spring Park	\$57	Base/Increasing Block
St. Anthony	\$33	Base/Uniform
St. Bonifacius	\$32	Base/Uniform
St. Louis Park	\$32	Base/Uniform
St. Paul	\$38	Base/Increasing Block
St. Paul Park	\$30	Base/Increasing Block
Stillwater	\$27	Base/Uniform
Tonka Bay	\$50	Base/Increasing Block

Community	Monthly Sewer Utility Cost	Rate Type
Vadnais Heights	\$33	Base/Uniform
Victoria	\$30	Base/Increasing Block
Waconia	\$48	Base/Increasing Block
Wayzata	\$53	Base/Uniform
West St. Paul	\$60	Base/Uniform
White Bear Lake	\$31	Base/Uniform
White Bear Township	\$31	Base/Uniform
Willernie	\$20	Flat
Woodbury	\$31	Base/Uniform

### Rate Types Used by Customer Communities

**Flat Rate:** fixed wastewater fee, regardless of water usage.

**Uniform Rate:** constant per-unit price for all metered water consumed.

**Increasing Block Rate:** progressively higher sewer rates for greater water usage.

**Base/Uniform Rate or Base/Increasing Block:** combines a fixed dollar charge or minimum charge (generally, per month or per quarter) with a metered volume charge.

**Table II. 2025 Monthly sewer utility costs for one and two single-family residences ranked from lowest to highest monthly sewer utility cost.**

Community	Monthly Sewer Utility Cost
Mendota	\$13
Hilltop	\$18
Empire	\$18
Lilydale	\$19
Willernie	\$20
Landfall	\$20
Osseo	\$21
Lauderdale	\$22
Bayport	\$22
Lino Lakes	\$22
Shakopee	\$23
Andover	\$24
Lexington	\$24
Prior Lake	\$24

<b>Community</b>	<b>Monthly Sewer Utility Cost</b>
North Oaks	\$25
Maple Grove	\$26
Laketown Township	\$27
Stillwater	\$27
Cottage Grove	\$27
Spring Lake Park	\$28
Coon Rapids	\$28
Eagan	\$28
Centerville	\$28
Bloomington	\$28
Roseville	\$28
Columbia Heights	\$28
Eden Prairie	\$29
Medina	\$29
Oak Park Heights	\$29
Maplewood	\$29
Falcon Heights	\$30
St. Paul Park	\$30
Anoka	\$30
Victoria	\$30
Woodbury	\$31
Blaine	\$31
Brooklyn Park	\$31
New Brighton	\$31
Hastings	\$31
White Bear Township	\$31
White Bear Lake	\$31
Golden Valley	\$31
St. Louis Park	\$32
Oakdale	\$32
Lakeville	\$32
Richfield	\$32
Apple Valley	\$32
Little Canada	\$32
Ramsey	\$32

<b>Community</b>	<b>Monthly Sewer Utility Cost</b>
Lake Elmo	\$32
St. Bonifacius	\$32
Burnsville	\$33
Savage	\$33
Rosemount	\$33
Hugo	\$33
St. Anthony	\$33
Vadnais Heights	\$33
Farmington	\$34
Mounds View	\$34
Inver Grove Heights	\$36
Medicine Lake	\$36
Birchwood	\$36
Greenwood	\$37
Plymouth	\$37
Shoreview	\$37
Fridley	\$38
Brooklyn Center	\$38
St. Paul	\$38
Dayton	\$38
Chanhassen	\$38
Edina	\$39
Columbus	\$39
Crystal	\$39
Gem Lake	\$39
East Bethel	\$40
Minnetrista	\$40
New Hope	\$41
Champlin	\$42
Hopkins	\$42
Chaska	\$42
Circle Pines	\$43
Mendota Heights	\$44
Minnetonka Beach	\$44
Rogers	\$46

<b>Community</b>	<b>Monthly Sewer Utility Cost</b>
Minneapolis	\$46
Deephaven	\$47
South St. Paul	\$47
Minnetonka	\$47
Shorewood	\$47
Waconia	\$48
Carver	\$48
Corcoran	\$49
Tonka Bay	\$50
Newport	\$52
Elko New Market	\$53
Robbinsdale	\$53
Wayzata	\$53
Mahtomedi	\$54
Forest Lake	\$55
North St. Paul	\$55
Excelsior	\$56
Maple Plain	\$57
Spring Park	\$57
West St. Paul	\$60
Mound	\$60
Greenfield	\$61
Long Lake	\$61
Arden Hills	\$62
Loretto	\$66
Orono	\$73
Independence	\$90

**Table III. Cities and townships within the Metropolitan Council's seven-county jurisdiction that are not connected to the MDS.**

Community	Monthly Sewer Rate	Rate Type	Estimated Households served by community-operated sewer system
Afton	\$50	Flat	1,154
Baytown Township	N/A		
Belle Plaine	\$82	Base/Increasing Block	2,748
Belle Plaine Township	N/A		
Benton Township	N/A		
Bethel	\$39	Flat	189
Blakeley Township	N/A		
Camden Township	N/A		
Castle Rock Township	N/A		
Cedar Lake Township	N/A		
Coates	N/A		
Cologne	\$67	Base/Uniform	800
Credit River Township	N/A		
Dahlgren Township	N/A		
Dellwood	N/A		
Denmark Township	N/A		
Douglas Township	N/A		
Eureka Township	N/A		
Grant	N/A		
Greenvale Township	N/A		
Grey Cloud Island Township	N/A		
Ham Lake	N/A		
Hamburg	\$41	Base/Uniform	224
Hampton	\$24	Base/Uniform	270
Hampton Township	N/A		
Hancock Township	N/A		
Helena Township	N/A		
Hollywood Township	N/A		
Jackson Township	N/A		
Jordan	\$60	Base/Uniform	2,480
Lake St. Croix Beach	N/A		
Lakeland	N/A		

Community	Monthly Sewer Rate	Rate Type	Estimated Households served by community-operated sewer system
Lakeland Shores	N/A		
Linwood Township	N/A		
Louisville Township	N/A		
Marine on St. Croix	N/A		
Marshan Township	N/A		
May Township	N/A		
Mayer	\$64	Base/Uniform	860
Miesville	N/A		
New Germany	\$157	Base/Uniform	187
New Market Township	N/A		
New Trier	N/A		
Nininger Township	N/A		
Norwood Young America	\$60	Base/Uniform	1,650
Nowthen	N/A		
Oak Grove	\$79	Base/Uniform	3,189
Pine Springs	N/A		
Randolph	N/A		
Randolph Township	N/A		
Ravenna Township	N/A		
San Francisco Township	N/A		
Sand Creek Township	N/A		
Scandia	N/A		
Sciota Township	N/A		
Spring Lake Township	N/A		
St. Francis	\$64	Base/Uniform	3,048
St. Lawrence Township	N/A		
St. Mary's Point	N/A		
Stillwater Township	N/A		
Sunfish Lake	N/A		
Vermillion	\$29	Flat	167
Vermillion Township	N/A		
Waconia Township	N/A		
Waterford Township	N/A		
Watertown	\$62	Base/Increasing Block	1,838

Community	Monthly Sewer Rate	Rate Type	Estimated Households served by community-operated sewer system
Watertown Township	N/A		
West Lakeland Township	N/A		
Woodland	N/A		
Young America Township	N/A		
<b>Weighted Average *</b>	<b>\$66.79</b>		<b>18,804</b>

\*Weighted for the number of households connected to community-operated sewer systems (N/A 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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