

2019 Utility Rate Notice

Effective with usage beginning January 1, 2019, the water and sewer utility rates have increased as follows:

Water



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$45.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 2.05 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (9,001 - 36,000 gals)	\$ 6.82 / 1,000 gals
Tier 3 (Over 36,000 gals)	\$ 7.00 / 1,000 gals

Sewer



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$48.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 1.95 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (Over 9,000 gals)	\$ 7.59 / 1,000 gals
+ \$ 1.59 MN Service Connection Fee	
+ \$ 6.00 Stormwater Utility Fee	

Single-family homes or rented single-family homes will continue to be eligible for the sewer winter consumption averaging - where each quarter's sewer usage shall be based on and equal to the lesser of the current year's first quarter water usage, or the current quarter's water usage.

The new rates do not apply to the current bill, which is for usage during October, November and December of 2018. The new rates will be applicable on the bill issued in April, for usage during January, February and March 2019.

Can I pay with a card?

The answer is YES!!

This is something many of you have been waiting for! You will no longer need to bring cash or open up your checkbook, in order to make a payment at city hall!

The City of Waite Park has partnered up with PSN— Payment Service Network, Inc. to offer our customers the opportunity to make payments with debit and credit cards!

We also have more options for you to pay your Water / Sewer Utility Bill!

A flyer, which has all the details, has been included with this mailing, but here's a quick summary:

Online Bill Payments-A link is on the city website

- ◆ View your balance due
- ◆ Pay your utility bill immediately
- ◆ Schedule your payment for a future date
- ◆ Set up Auto-Pay

Mobile App Payments-Download [PSN Payments](#)

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Automated Phone System-Call 877-885-7968

Make sure you have your account number before you call.

- ◆ Pay your utility bill immediately

Convenience fees apply: \$1.00 for check and savings payments, 2.75% (+50¢ if under \$100) for credit and debit card payments.

Now Hiring



Paid On-Response Firefighters

The Waite Park Fire Department is currently accepting applications for two Paid On-Response Firefighter positions.

No experience is necessary. All training will be provided.

You must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Must have a minimum of a High School Diploma or equivalency; and
- Must be 18 years of age or older; and
- Must have a valid MN Drivers License; and
- Must pass a physical exam / drug test; and
- Must reside in the City of Waite Park or be able to respond to the fire station within nine (9) minutes; and
- Must obtain/maintain Firefighter I/II & Hazmat Operations Certifications within one year of hire; and
- Must obtain and maintain First Responder Certification within two years of hire.

Applications are available online at www.ci.waitepark.mn.us or at City Hall.

Yard Waste Site

Permit & Keycard Renewals

If you already have purchased a permit for the City Yard Waste Site and have a keycard, you may renew your card at city hall for \$5.00.

If you don't have a card for the yard waste site yet, you may purchase them at city hall for \$10.00.

When the site opens in the Spring, you will be ready to go! Watch for the opening date on our website, on channel 181, and on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.



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Animal License Renewal

All dogs and cats owned or harbored within the City of Waite Park must be licensed with the City.

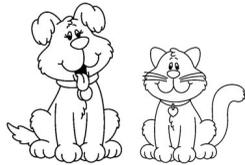
The new tags for Animal Licenses for the calendar year 2019 are now available at City Hall!

Cost is \$10.00 per license.

Current rabies vaccination records must be presented at the time of purchase.

License renewals are due no later than Friday, February 15, 2019. Penalties will be applied after this due date.

Each licensed cat or dog is required to wear the issued license tag on a collar. Please remember, it is unlawful for animals to be permitted to run at large.



Vacation Notices

If you are going to be away from your home, especially for an extended period of time, you can notify the police department. We have an Extra Patrol Vacation Request form available on our website or at the police department. The online form can be printed or submitted online. If you print the form, please fill it out and drop it off at the police department.

We request that you submit the form at least two days before you leave.

Parking Restrictions

No parking is allowed between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. on any city street beginning November 1st to April 1st.



This allows the snowplows the ability to plow the entire street, curb to curb, without any obstacles.

Parking is never allowed in alleys or on boulevards.

Any vehicle parked illegally will be ticketed and/or towed.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Property owners are required to clear sidewalks of snow and ice by noon of each day. If the owner fails to do so, the City will remove the snow or ice and the owner will be charged for the service.

It is unlawful to blow snow into a street or alley.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant



When clearing your sidewalks of snow, please take the time to clear the snow around any fire hydrant on your property or in your vicinity.

Clean Water Starts with You!

Safely Deposit Pharmaceuticals

There could be unused prescription drugs in your medicine cabinet right now. Proper disposal keeps them from being misused or contaminating our fragile rivers and lakes, and now it's easier than ever! Leftover meds? There's a box for that at Waite Park City Hall.

Keep a Lid on Trash

When the lids on dumpsters and refuse carts are left open, garbage can fall out and rain can get in, allowing undesirable material and debris to wash down storm drains polluting our lakes and rivers. You can help by avoiding overfilling, properly bagging your garbage, and always closing the lid.

Tap not Bottled

Tap water is always the smart option compared to bottled water. Bottled water is about 500 x more expensive than tap. It takes over 1.5 million barrels of oil a year to produce all those plastic bottles, most of which still end up in landfills. Add the rigid health standards and testing that municipal water goes through, and tap wins again!

Properly Dispose of Hazardous Waste

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW). Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care and



should be recycled or disposed of at area collection sites.

Keep Fat, Grease & Cooking Oil Out of our Plumbing

Learning the right way to get rid of used cooking oil, fat and grease helps prevent clogging and overflow of wastewater that can pose serious health and environmental concerns. So the next time you make bacon for breakfast or fried chicken for dinner, put the leftover fat into a sealable container and then into the trash. One more smart, easy way to help protect the water we all share.

Read the Labels

Every day, our lakes, rivers and drinking water sources are getting a strong dose of chemicals from the products we put on and into our bodies. Artificial fragrances, parabens, preservatives, and Triclosan are just some of the culprits washing off or passing through our bodies that wastewater treatment can't remove. Learn what to avoid, read labels, and switch to natural, water-friendly products.

Go Anti-Antibacterial!

Plain soap and water is just as effective as antibacterial soaps to keep hands clean and germ free. Triclosan, the chemical compound added to some liquid soaps, toothpaste, cosmetics and more, is linked to water quality concerns and potential impacts on human health. The MN Dept of Health recommends plain soap and water, with vigorous rubbing of your hands to wash your hands. Next time you see Triclosan on the label, don't buy the product or the claim that it's better. Simple soap and water is the safer way to keep clean - for our waterways, wildlife and all of us!