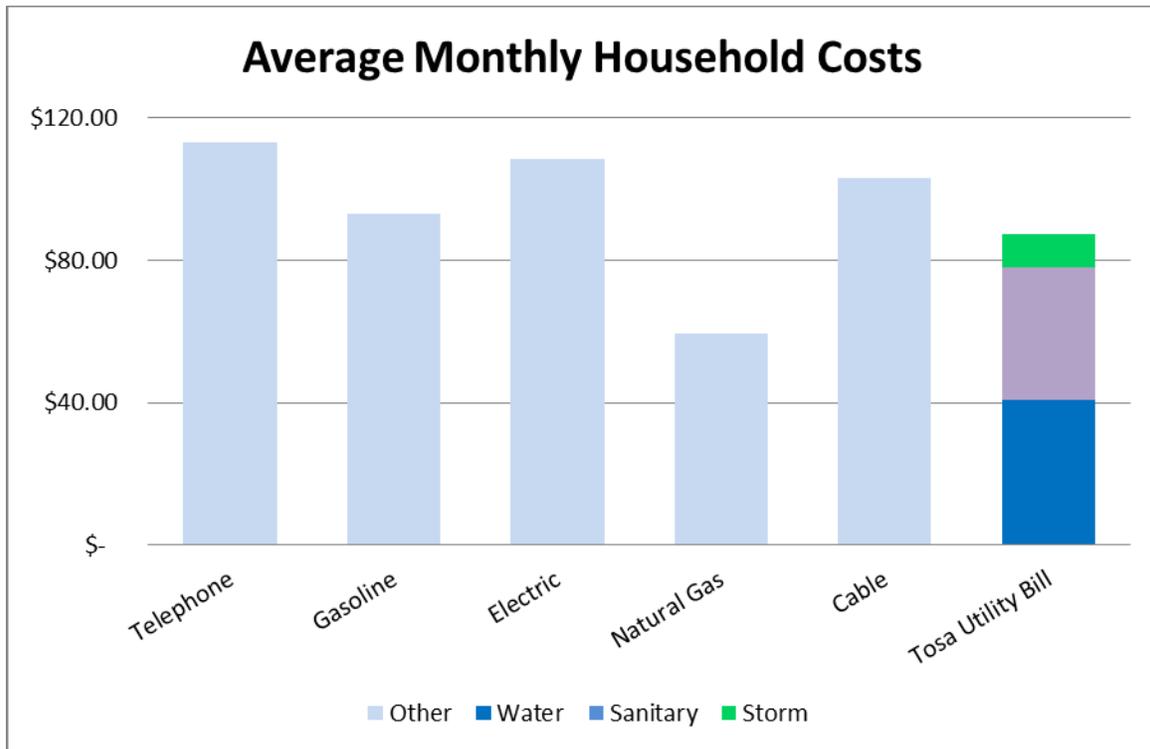


2017 Water, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rates Increase

Your City of Wauwatosa water bill consists of three parts: water, sanitary sewer, and storm water charges. This notice provides information related to the water, sanitary and storm water portion of the bill.

- In January 17, 2017 the Common Council approved an 8.0% increase in sanitary sewer rates and a 10.0% increase in storm sewer rates for 2017 which are reflected on this bill. These rate increases will be used to provide Wauwatosa residents and businesses with an improved sewer infrastructure that addresses basement backups, surface flooding and failing pipes problems experienced over the past several years.
- Beginning in 2011 and continuing for the next 7-10 years, Wauwatosa is strategically undertaking multiple large sewer rebuilding projects to replace pipes at the end of their useful life as the majority of the sewer infrastructure was installed 75-100 years ago. The City will then need to maintain that level of infrastructure spending in order to sustain the system.
- Between 2012 and 2015, the City repaired and/or replaced 159,967 feet, or almost 30.2 miles, of sanitary sewer and 55,090 feet, or about 10.4 miles, of storm sewer. All improvements are intended to replace end-of-life sewer mains, alleviate flooding during storms due to undersized pipes and bring the system into compliance with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) regulations.
- In 2016, the Public Service Commission approved a 19.87% increase in water rates. Depending on your billing cycle, the full rate increase will go into effect by May 2017. The increase in the rates was necessary to finance water meter and main replacements. The City is in the final stages of upgrading all residential water meters and in 2015 replaced or relined 14,309 feet of water mains – approximately 2.71 miles. Given the age of the City's water mains, an on-going replacement program is planned.
- The average residential total quarterly bill including charges for water, sanitary and storm sewer will increase from \$233.30 in 2016 to \$262.29, approximately a \$29.00 or 12.4% increase.

The graph on the back shows your total water bill, despite the increases, remains less than most other monthly household costs. If you have any questions or would like more information, visit our website at www.wauwatosa.net/utilityrates or contact the Wauwatosa Water Utility at 414-479-8963.



Telephone: \$90 for average family cellular phones (mid-plan minutes with mid-texting per *Consumer Reports*) plus \$23 for a landline with long distance.

Gasoline: 12,000 miles per year @25 mpg X \$2.33/ 12 months (Milwaukee average on 12/31/16 based on www.WisconsinGasPrices.com).

Electric: 694 kWh per household (per Department of Energy residential monthly average) * .13037 energy charge + .52602 facilities charge X 30 days plus fees.

Natural Gas: 858 therms per year (per Department of Energy 2014 Wisconsin residential consumption/ households)/12 months* .691433 rate + .33 facilities charges X 30 days.

Cable: \$103.10 monthly bill (<http://www.leichtmanresearch.com/press/092316release.html>).