

New Utility Bill Rates Effective January 1, 2018

The City Council revisits Waconia’s utility rates each year as part of the annual budget process. Tiered rates listed below are charged per 1,000 gallons. If you have questions or concerns about your utility bill, please contact the utility billing department at (952) 442-3107 or utilitybill@waconia.org. For information on rate changes to commercial, industrial, and institutional accounts please review the City’s approved fee schedule per City Ordinance 1100 at www.waconia.org.

Utility Rates			
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2017 Rates		2018 Rates	
Water Base Rate	\$6.85	Water Base Rate	\$7.00
Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.65	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.70
Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$2.90	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$2.95
Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.15	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.20
Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$3.45	Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$3.50
Tier Four (Summer Use Only)	\$5.50	Tier Four (Summer Use Only)	\$5.55
Sewer Base Rate	\$10.80	Sewer Base Rate	\$11.00
Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$4.60	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$4.70
Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.10	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.20
Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$5.65	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$5.75
Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$6.25	Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$6.35
Streetlight Residential	\$3.20	Streetlight Residential	\$3.20
Storm Water Residential	\$9.50	Storm Water Residential	\$11.00

Storm Water Reuse



If you’ve traveled Waconia Parkway South you may have noticed a tremendous amount of work taking place in the Right of Way. This work involves one of the City’s continued efforts to reduce the use of drinking water for irrigational purposes through storm water reuse irrigation systems.

Currently, the City manages three storm water reuse irrigation systems. One, in partnership with the Waconia School District at Bayview Elementary; a second, within the new Crosswinds Development; and a third, on 10th Street. Through the period of July to October of 2017 the City pumped or delivered 3,162,228 gallons of storm water for irrigation, and another 122,676 gallons

were utilized for maintenance activities such as watering trees, sewer cleaning, and street sweeping.

The fourth system, including the structure along Waconia Parkway South, has the intent to pump and treat water to irrigate the athletic ball fields, including Lions Field at Brook Peterson Park.

A balance of the construction funding for these improvements has been supported by grants from the Metropolitan Council, Carver County Water Management Organization and Fees collected for storm water. If you have more interest, feel free to follow the Brook Peterson Storm Water Reuse Project information under the “News” section of the City’s website at www.waconia.org.



Christmas Tree Recycling



City of Waconia will be offering a drop-site for Christmas Trees this year at the following times:

December 27, 2017 to January 5, 2018
Public Works – 310 E. 10th Street
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The drop-site will also be open Saturday, December 30th 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Public works will be closing at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 29th and all day on Monday, January 1st.

Please note that all lights, ornaments, and decorations must be removed. Additionally, City staff will not be picking up trees curbside.

Waconia's Revolving Loan Program

The City Council recently approved changes to the City's Economic Development Revolving Loan Program. The program was established in 1994 and is still available today to assist local businesses with financing for construction, acquisition, and equipment purchases. Loans can be made up to \$149,999 and must be secured with a mortgage, letter of credit, or UCC filing. Recent changes to the program allow for more flexibility with loan to value ratios and changed the fixed interest rate for all loans to a rate based on the prime rate.

For more information on the loan program, please visit www.waconia.org or contact Nicole Meyer, Finance Director at 952-442-2184.

Holiday Office Closure Reminder

City offices will be closed on the following days listed below in observance of upcoming holidays:



- Monday, January 1, 2018 in observance of New Year's Day
- Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Craig Eldred Receives APWA Public Works Director/Manager of the Year Award

The City of Waconia is proud to announce that Public Services Director, Craig Eldred, recently received the American Public Works Association—Minnesota Chapter award for Public Works Director/Manager of the Year.



The awards committee surprised Craig with this award at City Hall on Wednesday, November 15, as he was busy working and couldn't attend the awards ceremony.

Congratulations, Craig!

Waconia Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the fourth year in a row, the City of Waconia Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Criteria for the award include the financial documents having a "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate their financial story with the public.

A copy of the annual financial reports can be found on the Finance Department's webpage at www.waconia.org.

Hot Topics!

Did you know..... There are 52.6 miles of storm sewers in Waconia? This month's Hot Topic features details on the infrastructure supported by your water bill!



Follow the code for more information on this month's and previous Hot Topic or visit the Utility Billing section of www.waconia.org.

WeCAB Community Meeting

Please join us at a community meeting to learn more about WeCAB a supplemental transportation option the City is looking at bringing to the community.

January 4, 2017
3:30 p.m. at Waconia City Hall
201 South Vine Street

Please contact Jackie Schwerm, Assistant City Administrator, at 952-442-3103 or jschwerm@waconia.org with any questions.

Comprehensive Plan Open House

Tuesday, January 23, 2018
6:30 p.m.

City Hall – 201 S. Vine Street



Help us plan for Waconia's future by discussing what you would like to see Waconia include in their 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Please check back on the City's website, www.waconia.org for more details on future meetings.