



# Waconia Wavelength

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## New Utility Bill Rates Effective January 1, 2020

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](mailto: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](http://www.waconia.org).

### Utility Rates (tiered rates are charged per 1,000 gallons)

2019 Rates		2020 Rates	
<b>Water Base Rate</b>	<b>\$7.15</b>	<b>Water Base Rate</b>	<b>\$7.30</b>
Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.75	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.80
Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$3.00	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$3.05
Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.25	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.30
Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$3.55	Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$3.60
Residential Summer Use (30,000+ gallons)	\$5.60	Residential Summer Use (30,000+ gallons)	\$5.70
<b>Sewer Base Rate</b>	<b>\$11.20</b>	<b>Sewer Base Rate</b>	<b>\$11.40</b>
Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$4.80	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$4.90
Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.30	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.40
Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$5.85	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$5.96
Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$6.45	Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$6.57
<b>Streetlight Residential</b>	<b>\$3.20</b>	<b>Streetlight Residential</b>	<b>\$3.20</b>
<b>Storm Water Residential</b>	<b>\$12.65</b>	<b>Storm Water Residential</b>	<b>\$14.55</b>

\*Please note there was also an increase to the Minnesota State Surcharge from \$0.53 to \$0.81.

## Presidential Nomination Primary: Absentee Voting Starts January 17!

The 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary is set to take place on March 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at your designated polling location. **Waconia residents** will also have the opportunity to absentee vote at Waconia City Hall (201 South Vine Street) the following dates and times:



**January 17 to March 2, 2020**

**Monday through Friday**

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additional dates and times include:

**Mondays, February 3/10/24:**

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, February 22:**

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, February 29:**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 2:**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There will be no absentee voting on Monday, January 20 and Monday, February 17. For more details, please call 952-442-2184 or visit us at [www.waconia.org/elections](http://www.waconia.org/elections).

## Presidential Nomination Primary What You Need to Know!

- This will be Minnesota's first presidential nomination primary since 1992
- When you vote, you must choose which major party's ballot you want! You cannot change your selection after receiving your ballot
- Which party's ballot you choose will not be public information, but it will be available to each major party chair
- By law, only major parties can participate in the primary. There are four major political parties in Minnesota
- Candidates are submitted by the Party Chair to the ballot by December 31 of 2019. Candidates will appear on the ballot even if they drop out of the presidential race before March 3

Please keep an eye on the City's website at [www.waconia.org/elections](http://www.waconia.org/elections) and Facebook page for more upcoming dates and information related to the 2020 Elections!



### Winter Reminders



One winter guarantee is that more snow is always on the way! To assist our staff in providing consistent snow removal service this winter, we ask you to:

- Make sure your mailbox can withstand the discharge of snow from plows
- Keep your mailbox area accessible for the mail carrier
- Do not blow or plow snow from your property across or into the street. This is a violation of City code

Also, please remember that our staff are not always able to complete all of the maintenance activities within 24 hours. Sometimes, weather conditions are beyond our control and require extra time. Our **Winter Maintenance Policy** is available on the City's website. This policy outlines details on how winter maintenance operations are provided to the public. If you have questions, please contact Public Services at 952-442-2615.

### Christmas Tree Recycling

Monday – Friday  
January 2, 2020 – January 17, 2020  
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

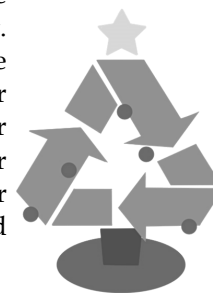
Saturdays January 4 & 11, 2020  
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

City of Waconia Public Services  
310 10th Street East

**All live Christmas trees will be accepted.**

Trees must be brought to the Waconia Public Services building. The drop off area will be behind the Public Services Facility in the far north east corner in the Bunker Storage Area. Residents may enter the rear of the facility near the Water Tower off 10th Street East, and proceed directly behind the facility.

All decorations, lights, stands, etc. must be removed prior to recycling. The trees will be taken at no charge.



### Holiday Office Closure Reminder

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in observance of New Year's Day. We hope everyone has a happy and safe new year!

City offices will also be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

