



Waconia Wavelength

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New Utility Bill Rates Effective January 1, 2019

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 schedules per City Ordinance 1100 at www.waconia.org.

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

2018 Rates		2019 Rates	
Water Base Rate	\$7.00	Water Base Rate	\$7.15
Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.70	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.75
Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$2.95	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$3.00
Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.20	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.25
Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$3.50	Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$3.55
Tier Four (Summer Use Only)	\$5.55	Tier Four (Summer Use Only)	\$5.60
Sewer Base Rate	\$11.00	Sewer Base Rate	\$11.20
Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$4.70	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$4.80
Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.20	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.30
Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$5.75	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$5.85
Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$6.35	Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$6.45
Streetlight Residential	\$3.20	Streetlight Residential	\$3.20
Storm Water Residential	\$11.00	Storm Water Residential	\$12.65



Winter Reminders



Although we haven’t (yet) received a lot of snow, we know it is coming! 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](#) was recently updated, and 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.

Don't Forget to Dig Out Your Fire Hydrant!

The winter months bring a special concern to most fire departments: winter snowfall and the plowing of snow can often hide fire hydrants under a large amount of snow, making them difficult to find quickly.

In the event of a fire, firefighters have to locate and shovel out hydrants before hooking up to them, which can mean the loss of precious time.

Please don't let your neighborhood hydrant remain "snowed in." Firefighters ask that residents help keep the fire hydrant closest to their residence or business clear of snow. A three-foot clearance is needed on all sides. Please remember to also be aware of vehicle traffic when shoveling snow. Finally, be sure to keep your hydrant clear of overgrowth (grass and weeds) during the remainder of the year.



Garbage Bin Placement

Winter season is here and it is a good time of year for a reminder regarding the placement of your garbage bin! Keep reading for some helpful tips for container placement:

Do not place garbage or recycling containers in the street: This creates a hazard as containers could get hit by vehicles or taken away by snowplows. Also, if the garbage can tips over, garbage can make its way down the street and into the City's stormwater system. Most garbage trucks are equipped with a hydraulic extending arm that grasps garbage containers, which means you can place your bins at least 3 to 5 feet off the edge of the pavement into your driveway.

Do not place containers on the top of the snow piles: This placement may cause the garbage can to tip over and litter your garbage along the street. It also makes it difficult for the garbage trucks to set the bin back down.

Retrieve your garbage and recycling containers soon after collection: Empty bins are vulnerable to winds and snow removal operations and could cause a hazard if knocked into the roadway. Prompt removal of empty containers is encouraged!

These tips can make collection days safer and easier for both snowplows and garbage trucks. Thank you for your cooperation!



Christmas Tree Recycling

December 26, 2018 to January 10, 2019

7:00 a.m. to 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. All decorations, lights, stands, etc. must be removed prior to recycling. The trees will be taken at no charge.



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Financial Reporting

Waconia Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the fifth 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.



Holiday Office Closure Reminder

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 in observance of New Year's Day.

City offices will also be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

