

Beginning October 1, 2018
BEVERLY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
EXPLANATION OF SEWER BILL

Dates On the postcard bill: The dates on the bill show the water usage used to calculate the sewer bill. If there is no water usage during that time period, the minimum amount for service in the upcoming three months is charged.

1. Coverage Dates:

Date of Sewer Bills	<u>Covers these months for over usage/Minimum charge for upcoming 3 months</u>
1 st qtr – January	Water usage from Oct-Dec previous year and minimum charge for January-March
2 nd qtr – April	Water usage from Jan-March and minimum charge for April-June
3 rd qtr – July	Water usage from April-June and minimum charge for July-September
4 th qtr-October	Water usage from July-September and minimum charge for October-December

2. Residential single family rate: \$75.00 minimum charge per quarter for zero to ten thousand gallons of water used, then \$6.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water used.

Each dwelling unit of an apartment: \$75.00 minimum charge per quarter per unit then \$6.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons used.
EXAMPLE: A 2-unit dwelling is charged \$150.00 minimum each quarter for 0-20,000 gallons then \$6.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons after 20,000 gallons

3. Calculation: The bill is calculated using the previous water usage OR (for July and October bills) the average of the winter months water usage; whichever is less

Winter months bills are January (for water used Oct-Dec of previous year) and April bills (for water used Jan-Mar)

Summer months bills are July (for water used Apr-June) and October (for water used Jul-Sept)

EXAMPLE:

Your January sewer bill shows 10,000 of water used from October to December in the previous year = \$75.00

Your April sewer bill shows 12,000 of water used from January to March = \$87.00 (\$75.00 minimum and \$12.00 for over usage @ \$6.00 per thousand over used)

Winter average = 11,000 gallons of water*

Your July sewer bill shows (14,000 gallons of water used from April to June) = \$99.00 (\$75.00 minimum and \$24.00 for over usage @ \$6.00 per thousand over used)

With seasonal billing, the authority will use your winter average, which is 11,000 gallons*, for the July bill \$81.00

Your October sewer bills shows (10,000 gallons of water used from July to September) = \$75.00

With seasonal billing we used your winter average or your actual water usage which was 10,000 gallons

The following service charges for nonindustrial wastes are hereby fixed and officially established by the Beverly Sewerage Authority as the service charges or rentals to be charged for the use of any sewerage system of the Beverly Sewerage Authority.

A. Quarterly charges for sanitary sewerage services.

Schedule A:

Residential – the minimum quarterly charge for each one family residential dwelling, each dwelling unit of an apartment or of a multiple family dwelling, or of a condominium and for a house shall be \$75.00 per quarter with a minimum allowance of 10,000 gallons.

Schedule B:

Commercial – The minimum quarterly charge for each store, office, restaurant, warehouse, service station, public garage and other commercial establishments shall be \$86.00 per quarter with a minimum allowance of 10,000 gallons.

Schedule C:

Churches and places of worship – The minimum quarterly charge for each church and place of worship shall be \$75.00 per quarter with a minimum allowance of 10,000 gallons.

Schedule D:

Public and private schools – The minimum quarterly charge for each public or private school shall be \$145.50 per quarter with a minimum allowance of 20,000 gallons.

Schedule E:

Manufacturing and Industrial plants – The minimum quarterly charge for each manufacturing and industrial plant shall be \$249.50 per quarter with a minimum allowance of 30,000 gallons.

Schedule F:

Nursing Home– The charge for each building used to house the residents of a nursing home shall be \$145.50 per quarter with a minimum allowance of 10,000 gallons. Other buildings used in connection with the nursing home shall pay the commercial rate.

Schedule G:

Non-profit Public Buildings – Includes public library, fire stations, city hall, American Legion shall be \$27.50 per quarter with a minimum allowance of 10,000 gallons.

B. Excess water consumption charges for schedules A to G inclusive. Consumption in excess of the water allowance within the quarter for the minimum quarterly charge will be billed at \$6 per 1,000 gallons. If the consumption of water in a manufacturing or industrial plant exceeds 2,000,000 gallons per year, the billable gallons shall be certified by the Authority Engineer.

Payment of Charges

- A. The charges or rentals for the use of the sewerage system as established shall cover a quarterly period and shall be due and payable on the last day of the first month of each quarter. In the case of a new installation or connection, the charge shall be due and payable in advance upon the date of the making of such connection.
- B. The quarterly charges or rentals shall be based upon water usage as metered by the local water utility. The third and fourth quarterly charges and rentals shall be calculated on the average metered water usage as of the previous first and second quarter readings or the actual meter reading for the respective usage periods, whichever is less. The first and second quarterly charges and rentals will be calculated based on meter readings taken for each respective usage. In the event of nonpayment of the service charges or rentals when due, such service charges or rentals shall bear interest from their due date at the rate of 1 ½% per month after 30 days from the time when they become due and shall be and remain a lien on the premises which such sewer is connected in the same manner in which taxes are a lien on real estate, and the Authority shall have the same remedies for the enforcement of the lien of such service charges or rentals as the municipality has for the enforcement of the lien of taxes upon real estate. In the event of nonpayment of the service charges or rentals for a period of 30 days, the Authority may cause the sewer connection of such person to be disconnected, and such person may not again use the facilities of the system until the defaulting user pays all arrears, plus a new connection fee.

