

## WATER METER SYSTEMS

In 2021, with the co-operation of our residents and business community, the City of Yorkton completed an upgrade to our water metering system.

The new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system will not only improve the efficiency of the meter reading process, but will allow for quick notification when water leaks occur. These enhancements will save money and reduce lost water both for the end user as well as the City.

### Other Benefits of the new system:

- Water Bills are based on actual usage - no more estimated bills
- Meter Technicians no longer need to visit your property
- In the upcoming months, Monthly, Daily and Hourly consumption data will be available to analyze water consumption habits

## WATER BILL

A water bill is sent out every two months as a portion of your utility bill. Charges on your utility bill are broken down into the following sections:

- Basic minimum monthly charge for all active utility accounts
- Monthly fees for garbage collection
- Monthly fees for residential recycling
- Metered water consumption in cubic meters

## PAYMENT METHOD INFORMATION

There are several convenient payment options available to you:

- At City Hall, payment can be made using cash, cheque, money orders or debit card
- Payments can be made at your financial institution
- From the comfort of your home, payments can be made through telephone or online banking with your financial institution - Payee Name is Yorkton (City of)
- By mail - please enclose payment stub with your cheque
- E-billing and Pre-Authorized Payment Plans are available - Visit [www.yorkton.ca](http://www.yorkton.ca) for application forms

## OPERATIONS

The City of Yorkton's water system utility is operated and managed by both the Environmental Services and Public Works Departments.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- The raw water system (wells / raw water piping)
- Bulk Water Fill Station
- Water Treatment Plant / Water Tower
- Water Meter Services
- Pumping Station
- Wastewater Treatment Plant and Lift Station

### PUBLIC WORKS WATER / SEWER SYSTEMS

- Emergency repairs including water main breaks and service connection leaks
- Water and Sewer pipe replacement
- Asset management - inspections and pipe assessments
- Repair and replace valves, hydrants and curb stops
- Water meter services

For more information on each of these services, please refer to our City website: [www.yorkton.ca](http://www.yorkton.ca)



**Questions about your Water and Sewer Billing?  
Contact the Utility Billing Division  
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
306-786-1726  
[www.yorkton.ca](http://www.yorkton.ca)**

# RESIDENTIAL WATER & SEWER 2023 RATES

### Information Inside This Brochure:

- Rate Changes
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- Water Meters



## WHY ARE RATE INCREASES REQUIRED?

Water Rates are reviewed annually and are calculated to develop our annual budgets. Water is metered then calculated and added to the utility invoice (water bill). The funds collected are used to repair and replace the water and sewer infrastructure.

We've increased the consumption rate by 4.75% and the residential base rate by \$3 for 2023. Our current consumption rate is \$3.34/m<sup>3</sup> (one cubic meter = 220 gallons). The Base Rate (\$21.25) includes the cost to replace meters, replace water and sewer service connections, meter services, water billing, and corporate service expenditures.

Rates from 2021-2023			
Date	Rate/Cubic Meter (m <sup>3</sup> )	Residential Base Rate/Month	Combined total \$/month increase
Jan 1, 2021	\$3.24	\$17.25	\$3.39
Jan 1, 2022	\$3.34	\$18.25	\$2.30
Jan 1, 2023	\$3.50	\$21.25	\$5.08

## WATER SYSTEM

Our Water and Sewer Services encompass all topics related to potable water treatment and infrastructure, wastewater treatment and infrastructure, water distribution system, utility billing and water service disruptions.

Raw water is drawn from 13 production wells surrounding the City and is pumped to the Water Treatment Plant. The wells are located in various aquifers at different depths ranging from 23-60 meters (75-200 ft) and vary in age from 1 to 54 years old. Aquifers are pockets of renewable and sustainable ground water, which we monitor closely.

## CONSUMPTION RATE COMPARISONS

Our current consumption water rate is below the average and the base rate is well below the average of other communities in the comparison table.

A Yorkton resident that uses the residential average (13m<sup>3</sup>/month) currently has the second lowest monthly charge when compared to the other ten communities in the comparison table.

Monthly Water/Sewer Bill Comparison based on (13m <sup>3</sup> /month) of consumption			
Municipality	Total Water Bill including Base Rate	Total Base Rate	Combined Water & Sewer Rate m/3
Melville	\$148.94	\$94.61	\$4.38
Humboldt	\$140.38	\$61.73	\$6.05
Martensville	\$103.69	\$39.50	\$4.63
Estevan	\$103.43	\$62.09	\$3.18
Moose Jaw	\$101.22	\$62.35	\$2.90
Warman	\$91.42	\$0.00	\$6.82
Lloydminster	\$85.16	\$35.50	\$3.67
North Battleford	\$80.41	\$58.18	\$1.71
Swift Current	\$76.97	\$35.19	\$3.12
Weyburn	\$58.82	\$32.30	\$1.87
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$96.28</b>	<b>\$46.06</b>	<b>\$3.86</b>
<b>Yorkton</b>	<b>\$66.75</b>	<b>\$21.25</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>



## AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

We continue to experience a significant amount of water main breaks and residential water service connection leaks each year. The majority of service leaks occurring are in subdivisions that are less than 50 years old.

In 2023, the City will invest approximately 2 million dollars to water and sewer main replacements, emergency service connection leaks, and water main breaks.

With our current rates and budgets, it will take approximately **30 years** just to replace our water lines that are over 75 years old. This is a gap we are trying to reduce and is the basis for this increase.



## DID YOU KNOW?

10% of our water mains are over 75 years old

