

2025 Utility Rate Notice

Effective with usage beginning January 1, 2025, the water and sewer utility rates are as follows:

Water



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$ 56.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 2.63 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (9,001 - 36,000 gals)	\$ 7.35 / 1,000 gals
Tier 3 (Over 36,000 gals)	\$ 7.55 / 1,000 gals

Sewer



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$ 60.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 3.44 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (Over 9,000 gals)	\$ 9.18 / 1,000 gals

- + \$ 2.43 MN Service Connection Fee
- + \$ 12.45 Stormwater Utility Fee
- + \$ 0.75 Wellhead Protection Fee

Single-family homes or rented single-family homes will continue to be eligible for the sewer winter consumption averaging - where each quarter's sewer usage shall be based on and equal to the lesser of the current year's first quarter water usage, or the current quarter's water usage.

The new rates do not apply to the current bill, which is for usage during October, November and December of 2024. The new rates will be applicable on the bill issued in April, for usage during January, February and March 2025.

Parking Restrictions

No parking is allowed between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. on any city street beginning November 1st to April 1st.



This allows the snowplows the ability to plow the entire street, curb to curb, without any obstacles.

Parking is never allowed in alleys or on boulevards.

Any vehicle parked illegally will be ticketed and/or towed.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Property owners are required to clear sidewalks of snow and ice by noon of each day. If the owner fails to do so, the city will remove the snow or ice and the owner will be charged for the service.

It is unlawful to blow snow into a street or alley.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant



When clearing your sidewalks of snow, please take the time to clear the snow around any fire hydrant on your property or in your vicinity.

Now Hiring

Paid On-Response Firefighters

The Waite Park Fire Department is accepting applications for Paid On-Response Firefighter positions.

No experience is necessary. All training will be provided.

Police Officers

The Waite Park Police Department is accepting applications for Police Officers to join our law enforcement team. We are looking for individuals with strong problem-solving & communication skills, a passion for public service & community safety, integrity, professionalism & a team-oriented mindset.

Applications are available online at www.ci.waitepark.mn.us or at City Hall.

Toilets are Not Trashcans



Don't be a pain in the drain!

NO WIPES in the pipes!

So-called "Flushable" Wipes are NOT flushable!

Please do NOT put wipes of any kind in your toilet. Including: baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, makeup wipes and "flushable" wipes!

The only thing to go in your toilet is pee, poop and toilet paper. That's it! It's as simple as that!



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Disconnect your hoses!!

Winter's here, and it's not just the sidewalks that need extra attention. Those forgotten hoses lurking by your spigots could be harboring a watery nightmare: **frozen pipes!**

Here's the deal: water expands when it freezes, and trapped water in a hose can put pressure on your home's plumbing, leading to cracks, bursts, and a gushing flood. Talk about a chilly surprise!

Don't let frozen pipes drain your wallet!

1. Shut off the water supply to those outdoor faucets.
2. Thaw the exterior faucet with a hair dryer or the lowest heat setting on a heat gun. Don't use warm water! It will refreeze and cause more issues!
3. Disconnect and drain those hoses!
4. Open the faucet to drain any water in the pipe.
5. Bleed the excess water from the line at the shutoff valve inside.

If you need more details, follow the steps on the website link below, or call your friendly plumber:

<https://peppershomeandgarden.com/forgot-disconnect-hose-winter/>



Snowbirds

Are you a Snowbird heading south for the winter?

Please call City Hall at 252-6822 so we are not paying for garbage/recycling service that is not being used. We can suspend your garbage/recycling service while you're gone. It can be reinstated immediately upon your return—just let us know when you are back.

Animal License Renewal

All dogs and cats owned or harbored within the City of Waite Park must be licensed with the City.



The new tags for Animal Licenses for the calendar year 2025 are available at City Hall!

Cost is \$10.00 per license.

Current rabies vaccination records must be presented at the time of purchase.

License renewals are due no later than Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Penalties will be applied after this due date.

Each licensed cat or dog is required to wear the issued license tag on a collar. Please remember, it is unlawful for animals to be permitted to run at large.

Keeping you Connected!

The city is excited to let residents and businesses know that starting in February of 2025, we will be offering two new ways to stay informed about what's happening in our community! We will be publishing a monthly *E-Newsletter* and a new short video titled *Mayor's Minute!* Both will provide information about city news, events, and updates that residents and businesses may be interested in hearing more about. The E-newsletter and the Mayor's Minute will both be available on our website and Facebook page. The Mayor's Minute video will also be available on our YouTube channel and government access channel 181.

Never miss an update

To make sure you never miss an update, residents and businesses can sign up for **Notify Me** on the city website. You can choose to receive an email and/or text message whenever a new E-Newsletter or Mayor's Minute video is published.

Notify Me also gives you options to sign up to learn more about a variety of topics including crime alerts, upcoming city events, meeting agendas for the City Council, Park Board, Planning Commission and Civil Service Board, public utilities alerts, job postings, bid postings and more.

The following are instructions on how to sign up for **Notify Me**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the city offices at 320-252-6822 for further assistance.

How to Sign Up for Notify Me

1. Visit www.ci.waitepark.mn.us
2. Click on the Stay Connected button.



3. Enter your email address (and mobile phone number to subscribe to text messages).
4. Select E-Newsletter and Mayor's Minute, plus any other categories (List Name) you are interested in receiving information about. You can choose to receive notifications via email and/or text message.

Message & data rates may apply.

When new information is available related to any category (List Name) you have subscribed to, you will be notified. If there are any associated documents, a link will be provided to bring you directly to the correct location on our city website.

Now you are connected and informed with the latest news from the City of Waite Park!