

Beginning October 1, 2024  
BEVERLY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
EXPLANATION OF SEWER BILL

Dates on the bill: The dates on the bill are from the water company used to calculate the bill. If you did not reside at this property during these dates, you were charged the minimum amount.

1. Coverage Dates:

Date of Sewer Bill	<u>Covers These Months for Overusage/Minimum charge for upcoming</u> <u>3 months</u>
1st qtr – January 1	Oct, Nov, Dec
2nd qtr – April 1	Jan, Feb, March
3rd qtr – July 1	April, May, June
4th qtr – October 1	Jul, Aug, Sept

2. Residential single Family Rate: \$85.00 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: \$85.00 minimum charge per quarter per unit then \$6.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons used.  
EXAMPLE: A 2-Unit dwelling is charged \$ 170.00 minimum each quarter for 0-20,000 gallons then \$6.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons after the 20,000

3. Calculation: The bill is calculated using the previous water usage OR (for the 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters) the average of the winter months water usage; whichever is less

Winter months – October through March

<u>Date of Sewer bill</u>	Based on water <u>Readings of these months</u>
1st qtr – Jan 1	Oct, Nov, Dec (actual usage)
2nd qtr – Apr 1	Jan, Feb, Mar (actual usage)
3rd qtr – July 1	Apr, May, June (or average)
4th qtr – Oct 1	July, August, Sept (or average)

1st & 2nd qtr sewer billing based on actual usage

3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> qtr sewer billing based on the least of the average of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd qtr billing OR the actual usage (if actual is less than average)

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EXAMPLE:

Your 1st qtr billing is for 10,000 gallons (actual usage billing)

Your 2nd qtr billing is for 14,000 gallons (actual usage billing)

Your average is 12,000 gallons for winter months

For 3rd qtr and 4<sup>th</sup> qtr billing:

If your actual usage is 11,000 gallons for (3rd qtr or 4<sup>th</sup> qtr) you will be billed for actual usage because 11,000 gallons is less than your winter average of 12,000 gallons.

If your actual usage is 14,000 gallons for (3rd qtr or 4<sup>th</sup> qtr) you will be billed for 12,000 gallons, your average of the winter months because your winter average is less than summer actual usage.

4. Interest: Payments must be received in the office by the last day of the “bill due” month (i.e. 11/30, 2/28, 5/31, 8/30) before interest at 18%.

5. Installing and/or filling swimming pools: The Sewerage Authority recommends filling swimming pools after April 1<sup>st</sup> so the water used will be within an average billing period rather than actual usage period.

**A. Quarterly charges for sanitary sewerage services.** Effective 10/1/24

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 \$85.00 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 \$96.00 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 \$85.00 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 \$158.00 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 \$262.00 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 \$158.00 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 \$40.00 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 second 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.