



Notice of Sanitary Sewer Service and Stormwater Utility Rate Increases



Des Moines Sanitary Sewer Customers:

The City of Des Moines will implement a Sanitary Sewer Service rate increase beginning with bills generated on or after July 1, 2025. The increase is necessary to fund essential improvements and repairs to the sanitary sewer system. Many of these improvements are in response to permit requirements issued by the State of Iowa for the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Systems and reflect federal regulations in the Clean Water Act. Repairs are needed to improve the operation of an aging sanitary sewer system.

Sanitary Sewer funding helps support our sanitary sewer utility. Our sanitary sewer system helps reduce pollution and increase community health transporting wastewater from homes, and treating sanitary sewer flows before it is discharged back to the environment. Regular maintenance is a top priority to prevent backups into our homes. **Our City has:**



1,000
miles of pipes



22,000
structures



24
pump stations



Sanitary sewer funding also helps fund the **Private Property Protection Program**. Visit [DSM.CITY/PPPP](https://dsm.city/pppp) or scan the QR code for details on how to protect your home from water damage and sewer backups!

The sanitary sewer user fee, found on your [Des Moines Water Works bill](#), is made up of two parts:

1. The **"Sewer Charge"** is based on the *amount of water used* and covers the costs of conveying and treating the wastewater created each month.
2. The **"Sewer Customer Service Charge"** is a fixed charge based on the monthly cost of operating the sanitary sewer system.

Only the **"Sewer Charge"** portion of the user fee will change, **increasing by six percent from \$9.28 to \$9.84** for each 1,000 gallons of water used per month. The **"Sewer Customer Service Charge"** will remain at \$4.40 per month.

For example: if your current bill is \$39.40, then it will increase to \$41.50 **on or after July 1, 2025:**

Current Sewer Charge	\$35.00
Sewer Customer Service Charge	\$4.40
Current TOTAL:	\$39.40

New Sewer Charge (+6% increase)	\$37.10
Sewer Customer Service Charge	\$4.40
New TOTAL (on or after July 1, 2025):	\$41.50

Questions? Contact Us:

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