

**Omaha Sewer Use Fees** .......402-444-3908 7:00AM – 3:30PM weekdays

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Dust or Mud from Construction Site402-444-3908	
<b>Report Spills or Dumping into Storm Inlets</b> www.omahastormwater.org402-444-3908	
Air Quality or Asbestos402-444-6015	
Sewer problems	
Odor Complaints or Manure Spills402-444-4919	
Omaha Garbage, Recycling or Yard Waste Collection Complaints or Information402-444-5238 www.wasteline.org	

Traffic Signal Not Working ....402-444-5160

Potholes, Curb Repairs, Debris or Litter Blocking Street ......402-444-4919

24-Hour Public Works Emergency Response & Repairs ......402-444-4919

## Clean Solutions for Omaha Program Implementation

The City of Omaha owns and operates the regional wastewater treatment system used by residential, commercial, and industrial ratepayers. The bills you pay into the City's Sewer Revenue Fund provide for the operation and maintenance, along with needed capital improvements to the wastewater collection and treatment system. This in turn provides for the safe collection and disposal of sanitary sewage for Omaha and the metro area.

In 2010, the City began implementation of the Clean Solutions for Omaha (CSO! Program), an unfunded federal mandate that requires Omaha to reduce the overflows of raw sewage into the Missouri River and Papillion Creek and improve water quality to meet Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards by 2037.

The CSO! Program is dedicated to implementing the most cost-effective solutions, being good stewards of financial resources, using local materials and labor, and continuously looking for green solutions that reduce stormwater impacts and provide other community benefits. Find out more at **www.omahacso.com** 





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## EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 1, 2021

OMAHA 2021 Sewer Use Charges

#### **How Your Omaha Residential** Sewer Bill is Calculated

The City of Omaha sets sewer use rates and is responsible for the sewer system. The Metropolitan Utilities District (M.U.D.) is the billing agent that invoices and collects sewer use fees and provides them back to the City. The combined bill is a cost savings to both Omaha sewer users and M.U.D. ratepayers.

#### Residential sewer rates are the total of two charges:

1. Customer Charge (fixed monthly fee) 2. Flow Charge (varies with usage)

The monthly sewer use fee during the winter season is based on the actual amount of water used. For 2021, the winter season will encompass four billing cycles, starting with the M.U.D. December billing cycle and ending with the March billing cycle. The four winter billing cycles are averaged to determine a base monthly usage level that will be used during the non-winter period to calculate sewer fees. In some instances, the base monthly usage level may be reviewed and adjusted as appropriate.

During the non-winter period, from April's billing cycle through November's billing cycle, the sewer use fee is calculated by using either 1) the actual water use during that specific billing cycle or 2) the base monthly usage level (the average of the four winter billing cycles) whichever is less.

Remember, your water use in the winter can impact your bills throughout the rest of the year.



# Comparison of 2020 and 2021 **Monthly Residential Sewer Bill**

Water Use in CCF <sup>+</sup>	Customer Charge		Flow Charge‡		Total Charge	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
1	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$3.26	\$3.43	\$41.23	\$43.40
2	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$6.52	\$6.86	\$44.49	\$46.83
3	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$9.77	\$10.29	\$47.74	\$50.26
4	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$13.03	\$13.72	\$51.00	\$53.69
5	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$16.29	\$17.15	\$54.26	\$57.12
6	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$19.55	\$20.57	\$57.52	\$60.54
8	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$26.06	\$27.43	\$64.03	\$67.40
10	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$32.58	\$34.29	\$70.55	\$74.26
12	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$39.10	\$41.15	\$77.07	\$81.12
14	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$45.61	\$48.01	\$83.58	\$87.98
16	\$37.97	\$39.97	\$52.13	\$54.86	\$90.10	\$94.83

+CCF = 100 cubic feet +Rates per CCF: \$3.258 in 2020; \$3.429 in 2021

### Sample Calculation Using 6 CCF

Rates per CCF: \$3.258	Rates per CCF: \$3.429
2020	2021
\$37.97 + (6 x \$3.258) = <b>\$57.52</b>	\$39.97 + (6 x \$3.429) = <b>\$60.54</b>
or	or
\$37.97 + \$19.55 = <b>\$57.52</b>	\$39.97 + \$20.57 = <b>\$60.54</b>

These rates apply only to residential customers within the City of Omaha and those in the unincorporated portion of Douglas County. Call 402-444-3908 for more information. Communities outside of Omaha which are part of the regional wastewater system will likely also see adjustments in their rates.



**Ratepayer Assistance Program** 

A fund was established in 2011 to provide low-income customers with sewer use fee assistance. Residents who gualify for Nebraska's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) also gualify for sewer rate assistance. Since 2011, over \$11.47 million in sewer assistance has been provided to residential ratepayers.

To see if you qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), call the Nebraska Economic Assistance Omaha Office at 402-595-1258.



## **Sewer Use Fee Contacts**

Sewer use fee contacts in each jurisdiction of the metropolitan Omaha area:

City of Bellevue	
City of Bennington	
City of Gretna	402-332-3336
City of LaVista	
City of Omaha	402-444-3908
City of Papillion	402-597-2020
City of Ralston	
Unincorporated Portions	
of Sarpy County	

