

Water & Sewer Rate Update 2025 – What You Need to Know

As part of its Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Budget adopted on June 19, 2025, the City of Grosse Pointe Park approved a 23% increase in water and sewer billing. We understand this is challenging and an added expense. This investment will dedicate more to improve and sustain our operations that have not been invested in for years. Your support will help sustain the city's infrastructure, reducing water main breaks, cleaning sewers and replacing over 100 year old water mains.

This adjustment was recommended by a professional rate consultant using standards from the American Water Works Association, and is based on:

- The City's 6-Year Capital Improvement Plan
- Rising GLWA (Great Lakes Water Authority) costs following the expiration of the 4% annual cap
- Increases in the cost of operations, including labor, materials, pensions, and retiree healthcare

Key Points:

- Water and sewer fees are usage-based and are not funded by City tax dollars.
- The infrastructure millage covers capital improvements only, not operational costs.
- The increase supports in 2025-2026:
 - Everyday system operations and maintenance
 - A future bond for sewer lining and replacing water meters in ~75% of homes. The new water meters for the first time will allow you to monitor your water usage and leak detections that the city can help notify you if there is a potential problem
 - A new 8" water main on Charlevoix Street to support the upcoming Streetscape Project and improve water pressure

Why It Matters:

This rate increase ensures:

- Continued safe, reliable water and sewer service
- Compliance with state and federal regulations
- Infrastructure upgrades that prevent breakdowns and flooding
- Financial stability for future investments and growth

The City remains committed to maintaining and improving our water, sewer, and stormwater systems to serve the community today and for years to come. For more information please visit grossepointepark.org and click on the Water Department under Public Works.