



Attention Utility Customers
Utility Rate Changes for 2015-NOTE WATER RATE RESTRUCTURE

Council conducted a thorough review of the water, wastewater, sewer, and garbage rates. The following new rates will be implemented for 2015:

Garbage rates will stay the same as 2014, no changes.

Storm water rates are increasing 6%. While this sounds like a large increase, it only amounts to an average increase for a standard residential home of about \$0.25/month. You will see this increase on the January bill.

Wastewater rates are increasing by 3%. The average increase will vary according to water use. The increase will be on your February statement. Remember you may install a second meter for outdoor water use which is not billed the wastewater rate. Please contact the finance department if you have any questions on this at utilitybilling@ci.northfield.mn.us

Water rates will stay the same, but we are implementing a new rate structure. This means you may see an increase or decrease in your bill as a result of your usage. Below are tables showing 2014 vs. 2015 rates for each of our user classes. The major change is the base water charge. In prior years, water was included in the base charge. For residential and Class 1 users it was 500 cu ft. Class 2 industrial users had 5,000 cu ft. of water included in their base charge. The base charge for all user classes no longer includes water, and an additional tier was created to account for the water that was previously included in the base. This change will be on your February statement. Tables are shown below for each user class.

Residential Rates	2014 and prior years	2015
Base Charge	\$ 12.93	\$ 7.00
1-500 cu ft.	N/A	\$ 1.18
501-1,000 cu ft.	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.42
1,001-2,000 cu ft.	\$ 1.71	\$ 1.78
+ 2,001 cu ft.	\$ 2.06	\$ 2.23

Class 1 Rates	2014 and prior years	2015
Base Charge	\$ 12.93	\$ 7.00
1-500 cu ft.	N/A	\$ 1.18
501- 1,000 cu ft.	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.42
1,001-2,000 cu ft.	\$ 1.71	\$ 1.78
+ 2,001 cu ft.	\$ 2.06	\$ 2.23

Class 2 Rates	2014 and prior years	2015
Base Charge	\$ 74.58	\$ 7.00
1-5,000 cu ft.	N/A	\$ 1.18
5,001-15,000 cu ft.	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.42
15,001-150,000 cu ft.	\$ 1.71	\$ 1.78
+ 150,000 cu ft.	\$ 2.06	\$ 2.23