



Calculating Your Residential Wastewater Bill

Determining Your CONSUMPTION

Wastewater charges are based on the amount of water you use each month. GRU uses either your monthly water usage or your established "winter maximum," whichever is lower. Your "winter maximum" is listed in the UTILITY SERVICE section just above the UTILITY CHARGES section of the bill. On the "summary style" bill, the amount used is listed in the CONSUMPTION column on the WASTEWATER CHARGE line. On the "itemized style" bill, the amount used is listed in the CONSUMPTION column on the WASTEWATER USAGE CHARGE line. If the winter maximum is used for billing, the term WINTER MAX is listed in the TYPE column on the same line as the usage.

For example, if 12,000 gallons is the monthly water usage and the 7,000 gallons from the "Example 'Maximum' Calculation" on the back is the *winter maximum*, the 7,000 gallons is used.

Calculating the Charges

The following steps and examples show how all the charges are calculated for wastewater usage.

Steps 1 & 2 apply to all customers

- 1 — WASTEWATER CUSTOMER CHARGE**
Monthly **\$ 6.00**

- 2 — WASTEWATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE**
The charge for all usage is \$ 5.07/1,000 gallons:

7,000 gal. x \$ 5.07/1,000 gal. = **\$ 35.49**

- 3 — WASTEWATER SURCHARGE** (*only applies to customers living outside the city*)
The sum of steps 1 and 2 is subject to a 25% Wastewater Surcharge:
\$ 6.00 + \$ 35.49 = \$ 41.49
\$ 41.49 x .25 = **\$ 10.37**

Rates

(Effective October 1, 2009)

Customer Charge \$ 6.00/month
All Usage \$ 5.07/1,000 gallons

Rates for customers living outside Gainesville are subject to a 25% Wastewater Surcharge.

Displaying the AMOUNT DUE

The "**itemized style**" GRU bill
Each charge is listed in the AMOUNT BILLED column on the line that identifies the charge. The total cost for wastewater is listed on the last itemized line in the AMOUNT DUE column.

If you live inside the city...

ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT BILLED	AMOUNT DUE
WASTEWATER CUSTOMER CHARGE	\$ 6.00	
WASTEWATER USAGE CHARGE	\$ 35.49	\$ 41.49

If you live outside the city...

ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT BILLED	AMOUNT DUE
WASTEWATER CUSTOMER CHARGE	\$ 6.00	
WASTEWATER USAGE CHARGE	\$ 35.49	
WASTEWATER SURCHARGE	\$ 10.37	\$ 51.86

The "**summary style**" GRU bill

The charge in the AMOUNT DUE column on the WASTEWATER CHARGE line in the UTILITY CHARGES section is the sum of steps 1 and 2. The surcharge, if applicable, is listed in the STATE & LOCAL CHARGES section in the AMOUNT DUE column on the appropriately labeled line.

If you live inside the city...

UTILITY CHARGES	AMOUNT DUE
WASTEWATER CHARGE	\$ 41.49

If you live outside the city...

UTILITY CHARGES	AMOUNT DUE
WASTEWATER CHARGE	\$ 41.49
STATE & LOCAL CHARGES	
WASTEWATER SURCHARGE	\$10.37

Establishing Your “Winter Maximum”

A customer's *winter maximum* is reestablished each year in the January and February billing cycles. These billing cycles occur during the months - December, January, and February - when outdoor water use is usually low.

Watering lawns and gardens or filling swimming pools are at a minimum during this time of year. Studies show water use during these months fairly represent the amount of water entering the wastewater system.

The January billing cycle starts as early as late November for some customers and the February billing cycle extends to as late as the end of February for other customers. You can determine the period that applies to you by checking the meter reading date on your bill. For example, if the date of your June bill's meter reading is May 29, you can expect your next January billing cycle meter reading to be around December 29. This means your January billing period will start around November 29 and run through the end of December. Note: Each month's actual reading date will vary due to weekends, holidays and bad weather, causing your billing periods to range from 28 to 35 days in length.

Each year, for the January and February billing periods, we calculate your wastewater charges based on all your monthly water usage. **There is no winter maximum applied for these two billing months.**

Your *winter maximum* is your highest daily water usage for the January or February billing periods multiplied by 30.4 (the average days in a month) rounded off to the nearest "thousand" gallons. **There is no cap on this maximum.** The smallest the maximum can be is 1,000 gallons. For the following March through December

billing periods, your wastewater charges will be calculated based on the smaller of either your actual monthly water usage or your established *winter maximum*.

Customers who move into a home or apartment between March and December are assigned a *winter maximum* of equal to the average residential winter maximum.

Example "Maximum" Calculation

In January, a customer is billed for 8,000 gallons of water use for 33 days. In February, the customer is billed for 6,000 gallons of water use for 30 days. The average daily water use for January is:

$$\frac{8,000 \text{ gallons}}{33 \text{ days}} = 242 \text{ gallons/day}$$

The average daily water use for February is:

$$\frac{6,000 \text{ gallons}}{30 \text{ days}} = 200 \text{ gallons/day}$$

The highest daily use is multiplied by 30.4 (the average number of days in a month)

$$242 \text{ gallons/day} \times 30.4 \text{ days} = 7,357 \text{ gallons}$$

This result is rounded to the nearest "thousand" gallons to get your *winter maximum*: 7,000 gallons.

Flat Rate Wastewater Charges

For residential customers not on the GRU water system but discharging to the wastewater system

Single Family Usage Charge..... \$31.35/month

Multi-Family Customer Charge \$6.00/month

Multi-Family Usage Charge... \$25.35/unit/month

Rates for customers outside Gainesville are subject to a 25% Wastewater Surcharge.

NOTE: This fact sheet is meant as an aid to understand GRU's residential wastewater rates. It does not replace GRU's tariffs. If there are differences between this material and the tariffs, the tariffs shall prevail. Different rates apply for non-residential water customers discharging to the GRU wastewater system. For more information on calculating rates call GRU's Customer Service, 352-334-3434.

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