



# City of Sebastopol

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## How Does the City of Sebastopol Calculate your Utility Bill?

The water and sewer charges for the City of Sebastopol are made up of three components:

- 1) Water Base Charge: Determined by the size of the water meter servicing your home or business. Resolution No. 5886 lists the rates by meter size. In 2013/14 the rate for a residential 3/4 inch meter is \$36.19. That monthly charge increases to \$42.70 in 2014/15 and \$49.11 in 2015/16. Refer to the resolution for 1 - 4" meters, generally for commercial use.
- 2) Water Usage Charge: The water usage charge defined in Resolution No. 5886 is as follows. The bi-monthly minimum includes the first 100 cubic feet of water usage.

Usage Classification	2013/14 Usage Charges	2014/15 Usage Charges	2015/16 Usage Charges
From 100 cubic feet to 3,000 cubic feet	\$2.23	\$2.63	\$3.03
Above 3,000 cubic feet	\$2.35	\$2.78	\$3.20

- 3) Sewer Standard: The Sewer Standard or Sewer Base is described on the back of your utility bill as: Sewer Base: Sewer usage charges for residential customers are based on indoor water use. This is estimated by averaging your water usage using the two lowest billing periods between October and April of each year. These are normally wet months when it can be reasonably assumed that all or most water entering the property is exiting as wastewater.

Resolution No. 5936 lists our rates for all users (residential, dining, and others) by meter size ranging from 3/4" residential to 4" commercial. The rates for 3/4" residential customers is listed below:

Type of User	2013/14 Usage Charges	2014/15 Usage Charges	2015/16 Usage Charges
Residential	\$5.26	\$5.90	\$6.60
Minimum Charge	\$8.06	\$8.06	\$8.06

Meter Size	2013/14 Bi-Monthly Minimum	2014/15 Bi-Monthly Minimum	2015/16 Bi-Monthly Minimum
3/4"	\$59.39	\$66.52	\$74.50

To Calculate your Sewer Standard:

- A standard is based upon your two lowest billing cycles, and this example will use an average of 50.
- Multiply 50 (minus 1 unit) by the Usage Charges by \$5.90 (2014/15 rate) = \$289.10
- Add the \$8.06 Minimum Charge.
- Add the 2014/15 Bi-monthly minimum charge of \$66.52.

Add together:

\$289.10

\$ 8.06

\$ 66.52

\$363.68 Sewer Standard every two months