Utility Bill Explained.

## What Is Included On My Utility Bill?

( Water Usage - The cost is based on the amount of water used by the customer, as measured by the water meter. This is charged to all customers.
( Water Base- A flat fee based on meter size that covers the water portion of meter maintenance and reading. This is charged to all customers that have a water meter.
( Sewer Usage - This is the wastewater sent to the sanitary sewer by the customer. For residential, industrial, and most commercial customers, the water meter measurement is also used for the sewer usage measurement. For some properties, a separate meter is used.

- Sewer Base - A flat fee based on meter size that covers the sanitary sewer portion of meter maintenance and reading. This is charged to all customers who have their sewer usage based on the water meter reading.
(1) Public Fire Protection - A flat fee that covers fire hydrant maintenance and testing. It is based on the square footage of the property improvements, which includes living area, rec rooms, and enclosed porches. This is charged to all customers.
- Private Fire Protection - A flat fee based on the size of the water main entering a building, which covers the cost of providing water to a sprinkler system, fire hose connection or private fire hydrant. This fee generally applies to commercial and industrial customers.
- Storm Water - A flat fee based on the amount of impervious area on a property, measured in Equivalent Runoff Units (ERUs). This fee covers the cost to install and maintain storm sewers and other storm water-related facilities. This is charged to all customers, including those that do not have water or sewer service.
- Transportation Assessment Replacement Fee (TARF) - This fee generates revenue for street resurfacing, street reconstruction, and sidewalk construction.
- Summer Sewer Credit - A billing credit for residential customers only, that accounts for the heavier use of water in the summer that does not reach the sanitary sewer (i.e., grass watering, car washing).
(1) Late fees - A late fee of 1 percent per month is added to all unpaid charges after the due date. If late fee is properly applied, it cannot be reversed.

