

City of Gem Lake

Utility Rate Changes for 2025

Annually, the City's Treasurer and City Council reviews the City's utility rates as rate changes are made to both Vadnais Heights and White Bear Lake rates. The usage rates listed below generate revenue for operating costs. The new rates take effect in 2025 – 1st quarter utility bill for service in January through March.

Water Rates

Residential Customers:

Water Supplied by Vadnais Heights

Volume rates are per 1,000 gallons

Consumption Per Quarter	2024 Rate	2025 Rate
Water Base Rate (flat fee)	\$55.00	\$25.00
Tier 1: 0-15,000 gallons	\$8.10	\$7.00
Tier 2: 15,001-25,000 gallons	\$10.15	\$8.75
Tier 3: 25,001 + gallons	\$12.75	\$11.00
Irrigation Base Rate	\$55.00	\$25.00
Tier 1: 50,000 + gallons	\$10.75	\$9.50

Commercial & Industrial Customers:

Water Supplied by White Bear Lake

Volume rates are per 750 gallons

Consumption Per Quarter	2024 Rate	2025 Rate
Water Base Rate (flat fee)	\$55.00	\$25.00
Tier 1: 0-6,000 gallons	\$14.25	N/A
Tier 2: 6,001-20,250 gallons	\$2.40	N/A
Tier 3: 20,251-56,520 gallons	\$2.50	N/A
Tier 4: 56,521 + gallons	\$2.60	N/A

Volume rates are per 750 gallons

Consumption Per Quarter	2024 Rate	2025 Rate
Water Base Rate (flat fee)	\$55.00	\$25.00
Tier 1: 0-15,000 gallons	N/A	\$5.25
Tier 2: 15,001-25,000 gallons	N/A	\$6.60
Tier 3: 25,001 + gallons	N/A	\$8.25

State Water Testing Fee: The state's annual water testing fee is \$9.72 for 2025, which is \$2.43 each quarter. There was no change from 2024. The City collects this fee on the quarterly utility bills and submits the funds directly to the State. The City does not set the rate nor keep any of the funds.

Commercial Sales Tax: The state's annual sales tax for commercial water usage is 8.38% each quarter for 2025. This is an increase from 2024 which was 7.875%. The City collects this fee on the quarterly utility bills and submits the funds directly to the State. The City does not set the rate nor keep any of the funds.

Sewer Rates

Residential Customers:

Sewer Vadnais Heights

Volume rates are per 1,000 gallons

Consumption Per Quarter	2024 Rate	2025 Rate
Sewer Base Rate (flat fee)*	\$55.00	\$55.00
Volume Rate	\$10.00	\$7.00

*Residential base rate includes 6,000 gallons of usage. Any usage over 6,000 gallons will be billed at the volume rate plus the base rate.

Sewer Only Accounts

Flat Rate Per Quarter	2024 Rate	2025 Rate
Sewer Base Rate (flat fee)	\$55.00	\$55.00

Commercial & Industrial Customers:

Sewer White Bear Lake

Volume rates are per 750 gallons

Consumption Per Quarter	2024 Rate	2025 Rate
Sewer Base Rate (flat fee)*	\$55.00	\$55.00
Tier 1: 0-6,000 gallons	\$40.40	\$40.40
Tier 2: 6,001 + gallons	\$5.05	\$5.05

Sewer Only Accounts

Flat Rate Per Quarter	2024 Rate	2025 Rate
Sewer Base Rate (flat fee)	\$55.00 Per SAC Unit	\$55.00 Per SAC Unit

Other Fees

Septic Customers:

Septic Fees	2024 Rate	2025 Rate
Annual Maintenance Inspection	\$40.00 annually	\$45.00 annually

This new septic rate will take affect for the 2025 Annual Maintenance Inspections. The bill you receive in the next couple of months for the recent Maintenance Inspections will still be at the rate of \$40.00.

