CITY OF MILROY
UTILITY POLICY AND RATES
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The city distributes bills every month for utilities, which includes water, sewer and garbage.
2. These bills are for the previous month in which they were billed. Ex: The bill received at the beginning of February is for charges in the month of January.
3. Water rates are charged based upon the amount of water used during that billing cycle.
4. Utility customers are charged for the installation of the water meter, $50.00 per hour is the usual charge. If this meter should need any work done to it the $50.00 per hour is the usual charge.
5. Sewer rates are based on gallons of water used.
6. Each property owner pays a one-time charge for connecting to the city's sanitary sewer known as a connection charge, the fee for this connection is currently $1,000.00. This fee becomes due in full when the connection is made.
7. Each property owner pays a one-time charge for connecting to the city's water known as a connection charge, the fee for this connection is currently $1,000.00. This fee becomes due in full when the connection is made.
8. Utility customers are charged a fee for their water meter; $150.00 is the usual charge. This is non-refundable.
9. When property owners are selling/transferring property, the billed charges will not be prorated. Ex: If you switch at any time during the billing cycle the set fees of sewer, garbage, WIF, SIF will not be prorated and added to each bill.
10. 6.875% sales tax is applied to water consumption for commercial users only.
11. 17% sales tax is applied to garbage generators for commercial users only.
12. 9.75% sales tax is applied to garbage generators for residential users only.
13. There is a charge of $1.27 per month for the Minnesota Department of Health. These funds collected by cities are forwarded to the MDH. The MDH uses these funds to cover the expenses involved with the testing of public water systems in the state.
14. A 10% late fee will be added to all bills not received by the 15th of the month. Late Fees will be posted on any account that has not had a payment by the beginning of the next business day following the due date. Ex: the due date is the 15th, when I walk into the door on the morning of the 16th, all payments in the drop box, received electronically at that time will be posted and then afterwards late fees will be posted on all accounts not paid by the time I arrive to work. If you mail your payments, be sure to give them time to arrive by the 15th. No partial payments will be accepted accounts must be paid in full.
15. Shut off letters will be sent on the 16th of the month and due by the 25th of the month to avoid disconnection. If disconnected, a charge of $50.00 will be required before reconnection during business hours, if turn on is requested after business hours the charge will be $100.00.
16. If your bank returns your check to the city your water will be disconnected immediately and a charge of $35.00 will be charged for the returned check, plus the reconnection fee of $50.00 during business hours or $100.00 if after business hours. This is per incident. The city will only accept cash or a money order for this incident. The city does not hold checks. The city does not deposit checks more than once.
17. If you choose to turn the utilities off at the curb, there will be a $50.00 disconnect fee and a $50.00 reconnect fee.
18. Utility customers are charged a $27.50 Water Base Fee (WBF) and a $16.50 Sewer Base Fee (SBF) this is on each billing cycle and still charged if services are discontinued.
19. Residential Apartments/Multiple Dwellings are billed per unit for the WBF and SBF. Water is billed based on the meter Usage and sewer are based on gallons of water used.

WATER RATES

Each residential/commercial customer is billed at $ 10.05 per thousand gallons.

SEWER RATES

Each residential/commercial customer is billed at $2.32 per thousand gallons of water used.

GARBAGE RATES

Each residential customer has a cart. These rates are billed monthly:

35 gallon $ 12.00
65 gallon $ 15.00
95 gallon $ 18.00