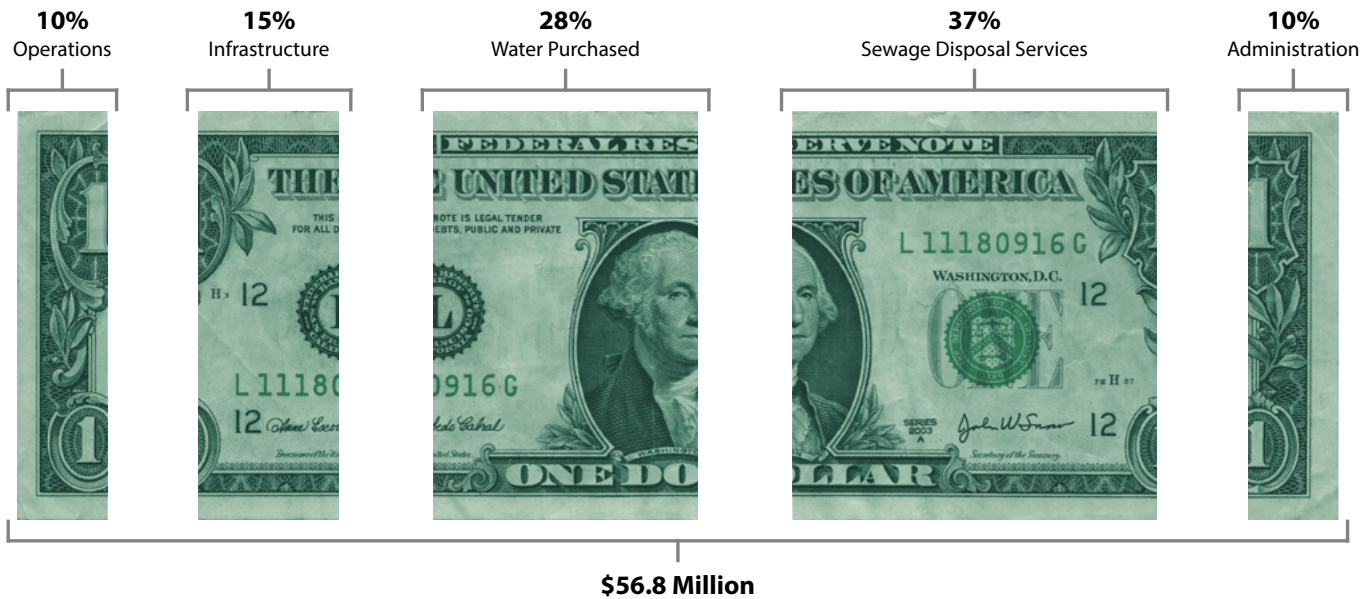


# Better Rate Structure. More Value For You.



If your water bill looks a little different, it's because the City made some changes to ensure rates continue to be fair and reasonable, as low as the best service will allow, and support a financially strong system that delivers high-quality water to you today and in the future.

## How is Your Money Spent?



### What Changed:

- ✓ Lowered variable rates
- ✓ Eliminated the minimum use charge
- ✓ Created a tiered rate structure based on water use
- ✓ Implemented new sewer rate based on your winter consumption to eliminate the irrigation penalty and minimize large increases in summer water bills

### How You Benefit:

- ✓ Lower water users will see a cost decrease
- ✓ Snow Birds will no longer pay a minimum use charge when they're away
- ✓ No more Irrigation Penalty
- ✓ Encourages outdoor watering
- ✓ More fairness and equity in how rates are charged
- ✓ Incentivizes wise water use

*The best part is, with all these changes your water is still a great value at less than a penny per gallon for all the things you need to do, every day, to stay clean and healthy.*



Taking a bath costs about 40 cents



Watering your lawn 3 times weekly costs about \$120/month



Running the dishwasher costs about 7 cents



Flushing the toilet costs between 2-5 cents



Taking a shower costs about 10 cents



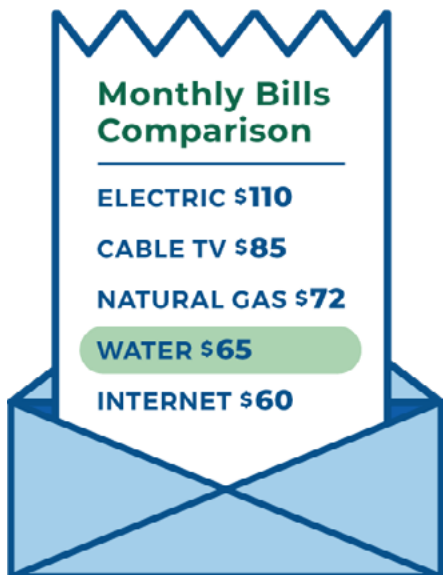
A dripping faucet or running toilet costs about \$4/day

# Exciting Things to Come



## Monthly Billing

By early 2022 the City will begin transitioning to monthly billing so you can better manage your water bill, like you do most other utilities. Here's how your water bill will stack up:



Average Macomb County Residential Monthly Water and Sewer Bill		
1	Fraser	\$140
2	Eastpointe	\$120
3	Utica	\$102
4	St. Clair Shores	\$95
5	Clinton Township	\$90
6	Mount Clemens	\$80
7	Shelby Township	\$79
8	Macomb Township	\$73
9	Roseville	\$72
10	Center Line	\$68
11	Warren	\$67
<b>12</b>	<b>Sterling Heights</b>	<b>\$64</b>

*Rates are current, using 9,000 cf. annually*

## New Water Meters

Over the next two years, the City will replace your current meter with new radio frequency read meters. This will allow you to:

- ✓ Watch and manage your water use in real time
- ✓ Pay by mobile phone app
- ✓ Set alarms to notify you of leaks

## Learn More

Scan the QR code with your mobile camera or go to [www.sterling-heights.net/waterbill](http://www.sterling-heights.net/waterbill) to:

- ✓ Sign up for e-billing
- ✓ Sign up for automatic payment
- ✓ Get information about budget billing
- ✓ Calculate your new bill using our online calculator tool



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