

For information about the Omaha Sewer Use Fee, call the Environmental Quality Division of the Omaha Public Works department at 444-3908, 7:30AM-4:00PM weekdays. You may also visit www.omahacso.com.

For information about sewer use fees in the other metropolitan communities, contact:

- City of Bellevue293-3135
- City of Bennington 238-2375
- City of Elkhorn..... 289-2678
- City of Gretna..... 332-3336
- City of LaVista331-4343
- City of Omaha 444-3908
- City of Papillion.....597-2020
- City of Ralston331-6677

City of Omaha Public Works Department Services

Omaha Sewer Use Fees..... 444-3908
www.omahacso.com

Household Hazardous Chemical
Disposal - UnderTheSink444-7465
(Open to Douglas & Sarpy County
residents by appointment only)
www.underthesink.org

Dust or Mud from
Construction Site work.....444-6015

Report Spills or Dumping into
Storm Sewer Inlets 444-3908

Air Quality or Asbestos.....444-6015

Sewer Problems 444-5332

Odor complaints or
Manure Spills.....444-4919

Omaha Garbage, Recycling or
Yard Waste Collection Complaints or
Information..... 444-5238
www.wasteline.org
www.omaharecycles.com

OmaGro Compost..... 444-6665
www.omagro.com

Snow Removal Complaints.....444-4919

Traffic Signal Not Working. . . .444-5160

Chuck holes, Curb Repairs, Debris
or Litter Blocking Street.....444-4919



Omaha's New Sewer Use Charges

*Effective
January 1, 2007*

City of Omaha

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Mayor

The regional wastewater treatment system owned and operated by the City of Omaha is facing a number of challenges from unfunded mandates of the federal Clean Water Act. Significant system improvements and reinvestment in existing infrastructure are necessary to:

1. Meet more stringent permit requirements for the two treatment plants and sewer systems;
2. Continue to provide reliable system operation; and
3. Provide adequate treatment capacity for the metropolitan area.

Sewer use fees have not been increased since 1994. In the fall of 2005, the City of Omaha retained the services of a nationally recognized firm, Integrated Utilities Group, Inc. (IUG) to complete a financial plan and sewer cost-of-service rate study to develop sewer rates for 2007 through 2010. The IUG study indicates a need to increase sewer revenue by 9% each year from 2007 through 2010.

Additional increases are expected after 2010. For updates refer to www.omahacso.com

Sewer rates are the sum of three charges:

1. Customer Charge
2. Flow Charge
3. Charges to commercial and industrial users with unusual waste

To the right is a comparison of typical monthly residential sewer bills for 2006 and 2007 using various amounts of water. These rates apply to residential customers within the City of Omaha and those in the unincorporated portion of Douglas County.

The monthly sewer use fee for residential customers is based on the actual amount of water used during December, January, February, and March. For the remaining months, the residential user is billed on the average water use during those four winter months or at the actual water use **whichever volume gives the lower sewer bill.**

The City of Omaha determines sewer use rates; MUD sets water rates. MUD collects the sewer use fee and remits it to the City.

Comparison of Monthly Omaha Residential Sewer Charges

Water Use in Ccf†	Customer Charge		Flow Charge‡		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
1	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$0.61	\$0.67	\$6.87	\$8.13
2	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$1.22	\$1.33	\$7.48	\$8.79
3	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$1.83	\$2.00	\$8.09	\$9.46
4	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$2.44	\$2.66	\$8.70	\$10.12
5	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$3.06	\$3.33	\$9.32	\$10.79
6	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$3.67	\$4.00	\$9.93	\$11.46
8	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$4.89	\$5.33	\$11.15	\$12.79
10	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$6.11	\$6.66	\$12.37	\$14.12
12	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$7.33	\$7.99	\$13.59	\$15.45
14	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$8.55	\$9.32	\$14.81	\$16.78
16	\$6.26	\$7.46	\$9.78	\$10.66	\$16.04	\$18.12

†Ccf = 100 cubic feet

‡Rates per Ccf: \$0.611 in 2006; \$0.666 in 2007

Sample calculation using 8 Ccf

2006

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \$6.26 + \underbrace{(8 \times \$0.611)}_{\$4.89} = \$11.15 \\
 \$6.26 + \$4.89
 \end{array}$$

2007

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \$7.46 + \underbrace{(8 \times \$0.666)}_{\$5.33} = \$12.79 \\
 \$7.46 + \$5.33
 \end{array}$$