

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SEMI-ANNUAL WATER & SEWER BILL

Your Semi-Annual Water/Sewer bill is based on water usage at your property. The usage is determined by subtracting the current meter reading from the previous meter reading. Meter readings are acquired electronically via an electronic signal from the transmitter assigned to your account. The previous meter reading on your current invoice should be the same number as the present meter reading on your last quarter's bill.

WATER CHARGES:

Comprised of cubic feet (cf) Usage and a Customer Service Charge

Usage:

A two-tier system is used when calculating the water charge. For semi-annual bills, the first 6,000cf of usage is billed at the rate of \$4.24 per 100cf. Usage over 6000cf is billed at the rate of \$4.99 per 100cf.

Example:

If the water usage is 9,532cf, the bill would be calculated as follows:

$$6,000\text{cf} \times \$4.24 / 100\text{cf} = \$254.40$$

$$3,532\text{cf} \times \$4.99 / 100\text{cf} = \$176.25$$

\$430.65 Usage Charges

Customer Service Charge:

A customer service charge (CSC) is then added, based on the size of your meter.

For meters 1-inch or smaller in size = \$28.50

For meters greater than 1-inch in size = \$144.00

Total Water Charges per Example:

- For 1-inch or smaller, the usage (\$430.65) and customer service charge (\$28.50) totals \$459.15
- For meters greater than 1-inch, the usage (\$430.65) and customer service charge (\$144.00) totals \$604.65

NEW SEWER CHARGES Effective 7/1/11

Comprised of cubic feet (cf) Usage billed Per Unit with a Minimum Charge

Minimum Charge (per unit):

A minimum charge is billed in the amount of \$70.00 **per unit** (\$90.00 in Newbury, non-Plum Island) as listed for your property. This charge includes the first 1000cf of usage for each unit.

Example:

	<u>1 Unit</u>	<u>2 Units</u>	<u>4 Units</u>
Minimum Charge	\$70.00	\$140.00	\$280.00
Amount of cubic feet (cf) included in charge	1000cf	2,000cf	4,000cf

Usage:

For semi-annual bills, usage over the cubic feet included in the minimum charge is billed at the rate of \$6.90 per 100cf. (7/1/10)

Example:

If the water usage is 9532cf, the following will calculate the amount above the minimum charge:

$$\text{For 1 Unit: } 9532\text{cf} - 1000\text{cf} = 8532\text{cf} \times \$6.90 / 100\text{cf} = \$588.71$$

$$\text{For 2 Units: } 9532\text{cf} - 2000\text{cf} = 7532\text{cf} \times \$6.90 / 100\text{cf} = \$519.71$$

$$\text{For 4 Units: } 9532\text{cf} - 4000\text{cf} = 5532\text{cf} \times \$6.90 / 100\text{cf} = \$381.71$$

Total Sewer Charges Per Example:

- For 1-Unit, the minimum charge (\$70.00) and usage (\$588.71) totals \$658.71
- For 2 Units, the minimum charge (\$140.00) and usage (\$519.71) totals \$659.71
- For 4 Units, the minimum charge (\$280.00) and usage (\$381.81) totals \$661.71

Note: If you are unsure of the size of your meter and/or the number of units being billed, please contact the Water/Sewer Billing Office at (978) 465 4420.