

How does the City of Cotati Calculate Your Water and Sewer Bill?

The City of Cotati bills our customers every 2 months. The water and sewer charges for the city are made up of two components, a base charge and a usage charge.

Base Charges

The base charge is determined by the size of the water meter servicing your home or business.

Water

The typical house has a ¾-inch connection and the current base charge for that size meter is **\$47.63** per billing cycle.

Sewer

The sewer base charge is based on the size of the water meter. The current base charge for the typical ¾-inch meter is **\$82.23** per billing cycle.

Usage Charges

Water

The usage charge is based on how much water you use. The City uses a tiered rate structure for residential properties, and a flat rate for commercial or irrigation accounts.

Residential

0-10,000 gallons:	\$4.06 / 1,000 gallons
10,000 – 20,000 gallons:	\$5.21 / 1,000 gallons
20,000 + gallons:	\$6.49 / 1,000 gallons

Commercial / Irrigation

All Usage:	\$4.51 / 1,000 gallons
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Sewer

The usage charge is calculated by averaging the two lowest water reads in the previous 12-month period. For new customers, an average per person volume is used until there is an actual low consumption period to determine indoor usage. This calculated average then becomes your sewer usage charge for the year. This method provides that the customer is only charged based on indoor usage, and not for usage associated with summer irrigation.

All Customers

All Usage:	\$9.60 / 1,000 gallons.
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SAMPLE BILL CALCULATION (RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER)

A household uses 25,000 gallons of water during a billing cycle (2 months). The average of the two lowest water meter reads for the prior year is 16,000 gallons (high user to illustrate calculation for usage in all 3 tiers).

Water Calculation

Water Base Charge: \$47.63

Water Usage Charge:

$$\begin{aligned} \$4.06 \times 10,000 \text{ gallons} / 1,000 &= \$40.60 \\ + \$5.21 \times 10,000 \text{ gallons} / 1,000 &= \$52.10 \\ + \$6.49 \times 5,000 \text{ gallons} / 1,000 &= \$32.45 \end{aligned}$$

WATER CHARGE: \$47.63 + \$40.60 + \$52.10 + \$32.45 = **\$172.78**

Sewer Calculation

Sewer Base Charge: \$82.23

Sewer Usage Charge:

$$\$9.60 \times 16,000 \text{ gallons} / 1,000 = \$153.60$$

SEWER CHARGE: \$82.23 + \$153.60 = **\$235.83**

TOTAL 2-MONTH WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BILL: \$408.61

Please call **665-3631** if you have any questions or require any further information.