

Regional Cost Comparison - Water Utility

Community	Fixed Meter Charge	Volume Rate	Bills per Year	Annual Usage	Monthly Cost w/o PFP	Annual Bill w/o PFP	Direct PFP Charge	Annual Bill with PFP**
Ashland	\$12.15	\$5.31	12	4,832 ft ³	\$33.53	\$402.39	\$10.20	\$524.79
Hammond	\$8.00	\$4.50	12	36,000 gallons	\$21.50	\$258.00	\$17.00	\$462.00
Wyoming, MN	\$34.52	\$2.85	4	36,000 gallons	\$20.06	\$240.75	N/A	\$240.75
Star Prairie*	\$17.10	\$4.75	4	36,000 gallons	\$19.95	\$239.40	\$0.00	\$239.40
New Richmond (proposed)	\$11.60	\$2.19	12	36,000 gallons	\$18.17	\$218.01	\$8.85	\$324.24
Somerset*	\$8.70	\$3.04	12	36,000 gallons	\$17.82	\$213.84	\$3.14	\$251.52
Glenwood City*	\$24.00	\$3.00	4	36,000 gallons	\$17.00	\$204.00	\$0.00	\$204.00
Baldwin	\$18.54	\$3.16	4	36,000 gallons	\$15.66	\$187.92	\$18.00	\$259.92
Rice Lake	\$9.30	\$1.95	12	36,000 gallons	\$15.15	\$181.80	\$10.58	\$308.76
Osceola*	\$23.88	\$1.73	4	4,832 ft ³	\$14.93	\$179.12	\$0.00	\$179.12
Roberts*	\$15.45	\$3.19	4	36,000 gallons	\$14.72	\$176.64	\$0.00	\$176.64
New Richmond (current)	\$6.91	\$2.44	12	36,000 gallons	\$14.23	\$170.76	\$7.44	\$260.04
Menomonie	\$13.50	\$2.10	4	4,832 ft ³	\$12.96	\$155.48	\$14.85	\$214.88
Chippewa Falls	\$6.59	\$1.55	12	4,832 ft ³	\$12.83	\$153.98	\$5.08	\$214.94
River Falls	\$8.00	\$1.39	12	36,000 gallons	\$12.17	\$146.04	\$4.15	\$195.84
Amery	\$17.42	\$2.07	4	36,000 gallons	\$12.02	\$144.20	\$23.24	\$237.16
Hudson	\$14.25	\$1.55	4	4,832 ft ³	\$10.99	\$131.90	\$15.60	\$194.30
Lindstrom, MN	\$10.00	\$2.00	4	36,000 gallons	\$9.33	\$112.00	N/A	\$112.00
Average (w/o New Richmond)					\$16.29	\$195.47		\$251.00
Median (w/o New Richmond)					\$15.04	\$180.46		\$226.05

*All or part of Public Fire Protection (PFP) costs are recovered via property taxes (Municipal PFP Charge)

**Total does not include Municipal PFP charges

NOTE: The Public Fire Protection (PFP) charge recovers the cost of water for fighting fires and the extra system capacity necessary to rapidly deliver a large volume of water to fight a fire anywhere within the municipality's water service area. These costs include a portion of the wells, pumps, storage facilities, water mains, hydrants and an estimated quantity of water used for this purpose. Some Wisconsin utilities include PFP charges on customer monthly/quarterly water bills (Direct PFP Charge), while others charge all or part of PFP costs to the municipality (Municipal PFP Charge), which are recovered via property taxes. Minnesota municipalities do not have a PFP mechanism. **Caution should be used when comparing municipalities with different PFP recovery methods.**

Regional Cost Comparison - Sewer Utility

Community	Fixed Charge	Bills per Year	Volume Rate	Annual Usage	Monthly Cost	Annual Bill
Hammond	\$14.75	12	\$13.39	36,000 gallons	\$54.92	\$659.04
Roberts	\$52.91	4	\$11.51	36,000 gallons	\$52.17	\$626.00
Star Prairie	\$50.00	12	\$0.00	36,000 gallons	\$50.00	\$600.00
Wyoming, MN	\$29.62	4	\$12.60	36,000 gallons	\$47.67	\$572.08
Osceola	\$35.00	4	\$8.00	4,832 ft ³	\$43.88	\$526.58
Somerset	\$8.66	12	\$10.82	36,000 gallons	\$41.12	\$493.44
Ashland	\$15.92	12	\$6.21	4,832 ft ³	\$40.93	\$491.12
River Falls	\$16.50	12	\$7.04	36,000 gallons	\$37.62	\$451.44
Lindstrom, MN	\$32.00	4	\$7.43	36,000 gallons	\$32.97	\$395.60
Amery	\$42.27	4	\$5.33	36,000 gallons	\$30.08	\$360.96
New Richmond (proposed 2019)	\$8.50	12	\$6.68	36,000 gallons	\$28.54	\$342.48
Baldwin	\$27.30	4	\$5.28	36,000 gallons	\$24.94	\$299.28
New Richmond (current)	\$6.82	12	\$5.95	36,000 gallons	\$24.67	\$296.04
Chippewa Falls	\$17.01	4	\$2.85	4,832 ft ³	\$17.15	\$205.76
Glenwood City	\$29.00	4	\$2.32	36,000 gallons	\$16.63	\$199.52
Menomonie	\$16.00	4	\$2.60	4,832 ft ³	\$15.80	\$189.64
Hudson	\$7.60	4	\$3.00	4,832 ft ³	\$14.61	\$175.37
Rice Lake	\$4.40	12	\$3.08	36,000 gallons	\$13.64	\$163.68
Average (without New Richmond)					\$33.38	\$400.59
Median (without New Richmond)					\$35.29	\$423.52

Regional Cost Comparison - Combined Water & Sewer

Community	Fixed Charge	Direct PFP Charge	Bills per Year	Volume Rate	Annual Usage	Monthly Cost	Annual Bill
Hammond	\$22.75	\$17.00	12	\$17.89	36,000 gallons	\$93.42	\$1,121.04
Ashland	\$28.07	\$10.20	12	\$11.52	4,832 ft ³	\$84.66	\$1,015.91
Star Prairie*	\$67.10		12	\$4.75	36,000 gallons	\$81.35	\$976.20
Wyoming, MN**	\$64.14	N/A	4	\$15.45	36,000 gallons	\$67.74	\$812.83
Roberts*	\$68.36		4	\$14.70	36,000 gallons	\$66.89	\$802.64
Somerset*	\$17.36	\$3.14	12	\$13.86	36,000 gallons	\$62.08	\$744.96
Osceola*	\$58.88		4	\$9.73	4,832 ft ³	\$58.81	\$705.69
New Richmond (proposed 2019)	\$20.10	\$8.85	12	\$8.87	36,000 gallons	\$55.56	\$666.72
River Falls	\$24.50	\$4.15	12	\$8.43	36,000 gallons	\$53.94	\$647.28
Amery	\$59.69	\$23.24	4	\$7.40	36,000 gallons	\$49.84	\$598.12
Baldwin	\$45.84	\$18.00	4	\$8.44	36,000 gallons	\$46.60	\$559.20
New Richmond (current)	\$13.73	\$7.44	12	\$8.39	36,000 gallons	\$46.34	\$556.08
Lindstrom, MN**	\$42.00	N/A	4	\$9.43	36,000 gallons	\$42.30	\$507.60
Rice Lake	\$13.70	\$10.58	12	\$5.03	36,000 gallons	\$39.37	\$472.44
Chippewa Falls	\$36.78	\$15.24	4	\$4.40	4,832 ft ³	\$35.06	\$420.70
Menomonie	\$29.50	\$14.85	4	\$4.70	4,832 ft ³	\$33.71	\$404.51
Glenwood City*	\$53.00		4	\$5.32	36,000 gallons	\$33.63	\$403.52
Hudson	\$21.85	\$15.60	4	\$4.55	4,832 ft ³	\$30.81	\$369.67

Average (without New Richmond)

\$55.01 \$660.14

Median (without New Richmond)

\$51.89 \$622.70

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Monthly Cost Comparison - Combined Water & Sewer

