

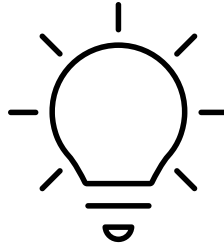
# How To Calculate Your Bill

LAC Utilities bills in cubic feet. **NOT** gallons.  
1 cu ft = 7.5 gallons

We purchase our water from  
Valparaiso City Utilities

Our rates didn't increase from  
2014-2025 but our expenses did

My neighbor said my bill is going  
to double! What can I do?  
Call the office and speak with us.  
The recent rate increase has not  
doubled anyone's bill



Why did the rates increase? Simply  
put because the price of purchasing  
the water from Valparaiso City  
Utilities has increased

Your LAC Utilities bill is a combination of **WATER**, **SEWER**, **FIRE PROTECTION**, and Water Tax.

Charges are calculated on the size of your meter and the amount of water used. The bigger the meter and the more water you use the higher your bill will be.

**WATER** is calculated as Minimum Monthly Charge plus a Metered Rate.

**SEWER** is calculated as Base Rate plus Metered Rate.

*Most of our customers have a standard 5/8" meter, the rates and bill examples below will use the rates of a 5/8" meter.*

<b>WATER RATES 5/8" METER</b>		
First	100 Cubic Feet	\$30.43 Minimum Monthly Charge
Next	150 Cubic Feet	Add \$.0581 Per Cubic Foot
Next	250 Cubic Feet	Add \$.0559 Per Cubic Foot
Next	500 Cubic Feet	Add \$.0547 Per Cubic Foot
Next	1000 Cubic Feet	Add \$.0536 Per Cubic Foot
Next	2000 Cubic Feet	Add \$.0524 Per Cubic Foot
<b>SEWER RATES 5/8" METER</b>		
Base Rate \$26.51		Plus \$.0638 Per Cubic Foot Water Used
<b>FIRE PROTECTION \$1.26</b>		

<b>EXAMPLE #1 You used 95 cubic feet of water</b>	
<b>WATER</b> portion of your bill; <b>\$30.43</b> (plus tax)	<b>SEWER</b> portion of your bill; <b>\$26.51</b> (base rate) + <b>\$6.06</b> (95 cu ft x \$.0638 = \$6.06) = <b>\$32.57</b>
<b>TOTAL BILL: \$30.43 + \$32.57 + \$1.26 = \$64.26 (plus tax)</b>	

<b>EXAMPLE #2 You used 535 cubic feet of water</b>	
<b>WATER</b> portion of your bill; <b>\$30.43</b> (first 100 cu ft = \$30.43) + <b>\$8.72</b> (150 cu ft x \$.0581 = \$8.72) + <b>\$13.98</b> (250 cu ft x \$.0559 = \$13.98) + <b>\$1.91</b> (35 cu ft x \$.0547 = \$1.91) = <b>\$55.04</b> (plus tax)	<b>SEWER</b> portion of your bill; <b>\$26.51</b> (base rate) + <b>\$34.13</b> (535 cu ft x \$.0638 = \$34.13) = <b>\$60.64</b>
<b>TOTAL BILL: \$55.04 + \$60.64 + \$1.26 = \$116.94 (plus tax)</b>	

To see comparative rates of other water utilities in our area please see the following links. Our entire water and sewer rates are available on our website [VLACD.org](https://www.valparaisoutilities.org/166/Rates-Deposits).

Valparaiso City Utilities <https://www.valparaisoutilities.org/166/Rates-Deposits> \*you are outside city limits\*

2025 Water Bill Analysis <https://www.in.gov/iurc/files/2025-Water-Billing-Final.pdf>