

Understanding Your Utility Bill: What's Included?

Your bill includes several charges that fund various essential services. Here's a quick look at what each charge represents, and the rates currently set for fiscal year 2025 (effective 07/01/24 - 06/30/25) for RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

What the **WATER WORKS BOARD governs** and sets the rate of:

WATER (WA):

This covers your drinking water – whether you're turning on a faucet, watering your lawn, taking a shower, or doing laundry. The minimum bill is \$56 per quarter, allowing for up to 6,000 gallons of water usage.

Water Tier Levels PER QUARTER:

\$56.00 = 0 – 6,000 gallons (minimum charge per quarter)

\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons for the next 24,000 gallons

\$1.50 per 1,000 gallons for the next 50,000 gallons

\$1.00 per 1,000 gallons for anything over 80,000 gallons

What the **STATE OF IOWA governs** and sets the rate of:

WATER EXCISE TAX (TX) (6% tax on water charge):

Established by the Iowa legislature in 2018, this tax replaced the state sales tax and local option sales tax on water services. A portion of the total taxes collected goes towards improving water quality across Iowa.

What the **CITY OF EVANSDALE governs** and sets the rates of:

SEWER (SW):

This FLAT RATE of \$61.50 per quarter is for the employment, upkeep, and maintenance of our sewer plant. The sewer plant is directly affected by your water usage (not what you are charged). The more water you use, the more the sewer plant has to treat.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FEE (SF):

This FLAT RATE of \$85.80 per quarter funds the ongoing upgrades at sewer treatment plant. The city council approved these renovations to ensure our facilities remain up-to-date and efficient, as per the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines.

GARBAGE (GA):

This FLAT RATE of \$39.00 per quarter (\$45.00 per quarter for the larger 96-gallon cart) covers the collection and disposal of your household trash.

STORM WATER FEE (SS):

This FLAT RATE of \$3.00 per quarter funds the maintenance and repair of storm water infrastructure, such as pipes and drains, as well as cleanups and filters. This fee helps manage storm water runoff and pollution.

We hope this breakdown helps you better understand the charges on your utility bill.

If you have any questions regarding the city services, call the City Business Office at 319-232-6683.

If you have any questions regarding water, call the Water Works Office at 319-233-5524.

Best regards,

Evansdale Water Works 