

City of Berkley

2016/2017

WATER / SEWER RATES

Below are the charges listed on the quarterly water/sewer service invoice for Berkley and a brief explanation of those charges. Many communities in southeast Oakland County base the total water/sewer service invoice on water consumption only. A professional analysis performed by a court order showed that a breakdown of costs similar to our rate structure was much more equitable for all residents. An annual survey of southeast Oakland County communities on water/sewer rates shows Berkley has continued to be **well below** the average on the comparison chart for rates.

WATER AND SANITARY: \$4.06 per 100 cubic feet

This rate represents the consumption of water used based on meter readings. It also pays for the sanitary sewer flow.

READY TO SERVE: \$53.31 – 3/4 meter

This flat rate is based on the meter size. This charge represents the fixed costs of maintaining the water – sewer system.

STORM WATER: \$63.42 per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit)

This charge represents the storm water that is treated by the Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner. The formula is a standard engineering calculation designed to determine storm water runoff based on impervious areas. The charge includes the upgrading of the Twelve Towns drainage project, now called the George Kuhn Drainage System.

RESIDENTIAL REFUSE: \$8.75

This residential fee covers the cost of maintaining the Sanitation fund, which includes curbside recycling, brush pickup, leaf pickup and regular garbage pickup at the current level of service.

BILLING CHARGE: \$3.11

This charge was recommended by our rate study consultant to itemize the cost of the total preparation of the water/sewer service invoice.