

Understanding Your Bill

The Greene County Sanitary Engineering Department renders a monthly bill for sewer and/or water usage to all customers served by the Greene County Systems. Since meters are read only every three months, the first two monthly bills in each three months, or quarterly cycle, are for a minimum amount only. The bill rendered after the actual meter reading is taken represents the actual usage for the entire quarterly period, less the monthly minimum amounts billed. The following table shows how this works for customers on a 5/8 inch meter (the normal residential size.)

Quarterly Cycle	Amount Billed	Gallons Billed
First month	Sewer \$24.31	3,000 gals (minimum charge)
	Water \$13.13	1,000 gals (minimum charge)
	<i>Total</i> \$37.44	
Second month	Sewer \$24.31	3,000 gals (minimum charge)
	Water \$13.13	1,000 gals (minimum charge)
	<i>Total</i> \$37.44	
Third month	Sewer \$24.31	3,000 gals (minimum charge)
	Plus actual usage (for three months less the monthly minimum)	Actual usage billed at \$7.60 per 1,000 gals (above the 9,000 gals billed in minimum charges.)
	Water \$13.13	1,000 gals (minimum charge)
	Plus actual usage (for three months, less the monthly minimums)	Actual usage billed at \$4.49 per 1,000 gals (above the 3,000 gals billed in minimum charges.)

Example: Let's say a customer, upon reading the meter, has used 6,000 gallons in a one-month period. The bill for actual usage would be for \$81.76 computed as follows:

Sewer: Monthly minimum charge (3,000 gals.)	\$24.31
Plus: 3,000 gals. (6,000 less 3,000 in monthly minimum	
at \$7.60 per 1,000 gals.	\$22.80
Water: Monthly minimum charge (1,000 gals.)	\$13.13
Plus 5,000 gals. (6,000 less 1,000 in monthly minimum	
at \$4.49 per 1,000 gals.	<u>\$22.45</u>
	\$82.69

Water only customers would be billed for only the water charges. Sewer only customers will be billed at a flat rate of \$62.87 per month unless a meter is installed to measure usage.

§ Greene County Sanitary Engineering offers a level billing program that allows you to budget for your billings during the year into even payments for eleven months, based on historical usage.

§ You may level your own bill by sending more than the minimum billings per month. The excess received on your account will carry forward as a credit on your account and be applied to the actual quarterly billing in the third month.