

Why Do I Pay a Minimum Bill for Zero Usage?

The City of Loveland and many communities have a minimum bill for all accounts even if the property is unoccupied. The reason for a minimum charge is that the water system has **fixed costs** to get water to your house and every house in the city. We have pipes in the ground, towers in the air, wells ready to pump, and treatment equipment ready to work even if you decide not to use any water. Our water minimum bill is set for **2,240 gallons of usage, at a charge of \$14.61 (inside city limits)**.

We have a **contract with Rumpke that provides garbage and recycling pickup**, and it is based on the number of properties in the city. There is no way to turn off this service. Each property owner must pay **\$18.15 per month** toward this contract.

The Metropolitan Sewer District bills the city for a minimum sewer charge based on water usage of 2,240 gallons at the current rate of \$43.06 per month.

The EPA mandated storm water charge is **\$4.75 per month** and must be collected by law to provide infrastructure and service for our storm water system.

The Water Main Replacement Fee establishes a long-term water main replacement program for the City of Loveland's water system, **at a charge of \$7.50 per month.**