

1000 LITRES (220 gallons or 35.3157 ft³)=
1 CUBIC METER (m³)



2,000-500ml bottles

Per StatsCan (2019) the avg. per person per day consumption is 215 litres (6.45 m³/month-based on 30 days)

| 2022 Rates | | | | | |
|--|---------|---|----------|---------|-----------------|
| Water consumption | 13 m3 | @ | \$5.18 = | \$67.34 | |
| Sewer use | 13 m3 | @ | \$0.98 = | \$12.74 | |
| Fixed fee-SaskWater | 30 days | @ | \$2.08 = | \$62.40 | |
| Fixed fee-Distribution sys. | 30 days | @ | \$0.66 = | \$19.80 | |
| Fixed fee-Capital Renewal | 30 days | @ | \$0.17 = | \$5.10 | |
| Fixed fee-Sewer | 30 days | @ | \$0.59 = | \$17.70 | |
| Avg. Water/Sewer per month for 2 people | | | | | \$185.08 |
| 2023 Rates | | | | | |
| Water consumption | 13 m3 | @ | \$3.89 = | \$50.57 | |
| Sewer use | 13 m3 | @ | \$0.98 = | \$12.74 | |
| Fixed fee-SaskWater | 30 days | @ | \$2.08 = | \$62.40 | |
| Fixed fee-Distribution sys. | 30 days | @ | \$1.07 = | \$32.10 | |
| Fixed fee-Capital Renewal | 30 days | @ | \$0.25 = | \$7.50 | |
| Fixed fee-Sewer | 30 days | @ | \$0.59 = | \$17.70 | |
| Avg. Water/Sewer per month for 2 people | | | | | \$183.01 |

Example of a Gravelbourg area farm's water costs

Lump sum-Installation of raw water line \$25,000.00
Lump sum-Setup R.O. & Chlorination sys. \$15,000.00

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How Can I Pay My Bill?

1. Through your financial institution (online, by telephone or in person at your local branch).
2. E-Transfer to town@gravelbourg.ca
Insert your account number as shown below in the memo field
3. Regular mail to:
Box 359, Gravelbourg, SK S0H 1X0
4. In person at the Town Office (209 Main Street) with cash, cheque or debit.
5. Pre-authorized Debit (PAD). This option will have your bill payment automatically withdrawn from your bank account.
6. We do not accept Credit card payments.

We need your UTILITY account number to ensure payments are recorded correctly. This number appears on your bill showing 11 digits (e.g. 000**0123**-0020).

Online Payments through your financial institution requires the set up of a bill payee. In the list look for **Gravelbourg (Town of) Utility**

For both online and e-transfer payments, use only the 4 digits shown in red in the example above and if you require additional numbers use zeros preceding the 4 digits.
(PLEASE **DO NOT** USE YOUR CUSTOMER #)

Payment is due within thirty (30) days of billing date, after which late payment penalties of 1.5% per month are charged and the service may be discontinued. All utility rates, costs and charges may be collected in accordance with Section 369 of *The Municipalities Act*.

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VILLE DE - TOWN OF
Gravelbourg

Water & Sanitary Sewer Public Utility Information

CONTACT US

Town Office
209 Main Street
Box 359, Gravelbourg, SK S0H 1X0

Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday to Friday,
Closed Statutory holidays

Phone: (306) 648-3301
Fax: (306) 648-3400
Email: town@gravelbourg.ca

www.gravelbourg.ca

What am I paying for?

- The **Water Consumption** rate is in place to offset the \$2.9981/m³ cost charged to us by our supplier/partner SaskWater. Additional funds received through the consumption rate are allocated to assist in the cost of general operation and maintenance of the town's water distribution system.
- The **Sewer Use** rate is based on the consumption of water. Those that consume more water, as a general rule, also put a higher burden on the sanitary sewer collection system and take up more of the capacity of the lagoon.
- The **Fixed Fee-SaskWater** rate is in place to offset the fixed fee charged to us by our supplier/partner SaskWater. These funds go towards the operations, maintenance and future capital renewal of the infrastructure from the raw water source at Thomson Lake to the water plant's connection to the Town's distribution system. All properties share equally in this cost.
- The **Fixed Fee-Distribution System** rate is to provide funding for the ongoing costs associated with the operation, maintenance, delivery and administration of the Town's water distribution system. This community system has been developed for all properties to have access and therefore the associated costs are shared equally.
- The **Fixed Fee-Capital Renewal** rate is to provide funding for future capital renewal of the distribution system's infrastructure. The Asset Management Study provided to the Town of Gravelbourg in early 2019 indicates that there is an abundance of funding needed for water and sewer main replacements and emergency repairs. This fee is to begin funding a reserve in anticipation of these current and future requirements.
- The **Fixed Fee-Sewer** rate is to provide funding for the ongoing costs associated with the operation, maintenance, collection and capital renewal of the Town's sanitary sewer system from the property's connection to the main to the lagoon system. This community system has been developed for all properties to have access and therefore the associated costs are shared equally.

All funds collected through the fees above shall be used solely for payment of operational and capital costs of water and sanitary sewer utilities. Any surplus attained shall be reserved for the sole purpose of the water and sanitary sewer utilities.

Water & Sewer Rates

April 15, 2022 (May 15, 2022 billing)

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Water Consumption | \$5.18 m ³ |
| Sewer Use | \$0.98 m ³ |
| Fixed Fee-SaskWater | \$2.08 per day |
| Fixed Fee-Distribution System | \$0.66 per day |
| Fixed Fee-Capital Renewal | \$0.17 per day |
| Fixed Fee-Sewer | \$0.59 per day |

January 1, 2023

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Water Consumption | \$3.89 m ³ |
| Sewer Use | \$0.98 m ³ |
| Fixed Fee-SaskWater | \$2.08 per day |
| Fixed Fee-Distribution System | \$1.07 per day |
| Fixed Fee-Capital Renewal | \$0.25 per day |
| Fixed Fee-Sewer | \$0.59 per day |

The previous rate structure weighed heavily on consumption versus fixed fees to cover the ongoing costs of the operation and maintenance of the water and sanitary service public utilities. The higher consumption rate deterred water use, which is beneficial from a conservation point of view, however it also negatively affected the revenues needed to fund the system.

The quality of water from Thomson Lake Reservoir is particularly challenged. The kind of treatment plant needed was beyond the financial capacity of the Town of Gravelbourg. The solution was a partnership with SaskWater. They have built and operate a state of the art treatment plant and provide Gravelbourg (and any other consumer who wishes to buy the water) with one of the safest and highest quality drinking water in the province. (Source SaskWater Quality Advantage)

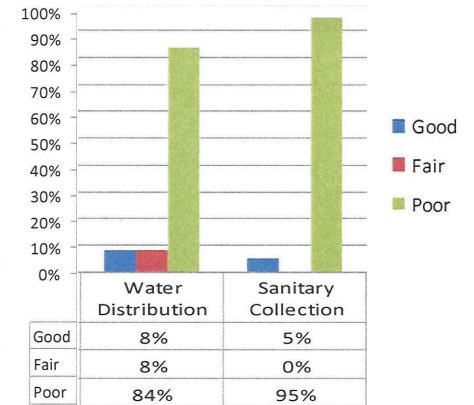
Here is how YOU save money due to the exceptional quality of the Gravelbourg water.

Below based on 2 person household 2010 figures

| | Pre SaskWater | SaskWater |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| Water softener | \$ 100 | \$ 0 |
| Water softener salt | \$ 72 | \$ 0 |
| Water regeneration cost (electricity & water etc.) | \$ 60 | \$ 0 |
| Water heater replacement | \$ 50 | \$ 25 |
| New taps replace etc. | \$ 10 | \$ 5 |
| Buying bottled water | \$ 432 | \$ 0 |
| Use of soaps, cleaners | \$ 516 | \$129 |
| Replace towels, clothes and linens (water stains) | \$ 300 | \$210 |
| Total per year | \$1,490 | \$369 |

Estimated annual savings \$1,121 or \$93 per month
 In 2021, factoring in inflation, the savings would be **\$1,346 or \$112 per month**
 (per Bank of Canada inflation calculator)

Water/Sewer Condition Assessment (2018)



Records indicate that the sanitary sewer collection system was developed in the 1920's to 1940's and the water distribution system in the early 1960's. These systems are nearing the end of their remaining service life with a high probability of expensive and disruptive emergency repairs. It is recommended that the Town's first priority for infrastructure renewal is the water distribution and sanitary sewer collection assets.

There are substantial funding challenges to address the subsurface infrastructure renewal needs, however a reliable water distribution system and sanitary sewer collection system are critical to the overall viability of the community.

*Technical information from Asset management Study 2019-04-02-Pillar Systems Inc.

Other Water/Sewer Fees

Deposits (for meters 1" (25mm) and under)

\$ 90.00 - Owner
 \$150.00 - Non owner

Prior to service being turned on, account application form must be completed and deposit paid.

On/Off Fees

Regular working hours only
 \$ 75.00 each (\$150.00 for both)

After hours and weekend/holidays
 \$150.00 each (\$300.00 for both)