

SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

City of Half Moon Bay collects sewer service charges to pay for the cost of sewer collection, treatment and safe disposal of sewage in the Pacific Ocean from the City's service area, south of Frenchman's Creek to Miramontes Point Road. The annual sewer service charge rate is set by the City Council in a noticed public meeting held in June. The current rate is \$33.58 per hundred cubic feet (hcf) of water consumption. The sewer service charge is determined by multiplying the rate times the volume of water consumption (hcf) times the strength of sewage for the property. The sewer service charge is collected on the Secured Property Tax Bill issued by the San Mateo County Tax Collector.

Sewer service charges for residential, office, and school classifications are based on water consumption for the four (4) wet weather months (November through February) when outside water use for irrigation is at a minimum.

Sewer service charges for restaurants, commercial space, medical and motels are based on adjusted water consumption during all twelve-months.

The City obtains the water consumption data from Coastside County Water District (CCWD), www.coastsidewater.org.

EXAMPLES OF CALCULATED SEWER CHARGES:

Based on wet-weather water consumption (November – February) = 25 (hcf):

Class	Consumption	Rate	Strength	Total
Residential:	25 times	\$33.58	100%	\$839.50
Office:	25 times	\$33.58	60%	\$503.70
School:	25 times	\$33.58	65.71%	\$551.64

Based on year round water consumption (June – May) = 34 (hcf):

Water Consumption on six bi-monthly water bills: $20+14+15+17+20+16 = 102$ (hcf)
Adjusted equivalent consumption for a four-month period = $102 \div 3 = 34$

Class	Consumption	Rate	Strength	Total
Restaurant:	34 times	\$33.58	180%	\$2,055.10
Commercial:	34 times	\$33.58	85.71%	\$ 978.57
Medical:	34 times	\$33.58	100%	\$1,141.72
Motel:	34 times	\$33.58	122.86%	\$1,402.72

Other Calculations:

Minimum Residential Charge: $(16) \text{ hcf} \times \$33.58 = \$537.28$
 Properties on Wells: Average Residential Usage $(24) \text{ hcf} \times \$33.58 = \$805.92$

Water consumption can be easily tracked on the CCWD bi-monthly bill which shows a graph of current and prior year usage. If the water bill appears high, check around your property for leaking toilets, sinks or broken irrigation lines. Contact CCWD immediately. Paying attention to high water consumption will help reduce water bills as well as the annual sewer service charge.

Granada Sanitary District area, north of Frenchman's Creek, the sewer service charges are assessed by the district and are collected on the San Mateo County Secured Tax Bill. Current charges are as follows:

Residential Customer Rate: The flat rate sewer service charge for each fiscal year commencing July 1st for residential users shall be \$402.00.

Commercial User Rate: The sewer service charge for each fiscal year commencing July 1st for commercial users shall be as follows:

Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet (hcf) of Annual Water Usage

Restaurant	\$7.46
Motel/Hotel	\$5.92
Office	\$3.32
Schools	\$3.37
Medical	\$3.58
Other Non-Residential	\$3.88