

DECODING YOUR WATER BILL

Did You Know?: Water from your faucet is hundreds of times cheaper than bottled water and tested more carefully for contaminants. It's also better for the environment!*

Quarterly Bill Breakdown

Total Bill = \$173.42

based on 1000 cf usage (7,500 Gal.) with a 1" meter

Let's breakdown your water bill to gain perspective on your usage and quarterly charges. Your bill is made up of three major components: base rates, a solid waste flat rate, and usage fees. While you may only think about your water when you turn on your faucet, cities have to consider water & sewer line maintenance, meter reading, water storage, daily water testing, water treatment and chemicals, line flushing, repairs, and plant operation in order to keep your water safe and flowing! Thus, base rates are charged to pay for the maintenance of your water infrastructure and usage rates are charged based on the amount of water that flows through your pipes. Estimates vary, but each person uses about 80-100 gallons of water per day.**



BASE RATE - \$80.14

Genesee County Sewer, Linden Sewer, and Linden Water charge a quarterly base rate for use and maintenance of the sewer and water lines.

METER SIZE	WATER BASE (per unit)	SEWER BASE City	SEWER BASE County	QTLY BASE TOTAL (before usage)
less than 1"	\$ 19.84	\$ 42.00	\$ 18.30	\$80.14



SOLID WASTE - \$35.28

The quarterly solid waste flat rate covers trash, recycling, and yard waste pickup also.

USAGE FEES - \$58.00

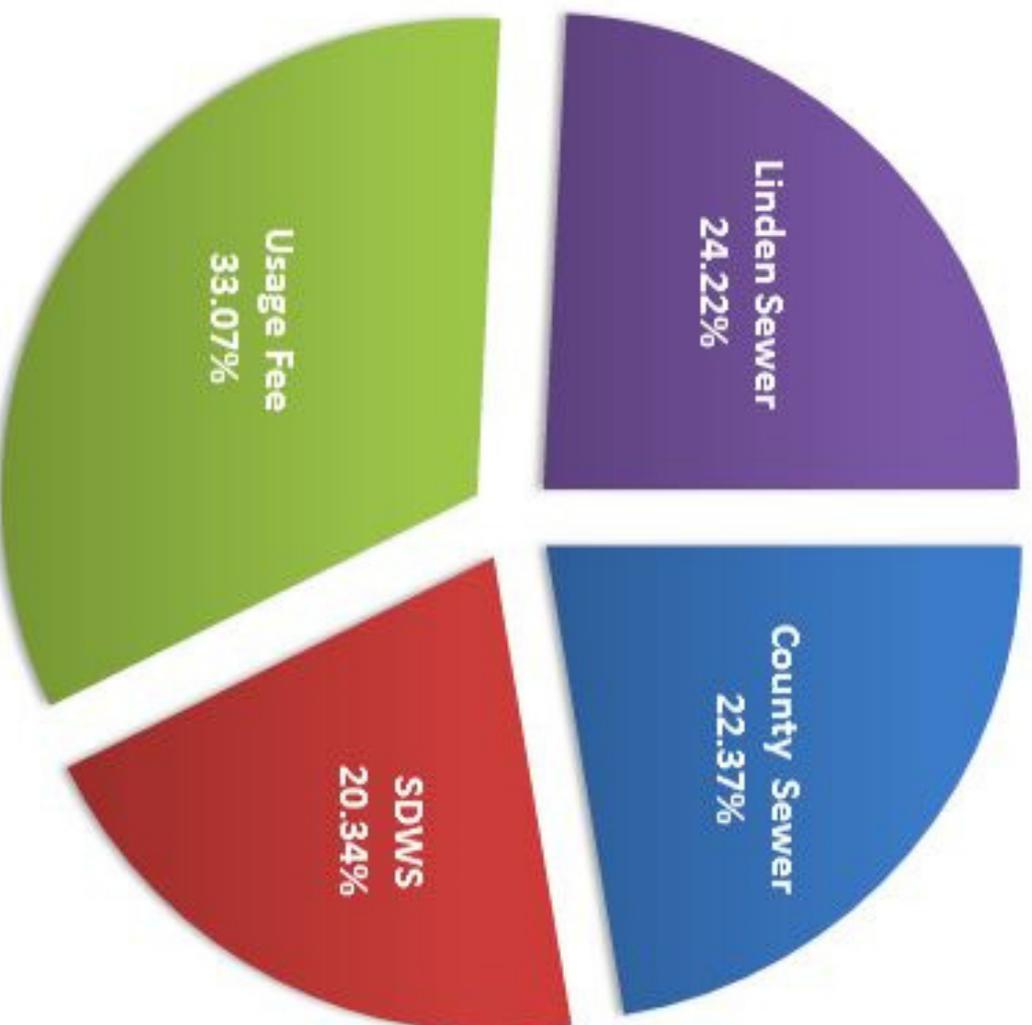
The County Sewer usage rate is \$2.05/100cf (about 750 gal.). The City Sewer usage rate is \$2.85/100cf, and is only charged if water usages exceeds 28,000 gallons a quarter. That's equivalent to more than 2,300 bottles of water a day! The City Water usage rate is \$3.75/100cf. That is \$3.75 for about 750 gallons of water, which equals 236 cases of bottled water, 20 baths at half full, or 468 flushes! Compare that to the cost of a case of water at about \$4.50 for less than 2 gallons!



Lowering Your Bill. Visit the Public Works page at lindenmi.us to use the home water calculator to determine where you use the most and how to reduce usage. The less you use, the lower your bill! For example, turning off the faucet while brushing can save up to 8 gallons a day, over 700 gallons a quarter, and about \$22.00 a year with one quick change. Alternatively, a continuous fixture leak the size of only the tip of a pen, in just 3 months, can cost you 74,000 gallons or over \$550.00 in usage fees alone! Remember, even if you don't use any water, you will be charged the base rate for the use and maintenance of the sewer and water lines.

* Source: <http://www.home-water-works.org/>

** Source: <http://water.usgs.gov/edu/qa-home-percapita.html>



- Genesee County Sewer Flat Rate + Usage
- Republic Services - Trash and Recycling (SDWS)
- Water Usage Fee (based on usage)
- City of Linden Sewer (Flat Rate)