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zero-4000 gallons = \$22.00 (minimum bill)
14750 gallons = \$74.78 (excess usage)
\$96.78 Total Bill

Example of how our sewer bills are calculated if you have a Cubic Feet meter that reads in 10 cubic feet increments:

The numbers you see on your sewer bill on the far left are the **Previous** and **Present** reads in units (each unit represents 75 gallons). The number in the Usage Column is the total gallons used, calculated using the previous read and the present read:

Previous Read = 3600
Present Read = 3850 = 250 units used which is the same as 18750 gallons.
(250 units multiplied by 75 gallons per unit = 18750 gallons).

Based on the above example for a Cubic Feet meter that reads in 10 cubic feet increments (DCF), the bi-monthly bill would be calculated as follows:

- **The minimum bill is \$22.00 and includes up to the first 4000 gallons.**
- **You are then charged a fee of \$5.07 per each additional 1000 gallons.**

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zero-4000 gallons = \$22.00 (minimum bill)
14750 gallons = \$74.78 (excess usage)
\$96.78 Total Bill

Example of how our sewer bills are calculated if you have a Cubic Gallon Meter:

The numbers you see on your sewer bill on the far left are the **Previous** and **Present** reads in units (each unit represents 100 gallons). The number in the Usage Column is the total gallons used, calculated using the previous read and the present read:

Previous Read = 100
Present Read = 288 = 188 units used which is the same as 18800 gallons.
(188 units multiplied by 100 gallons per unit = 18800 gallons).

Based on the above example for a Cubic Gallon Meter (CGL), the bi-monthly bill would be calculated as follows:

- **The minimum bill is \$22.00 and includes up to the first 4000 gallons.**
- **You are then charged a fee of \$5.07 per each additional 1000 gallons.**

For example:

If your bill shows 18800 gallons used under the Usage column, you would subtract the 4000 gallons for your minimum \$22.00 fee, and then multiply the balance of 14800 gallons x .00507 (\$5.07 per additional 1000 gallons) to get the dollar figure of your excess usage.

0-4000 gallons = \$22.00 (minimum bill)
14800 gallons = \$75.04 (excess usage)
\$97.04 Total Bill

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*State Statute allows St. Clair Township to deem the **owner of the property** responsible for all sewer bills regardless of whether or not a tenant is renting the property. A minimum sewer bill of \$22.00 bi-monthly is generated to every homeowner in the Township **regardless of whether or not there is water usage**, *unless* the line is capped off at the main trunk by a licensed contractor. We must be called for an inspection before it is reburied, and there is a \$50 Inspection Fee that needs to be paid before the inspection takes place.

Our Township Ordinance allows us until the 1st of the month bills are due to mail out sewer bills. They're typically mailed by about the 25th of every even-numbered month (Feb/Apr/June/Aug/Oct/Dec), and are always due in the odd months (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sep/Nov) on the 15th. If the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday in which we observe, the due date will be the following business day. Sewer bills are printed on yellow card stock, ¼ the size of a standard 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper. We do not offer electronic billing at this time. **A Direct Debit Authorization Form can be found on our website under the Sewer Dept. Click on the link "Forms & Reports" and then click on "Sewer Direct Debit Authorization Form".**

How to reduce your sewer bills:

An average household of four people uses approximately 12,000 – 15,000 gallons every two (2) months. This equates to a bill amount of \$62.56 - \$77.77 **bi-monthly** (with each person averaging 3000-3750 gallons in a two-month period).

If you want to reduce your sewer bills, you will need to reduce your water usage. You can do this by installing low flow shower heads and appliances which use less water, or just by changing your behavior to use less water. Always check for leaky faucets or excessively running toilets which can raise your bill dramatically.

If you water your yard extensively or fill a pool in the summer, it may be to your advantage to purchase a **Deduct Meter** from a hardware store in order to assure you receive credit for all of your outside watering. You will need to register the meter in person with the Township office before we can begin to accept any meter reads. This meter will allow us to deduct the water you use for outside watering or pool-filling from your sewer bill. You are responsible for calling in your deduct meter reads in order to obtain credit on your next sewer bill.

If you do outside watering in the summer but you do not wish to utilize a Deduct Meter, you may call us annually to request a **Summer Watering Credit**. We add a reminder note on the August sewer bill each year (your first high bill due to summer watering). Credits are given once per year for the current summer's usage only, which gets billed on the August and October bill cycles (June & July water company reads are on the August bill and August & September water company reads are on the October bill). If you have a pool, you want to be sure to not fill it too early in May, so that your usage falls on the correct (August) bill. This Summer Water Credit is figured by averaging your February, April and June bills of the current year; then an adjustment is entered to bring both your August and October bills down to that average. The Summer Water Credit is applied to your next bill (December bill). **You must have been billed at least three (3) full two-month bills to qualify for a summer water credit. You also must call our office annually at (618) 233-3437 and request to be added to the Summer Water Credit list.** We will not honor any requests outside of the calendar year for which you are requesting credit.