

April 2025 Edition



THE DROPLET

MEADOW LAKE WATER & SEWER

KNOW YOUR UTILITY BILL

Your City of Meadow Lake utility bill consists of 3 parts:

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK

April 28th to May 2nd, 2025

Items must be ready for pickup by 7:00 a.m. on the same day as garbage/recycling pickup.

- Leaves, branches, grass, and garden refuse ONLY.
- Leaves, grass, and garden refuse must go in BAGS.
- Branches cut in short lengths and bundled or piled so they can be picked up by hand.
- Leave bags in the alley where possible, otherwise bring them to your curb and place them a few feet away from the bins.
- Please note that bags may be picked up first – on your regular garbage day – and branches may be picked up separately, possibly as late as the following week.



CITY COMPOST & GARBAGE

As you get your yards cleaned up and ready for Winter, please ensure you dispose of your green waste properly!

Did you know that the City of Meadow Lake has a compost facility for the residents located at the end of 9th Avenue East? Materials accepted are leaves, branches, grass, & garden vegetation. No other materials are accepted at this time. Please do not leave your items in plastic bags and empty your bags into the appropriate areas.

SARCAN 703 -3rd Ave. E, Open: Mon-Sat; 8:30-4:30 pm; Ph: 306-236-8420; www.sarcana.ca

PROTEX 19 Industrial Cres. Open: Mon-Fri; 8:00-5:00 pm; Ph: 306-236-5200; www.shkopich.ca

NW REGIONAL LANDFILL 14 miles W, on Hwy 55; Open: Mon-Sat; 9:00-4:45pm; Ph: 306-236-4315; email nw.waste@littleloon.ca

For more information on waste disposal, including composting, visit meadowlake.ca/p/garbage-and-recycling or contact City Hall at 306-236-3622.

Full Sewer Utility Bill

=
Base Fees
\$177.70

+
Consumption
+
Waste
Collection

Light Sewer Utility Bill

=
Base Fees
\$157.71

+
Consumption
+
Waste
Collection

As of
January
2023, all City
of Meadow Lake
property owners
pay three base
fees on every
utility bill:

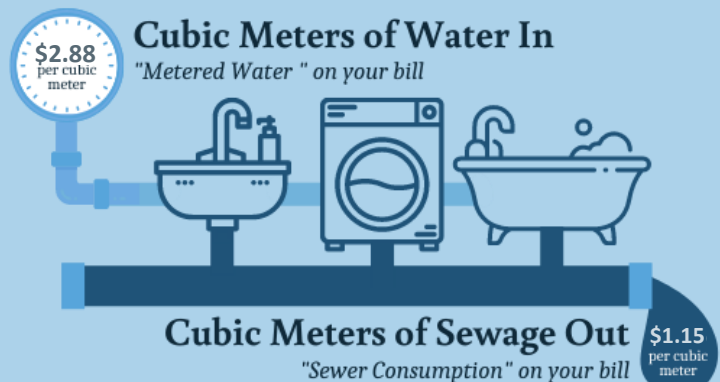
#1 Water Infrastructure
"Metered Water Basic Fee" on your bill
\$106.87

#2 Sewer Infrastructure
"Base Sewer Fee" on your bill
\$71.25 (full)
\$51.25 (light*)

#3 Infrastructure Upgrades
"Infrastructure Levy" on your bill
\$25.00

**Properties with a two stage septic tank sewage system connected to City sewer mains are charged a light base sewer rate.*

What is Consumption?



Waste Collection

"Garbage Fee" on your bill
\$33.00/bin

"Recycling Fee" on your bill
\$29.40/bin



SUBMITTING A METER READ



You may need to submit a water meter read if your reader is not accessible to the city during meter reads or not functioning properly, or you may need to submit more than one read if you have had a recent leak or meter replacement.

Your meter reads can be submitted in person to our Utility Clerk at City Hall, via email at utilities@meadowlake.ca or on our website meadowlake.ca/p/water-reading using the QR code (left).

WHAT IS THIS ORANGE CARD?

If an orange card is left on your front door by our Public Works Department, it means that we are kindly asking you to schedule an appointment for essential maintenance on your water meter.

Why It's Important:

- **Accurate Billing:** Proper maintenance ensures your water meter accurately measures your usage, helping you receive fair and consistent utility bills.
- **Avoid Catchup Bills:** With a properly working meter, you can avoid estimated bills and potential errors.
- **Continuous Service:** Ensuring accurate readings helps prevent any interruption to your water service.

How to Schedule: Our Public Works Department can be contacted at the information below to arrange a time for our staff to visit your home. Your cooperation helps us maintain a reliable and efficient water services.



CITY OF MEADOW LAKE

Box 610
120 1st St. East
Meadow Lake, SK
S9X 1Y5

meadowlake.ca/p/contact-us

City Hall Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30AM - 4:30PM

For billing, garbage, & recycling
306-236-0201
utilities@meadowlake.ca

Public Works Hours

Monday - Friday
7:00AM - 4:00PM

For water & sewer maintenance
306-236-6240
publicworks@meadowlake.ca

ITEMS TO AVOID PUTTING DOWN THE DRAIN

GREASE

Grease poured down the drain can solidify inside the pipes, causing clogs, especially when it cools after cooking meat.

COFFEE GROUNDS

Instead of pouring leftover coffee grounds down the drain, scoop them out and dispose of them elsewhere to prevent buildup. Coffee grounds can be composted or used as a natural fertilizer, making them a great addition to your compost bin or plants.

EGG SHELLS

Crushed eggshells might seem harmless, but their sharp edges can trap debris and cause clogs in your drain. Egg shells also make great compost!

"FLUSHABLE" WIPES

Many wet wipes or makeup wipes labeled as "flushable" may not break down easily, especially in older plumbing systems, so it's safer to throw them in the trash.

FIBROUS FOODS

Avoid putting potato peels, broccoli, and cooked pasta down the garbage disposal as they can cause clogs. Dispose of them in the trash or compost them instead.

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Avoid flushing feminine products like tampons or pads, even if labeled "flushable", dispose of them properly in the trash instead.

Understanding what you can and should not put down your drain is crucial to prevent plumbing disasters. By properly disposing of materials in the trash or compost you can avoid costly repairs and maintain a healthy plumbing system.

Taking the time to learn about proper disposal methods not only protects your home and city infrastructure but also contributes to a more sustainable environment.

