

# THE DROPLET


MEADOW LAKE WATER & SEWER

## Fall Clean Up Oct 28-Nov 1

### Instructions

- 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.
- Pick up is on the same day as usual garbage/recycling.

- 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.



Items for pickup must be ready by 7:00 a.m. that morning

## Preparing for Winter



### Reminder to Winterize Mobile Homes & Water Meters

insulate water meter, close up crawl space, let faucet drip if you have problems with lines freezing in the winter. (running water is less likely to result in frozen line)

### Tips on Winterizing your Home

#### Heating

- Test your furnace or other heating systems
- Clean any debris 3 feet away from units
- Change filters
- Reverse ceiling fans
- Program your thermostat to regulate temperatures when you're not home

#### Fireplace

- Clean and inspect the interior of your fireplace and chimney
- Stock up on firewood
- Ensure you have a fire extinguisher nearby
- Store firewood away from home

#### Plumbing

- Winterize lawn sprinkler systems
- Turn off outdoor spigots
- Detach and drain hoses
- Insulate pipes and faucets
- If your house has an interior sprinkler system and you are planning to be away for extended winter vacations, install a recirculating pump

#### Exterior

- Winterize and store lawn equipment, outdoor furniture and grills
- Trim branches that hang over your home
- Prepare ice melt, sand, snow shovels and car scrapers

- Inspect roof for damage
- Clean out gutters


#### Insulation

- Inspect windows and doors for drafts
- Apply caulk/weather stripping
- Seal holes and cracks
- Remove and store AC units

#### Other

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Bring plants and delicate trees indoors
- Replace out-dated fire extinguishers

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Winter meter reads begin in December. Shovel a path for City Employees to read your property's water meter.

Remove driveway bumpers, anything in the easement ex planters, signs lawn decorations

If you are experiencing a leak, contact a plumber to troubleshoot and repair.



## How to Check for Leaks

### Suspect a leak?

1. Turn off all taps, and ensure any appliances that use water are not running.
2. Check your water meter - usually found in your basement or crawl space – write down the number or take a picture.
3. Wait an hour or two and check the meter again. If the number has increased something is leaking.



### Did you know?

That if you have a leak, you may be eligible for a one-time consumption adjustment on your utility bill? Contact the Utility Clerk at 306-236-3622 ext. 201 or visit [meadowlake.ca/p/utility-billing](http://meadowlake.ca/p/utility-billing)

## New Water & Sewer Rates 2025

Quarterly utility rates will increase on January 1, 2025 with the change first appearing on the March 31st bill.

Water	2024	2025
Base Charge	\$98.95	\$108.87
Consumption (per 1m <sup>3</sup> )	\$2.62	\$2.88
Sewer	2024	2025
Full—Base Charge	\$65.97	\$71.25
Light—Base Charge	\$45.97	\$51.25
Consumption (per 1m <sup>3</sup> )	\$1.05	\$1.15
Infrastructure Levy (Base)	\$25	\$25

The average household uses approximately 40 cubic meters of water per quarter. At this rate, the average household will see an increase of approximately \$29.60 per quarter, or \$118.40 per year.

For more information on water and sewer rate increases and what your utility bill payment is used for visit [meadowlake.ca/p/utility-billing](http://meadowlake.ca/p/utility-billing)

## 2023 Drinking Water Quality & Compliance Report

The Water Security Agency (WSA) requires that, at least once each year, waterworks owners provide notification to consumers of the quality of water produced and supplied as well as information on the performance of the waterworks in submitting samples as required by a Permit to Operate a waterworks. The 2023 report is now available on our website at [meadowlake.ca/p/water-sewer](http://meadowlake.ca/p/water-sewer).

## E-billing

Sign up for e-billing! This helps save paper and gets your bill to you up to a week sooner than bills sent out by regular mail.

Application forms can be found by emailing [utilityclerk@meadowlake.ca](mailto:utilityclerk@meadowlake.ca) or on the website at [meadowlake.ca/p/utility-billing](http://meadowlake.ca/p/utility-billing).



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### CITY HALL HOURS

Mon - Fri • 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

For billing or garbage & recycling inquiries

306-236-3622 ext 201 • [utilities@meadowlake.ca](mailto:utilities@meadowlake.ca)

### PUBLIC WORKS HOURS

Mon - Fri • 7:00 am - 4:00pm

For water & sewer line maintenance

306-236-6240 • [publicworks@meadowlake.ca](mailto:publicworks@meadowlake.ca)