



# THE DROPLET

MEADOW LAKE WATER & SEWER

## WATER SAVING TIPS

There are many ways to reduce water use around your home:

- Install low-flow fixtures, such as high-efficiency shower heads and low-flush toilets.
- Shorten your shower time and reduce the level of water when bathing.
- Fix leaks as soon as you notice them. Fixing leaks could save you about 10 percent on your water bill.
- Wash your car at the car wash
- Use a broom when cleaning your driveway or walkway instead of a hose.



## CONSERVING WATER DURING LAWNCARE

Spring is upon us which means gardening and lawncare season is almost here. With this typically comes with an increase in your water usage. Here are some tips and tricks you can use to help conserve water:

Avoid watering during the heat of the day or during windy times to minimize evaporation.

Set a tuna can in each of your sprinkler zones and time how long it takes to fill it with water. That's how long you should run your sprinkler once a week if your lawn is dry.

Ensure your sprinklers are working properly and are targeted away from sidewalks. Collect rain water. Rain water contains minerals and nutrients that are good for plants.

Using rain barrels also diverts water away from the City's storm sewer system. Be sure that rain barrels are properly covered to discourage mosquito larvae from developing.

Did you know?  
Water use can increase by as much as 50% during the growing season?



## SAVE ENERGY

A significant amount of energy is required to treat, distribute, and manage our water and wastewater. By reducing your water consumption, you help conserve energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and help ease the burden on our water and wastewater treatment plants and distribution systems.

## COMPOSTING SEASON

Did you know Protex Enviro runs a yard waste composting program from May to October for un-bagged leaves, un-bagged grass clippings and non-woody vegetation?

Contact Protex at (855)236-5200 for more information.

Or you can bring your grass clippings and vegetation to the compost site on 9th Avenue East. The City also offers a one time rebate for the purchase of a compost bin from a local business.

## WATER SHUT OFF

Utility bills are due May 31, 2024. Any bills with outstanding amounts over \$50.00 will be at risk for having the water at the property turned off. Payment arrangements passed the due date can be made with the utility clerk by calling (306)236-3622 ext. 201 or by emailing [utilityclerk@meadowlake.ca](mailto:utilityclerk@meadowlake.ca).

### City Hall Hours

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

*For billing, garbage, & recycling*

306-236-0201

[utilities@meadowlake.ca](mailto:utilities@meadowlake.ca)

### Public Works Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:00AM - 3:00PM

*For water & sewer maintenance*

306-236-6240

[publicworks@meadowlake.ca](mailto:publicworks@meadowlake.ca)

# HOW TO READ YOUR UTILITY BILL

CITY OF MEADOW LAKE  
 BOX 610 120 - 1ST STREET EAST  
 MEADOW LAKE SK S9X 1Y5

Phone: (306) 236-3622  
 Fax: (306) 236-4299

## EXAMPLE UTILITY BILL



Account #: 000 0000000 000  
 Service Address: 123 SERVICE ST

Billing Date: 28-Mar-2024 Service From: 01-Jan-2024  
 Batch #: 2024032801 Service To: 31-Mar-2024

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME  
 MAILING ADDRESS  
 MEADOW LAKE SK S9X S9X

Make Cheque Payable to  
 CITY OF MEADOW LAKE  
 Enter Amount Enclosed

Account Balance \$ 298.52  
 Amount Due \$ 298.52

Please detach and return top portion with payment. Retain bottom portion for your records.

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### Account Details From: 28-Mar-2024

Code	Description	Date	Units	Amount
				<b>Last Payment Made on: 30-Nov-2023 -472.10</b>
				<b>Balance Forward As Of : 29-Dec-2023 -100.00</b>
01 G10	Garbage Fee	28/03/24	1.00	33.00
01 R12	Recycle Fee	28/03/24	1.00	28.80
01 S01	Sewer Consumption	28/03/24	1.00	42.00
	Consumption 40.00 @ 1.05000000			42.00
01 SB	Base Sewer Fee	28/03/24	1.00	65.97
01 W01	Metered Water Basic Fee	28/03/24	1.00	98.95
	Basic Fee @ 95.97			95.97
01 W01	Metered Water	28/03/24	1.00	104.80
62640861	31/03/24 <u>Current Reading: 140.00</u>	31/12/23 Prev. Reading: 100.00	Consumption: 40.00	Cubic Meters
	Consumption 40.00 @ 2.62000000			104.80
01 WSL	Infrastructure Levy	28/03/24	1.00	25.00
				<b>Current Levy 398.52</b>

### IMPORTANT NOTES

Payment by cash, cheque, debit, or online banking (RBC, CIBC and Credit Union)  
 Please allow 5-7 working days for payments made thru bank or mail  
 Please make sure you are using the correct account number when paying online  
 Please keep your account current. Accounts in arrears may have water services disconnected. See the City's policy online.  
 If there is an Est next to the current read on the bill, your meter read has been estimated.

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- 1 Account number. Used on forms or for payments to connect them to your utility account.
- 2 Physical address of property.
- 3 Date the bills are generated.
- 4 The start & end date of the billing cycle.
- 5 This is the current balance on your account on the date the bills are generated or "balance forward"
- 6 Garbage and recycling is charged per bin.
- 7 Sewer consumption is calculated at 40% of the water consumption rate.
- 8 Base Water & Sewer fees goes towards the day-to-day operating costs of providing water and sewer services. This does not include your water usage.
- 9 The metered water charge takes how much water that was used in this quarter (consumption) and multiplies it by the consumption rate. The current reading can be compared to your water meter to check the bill for accuracy.
- 10 The infrastructure fee goes towards infrastructure upgrades, improvements, and replacements.
- 11 The total amount billed for this quarter. Does not include the forwarding balance.
- 12 Total balance owing on the account as of the day the bills are generated. Current levy plus the forwarding balance.