



DETROIT
**Water & Sewerage
Department**

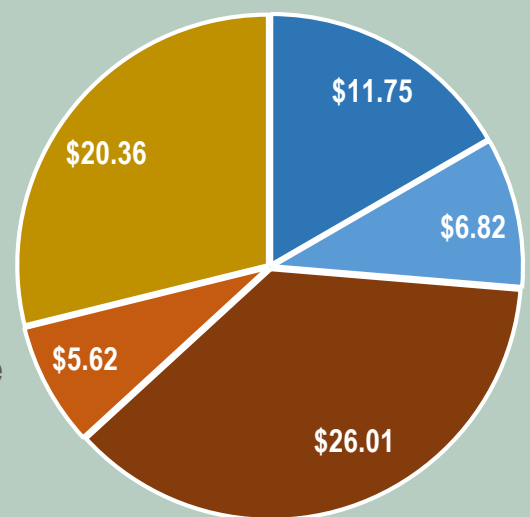
Understanding Your Bill: Residential Customers

- **Water Usage:** The cost of service for each centum cubic foot* (Ccf) of water used during a billing period. Your usage is based on the monthly meter reading at your home.
- **Sewerage Disposal:** The cost to collect, treat and dispose of raw sewage for each Ccf of water used during a billing period.
- **Drainage Charge**:** A monthly amount for the cost related to the collection and treatment of storm water as required by Federal and State laws. The charge is calculated by either a meter rate or an impervious surface rate (all customers will be on the impervious surface rate after January 2018).
- **Water Service Charge**:** A fixed monthly amount based on meter size to cover the cost of the meter, billing and providing customer service.
- **Sewerage Service Charge**:** A fixed monthly amount to cover the following:
 - **Operations, Maintenance, and Repair Charges (OM&R):** Amount for day-to-day customer service and maintenance operations.
 - **Capital Charges:** Cost of improving and expanding meters, service centers, and equipment.

Median Monthly Bill for
Detroit Residential
Customer as of
October 2016:

\$70.56

- Water Usage
- Water Service Charge
- Sewerage Disposal
- Sewerage Service Charge
- Drainage Charge



*Centum cubic feet equals 100 cubic feet or approximately 748 gallons of water.

**This amount is applicable whether or not water is used during the billing period, if water is turned on.