

You're invited to attend a public meeting

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attend.**

***Learn about Mankato's utility rate
study and possible rate impacts for 2014***

**Tuesday, November 26
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Mankato room in the Intergovernmental Center
10 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 56001**



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The city of Mankato has completed a comprehensive utility rate study to stay in compliance with state laws and to focus on water conservation. Findings:

Water conservation is key.

The city is no longer allowed to discount rates for use of large amounts of water. In the future, it's expected that nonessential outside watering will cost more than inside water use.

It is important to plan for the future.

The city's current rate structure doesn't support capital needs for the next 40 years. Utility rate fees are applied to Mankato's enterprise fund, which funds operations and maintenance, capital improvements and debt service on water, wastewater, storm water, city solid waste and street lighting. Rates are more stable when there are funds to support operational needs.

Multi-residential units will be treated as single family homes.

The most significant impact will be on multifamily units, commercial and industrial customers that use more than 300 units of water (one unit=750 gallons). Each unit within a multi-residential facility will be treated as a single family residential home. For example, if an apartment building has 10 units, each apartment is considered the same as a house. The landlord will be charged for each apartment the fixed-rate fee single family homes pay.

***Mankato's utilities include water, wastewater, stormwater, street lights, curbside recycling and refuse pick-up.
Note: water and wastewater were a part of this utility study.***