

Quality service at a reasonable cost

About your Mankato residential utility bill

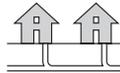
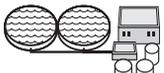
Services and how fees are used

Monthly rate

Curbside recycling and refuse pickup — The city of Mankato works to keep rates affordable year after year. Did you know that more than 85 percent of the refuse collected by the city of Mankato is recycled and processed for reuse, and that less than 15 percent is placed in landfills?

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| 32% Collection one 64 or 35 gallon refuse container | 22% Unlimited co-mingled recycling | 42% Waste processing | 3% Spring cleanup (No charge for appliances and electronics) | 1% Leaf pickup | \$14.65 or \$13.30 (depending on refuse cart size) |
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| <p>Christmas tree recycling provided at no charge</p> | | | | | |

Wastewater — Mankato is a state leader in meeting wastewater quality standards. Mankato's water reclamation facility provides advanced wastewater treatment. The city's partnership with Mankato Energy Center to use recycled wastewater protects our ground water resource. The effort results in an extremely low phosphorous discharge into the Minnesota River. Citizens will realize a savings of at least \$10 million for this first of its kind agreement in Minnesota.

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| 28% Collection system | 2% Lift stations | 9% System maintenance and sewer line breaks | 61% Wastewater treatment includes phosphorus & ammonia reduction | \$8.05 plus \$3.42 (per unit*) |
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Storm water — Storm water utility fees finance environmental solutions related to storm water for soil preservation and protection of rivers and lakes and to meet federal and state environmental mandates.

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| 55% Construction, operation and maintenance of storm sewers and chain of lakes | 35% Flood protection system maintenance | 10% Ravine erosion control | \$3.25 |
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Water — Mankato's water exceeds all federal and state water quality standards. Surface water makes up 65 percent of the supply, thereby conserving water resources of the deep well aquifers. Since hard water contains minerals such as calcium and magnesium, the city of Mankato softens the water to lessen the effects of these minerals. Benefits of water softening for Mankato water-users: uses less detergent, so buy less and save money; more energy efficient water heating; water-using appliances work better and last longer. Showers, faucets and plumbing fixtures need to be replaced less often; feels noticeably smoother to the skin.

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| 50% Water production including water softening, corrosion protection and iron removal | 40% System maintenance, water line breaks and distribution | 5% Water storage/ fire protection and pumping stations | 5% Automated meter reading | \$4.51 plus \$3.36 (per unit*) |
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Street lights — Street and signal lights are provided for pedestrian and vehicle safety.

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|  | Repair and maintenance | \$2.50 |
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*Note: 1 unit = 100 cubic feet = 750 gallons