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WARMER WEATHER AHEAD!

As the weather gets warmer, and the snow begins to melt, the Department of Public Works will be busy clearing storm drains and maintaining catch basins to manage the water, filling potholes and getting back to tasks that got put on hold for the winter. Please observe and follow signage on, and around, Public Works equipment to keep our crews and the public safe!



GOT COMPOST?

Residents are asked to compost their grass clippings or empty their bagged grass clippings and vegetation at the compost site on 9th Avenue East – and not the Regional Landfill site. Do not place grass clippings in your waste receptacle as this will result in added costs to the City for solid waste fees. The City no longer has compost bins for sale but does offer a one-time rebate for the purchase of a compost bin from a local business. Visit meadowlake.ca/p/garbage-and-recycling for more information. Protex Environment also has curbside compost bins available The (for a fee). Please contact Protex Environment for more information at (306)236-5200.

NOTE: Recycle Bins WILL NOT be emptied if they contain anything other than the specified materials (i.e., grass clippings, etc.) Residents may also be fined a minimum of \$100 for placing non-recyclable materials in recycle bins.

average person in Saskatchewan uses approximately 17.19 cubic meters of water a quarter. That means the average household of four may use up to 68.76 cubic meters a quarter or \$163.65

KNOW YOUR UTILITY BILL

Your City of Meadow Lake utility bill consists of 3 parts: base fees, consumption and waste collection Full Sewer Light Sewer **Utility Bill** Utility Bill **Base Fees** Base Fees \$177.70 \$157.71 Consumption Consumption + + Waste Waste Collection Collection

As of January 2023. all Citv of Meadow Lake property owners pay 3 main base fees on every utility bill:

#1 Water Infrastructure "Metered Water Basic Fee" on your bill \$91.62

#2 Sewer Infrastructure "Base Sewer Fee" on your bill \$61.08 (full) \$41.09 (light*)

#3 Infrastructure Upgrades "Infrastructure Levy" on your bill \$25.00

*Properties with a two stage septic tank sewage system connected to City sewer mains are charged a light base sewer rate.

What is Consumption?

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"Sewer Consumption" on your bill

Waste Collection

on your bill \$33.00/bin

"Garbage Fee" "Recycling Fee" on your bill \$28.20/bin

meadowlake.ca/p/utility-billing

WATER METER FAQ

Where is my water meter?

Water meters are generally found in the lowest level of your home, or underneath for mobile homes. Check your laundry or furnace room for your water meter. If you are unable to locate your water meter, please contact a plumber.

Why do I need to know where my water meter is?



There are several reasons why locating your water meter may be helpful. First,

you may be interested in how much water your household uses or you may want to confirm the consumption listed on your utility bill. The second reason may be to check for leaks. To do this, make sure no taps are running (so no water is being used) in your home, look at your meter and check if the meter is still turning. If your meter is still running, chances are you have a leak somewhere.



Isn't my water meter on the outside of my home?

In short, no. Unlike your power or gas meters, water meters cannot be kept outdoors because of our harsh winters. If they were installed outside they would likely freeze and break. However, a reader is located on the outside of your home so the City can get a read each quarter. It is helpful to locate your meter reader as well to ensure it is accessible and free of snow or debris to avoid needing to Meadow Lake Public Works Department reads over 2000 water meters every 3 submit a read from your meter inside!

SUBMITTING A METER READ



You may need to submit a water meter read if your reader is not accessible to the city during meter reads or not functioning properly, or you may need to submit more than one read if you have had a recent leak or meter replacement. Your meter reads can be submitted in person to our Utility Clerk at City Hall, via email at utilities@meadowlake.ca or on our website meadowlake.ca/p/water-reading using the QR code (left).

WATER METER MAINTANENCE

Once the snow melts and dries up, the Department of Public Works will be reaching out to mobile home owners whose water meters need maintenance or replacement. Please watch for an orange notice on your door prompting you to contact Public Works to set up an appointment.

If you are experiencing issues with your water meter please contact the Department of Public Works using the information below.

ARREARS COLLECTION

All overdue utility accounts of over 60 days, with a balance of \$50 or more, may be subject to other means of collection, including but not limited to service disconnection. Payment arrangements may be available upon request. Contact City Hall using the information below to ensure your account is in good standing and to avoid a potential water shutoff.

CITY OF MEADOW LAKE

Box 610 120 1st St. East Meadow Lake, SK S9X 1Y5

meadowlake.ca/p/contact-us

City Hall Hours

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

For billing, garbage & recycling 306-236-0201 utilities@meadowlake.ca

Public Works Hours

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

For water & sewer maintenance 306-236-6240 publicworks@meadowlake.ca