October 2023 Edition Quarter 3



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FALL CLEAN UP WEEK

November 6th to 10th, 2023

- Leaves, branches, grass, and garden refuse ONLY.
- Leaves, grass, and garden refuse must go in BAGS.
- Branches cut in short lengths and bundled or piled so they can be picked up by hand.
- Pick up is on the same usual day as garbage/recycle. **It must be ready by 7:00 a.m. that morning**
- Leave bags in the alley where possible, otherwise bring them to your curb and place them a few feet away from the bins.
- Please note that bags may be picked up first on your regular garbage day – and branches may be picked up separately, possibly as late as the following week.



NEW WATER & SEWER RATES 2024

Quarterly utility rates will increase on January 1, 2024 with the change first

Water	2023	2024
Base Charge	\$91.62	\$98.95
Consumption (per 1m ³)	\$2.38	\$2.62
Sewer		
Full—Base Charge	\$61.08	\$65.97
Light—Base Charge	\$41.09	\$57.97
Consumption (per 1m ³)	\$0.95	\$1.05
Infrastructure Levy (Base)	\$25	\$25

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CITY COMPOST & GARBAGE

As you get your yards cleaned up and ready for Winter, please ensure you dispose of your green waste properly!

Did you know that the City of Meadow Lake has a compost facility for the residents located at the end of 9th Avenue East? Materials accepted are leaves, branches, grass, & garden vegetation. No other materials are accepted at this time. Please do not leave your items in plastic bags and empty your bags into the appropriate areas.

SARCAN 703 - 3rd Ave. E, Open: Mon-Sat; 8:30-4:30 pm; Ph: 306-236-8420; www.sarcan.ca

PROTEX 19 Industrial Cres. Open: Mon-Fri; 8:00-5:00 pm; Ph: 306-236-5200; www.shkopich.ca

NW REGIONAL LANDFILL 14 miles W, on Hwy 55; Open: Mon-Sat; 9:00-4:45pm; Ph: 306-236-4315; email nw.waste@littleloon.ca

For more information on waste disposal, including composting, visit meadowlake.ca/p/garbage-andrecycling or contact City Hall at 306-236-3622.

E-BILLING

Sign up for e-billing! This helps save paper and also gets your bill to you up to a week sooner than bills sent out by regular mail. Application forms can be found by emailing utilityclerk@meadowlake.ca or on the website at meadowlake.ca/p/utility-billing.

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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).

ARREARS COLLECTION

All utility accounts over 60 days with an overdue 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 on the bottom of the second page to ensure your account is in good standing and to avoid a potential water shutoff.

2022 WATERWORKS FINANCIAL REPORT

The City is working towards a Water & Sewer system that is a self-sufficient, user pay, Utility. We expect it will take another 2 to 3 years of rate increases to get there. The 2022 annual waterworks financial report is now available on our website at *meadowlake.ca/p/water-sewer*. A summary is below.

Waterworks Revenue: \$2.7 million

Waterworks Expenditures: \$3.5 million

Debt Repayments: \$205,096

WINTER METER READS

Snow will be coming soon and that means snow removal and Quarter 4 meter reads! Remember to keep a clear path to your water meter to make it easier for our Public Works employees to get a read.

If you feel your utility bill is higher than normal, check all taps and toilets in your home to ensure there are no leaks.



INFRASTRUCTURE FEE

What's the difference between the base rate fee and the new infrastructure fee?

Infrastructure Rates are specifically to go towards infrastructure upgrades, improvements, and replacements. While the water and sewer rates are generally going towards the day-to-day operating costs of providing water and sewer service and to general repairs of lines, etc.

Why do they need to be separated out of the base rate as a specific fee of its own?

Because those funds are accounted for separately in our system financially so they need to be billed separately. The city tries to be transparent and clear with the public and the users of the system, so they can see on their bill how much of it is going towards infrastructure vs simply paying for the cost of the water/sewer service on a user-pay basis. We used to lump it all together, now we're shifting that to show the difference in why the fees are being collected and what they're for.

2022 DRINKING WATER QUALITY & COMPLIANCE REPORT

The Water Security Agency (WSA) requires that, at least once each year, waterworks owners provide notification to consumers of the quality of water produced and supplied as well as information on the performance of the waterworks in submitting samples as required by a Permit to Operate a waterworks. The 2022 report is now available on our website at *meadowlake.ca/p/water-sewer*.

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