

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL

<u>Water</u>: Water charges are based on the consumption and meter readings for a 30-day billing cycle. (Example: 15^{th} to the 15^{th})

<u>Sewer</u>: Sewer charges are based on the water's current consumption in the billing cycle.

**Water and Sewer have a base monthly rate for a reading that is up to 1,000 gallons. Base charges help recover necessary administrative and operational costs, such as billing, collection, meter reading, and maintenance.

<u>Sewer Surcharge</u>: This charge helps fund the sewer plant for the plant to meet ODEQ (Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality) federal requirements and regulations.

<u>Capital Improvement</u>: Capital Improvements are expenditures to improve infrastructure. Examples of capital improvements are the replacement of aged or broken water lines.

<u>Stormwater Fee</u>: This fee is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and assists with evaluation, treatment, and education of the stormwater system. Stormwater runoff from an urbanized area is commonly transported through Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). Urbanized areas are characterized by large amounts of surfaces such as streets, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, and roof tops. Runoff from these areas travels faster which results in damage to the water bodies and causes flooding to the receiving waters along with pollutants that can impair drinking water sources.