



# 2026 Service Charge and Septage Rates

October 30, 2025

Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District



# Service Charges Basics

- 95% of District revenue (2026 budget)
- Paid by 24 communities
- Communities pass costs on:
  - households
  - industrial users

*Billing methods vary by community*



# Service Charges Governed by Sewer Use

Requirement	Section	How Met
Rates based on costs...		
...operating budget	9.2	Enter cost #'s into rate model Model uses in calculations
...debt & capital projects budgets	9.3	
Review annually...		Today's action
...to generate sufficient revenues	9.5	Model sets rates ... to yield needed revenue ... given parameter forecasts
Use 7 named billing parameters	9.6	Rate model, billing practice
Bill communities quarterly	9.6	Billing practice

# 7 Billing Parameters

Billing Parameter
Wastewater (volume)
Carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD)
Total suspended solids (TSS)
Nitrogen (N)
Phosphorous (P)
“Equivalent” water meters (EM)
Actual customers (AC)

Broad Assessment of  
System Use

# Community Forecasts

	Low Forecast	High Forecast	Range of Forecast
City of Middleton	\$ 2,937,100	\$ 3,135,400	\$ 198,300
Town of Pleasant Springs #1	\$ 123,700	\$ 124,900	\$ 1,200
Village of Cottage Grove	\$ 1,022,300	\$ 1,238,900	\$ 216,600

*Range approach recognizes forecast uncertainty  
and helps communities plan.*

*Preliminary forecast in September.  
Final forecast after budget adoption.*

*See full table in packet.*

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# Septage Rates Basics

- 2% of District revenue (2026 budget)
- Paid by haulers



# Governed by s. 281.49, Wis. Stats. & SUO

Requirement	Section	How Met
Based on actual costs	281.49 (10)	Rates based on service charges rates, which reflect costs
	SUO 8.2.3	
Give notice 60 days before new fee	281.49 (12)	Give notice & wait 60 days to apply new fees

# 2026 Service Charges Rates

Billing Parameter	2025 Rate	2026 Rate	Change		Billing Basis
			\$	%	
Volume	\$ 1,237.33238	\$ 1,253.81168	\$ 16.47931	1.3%	per million-gallons
CBOD	\$ 0.22792	\$ 0.22809	\$ 0.00017	0.1%	per pound
Suspended Solids	\$ 0.39198	\$ 0.42111	\$ 0.02913	7.4%	per pound
Nitrogen	\$ 0.62602	\$ 0.62941	\$ 0.00338	0.5%	per pound
Phosphorus	\$ 6.75727	\$ 7.23620	\$ 0.47893	7.1%	per pound
Equivalent Meters	\$ 52.54381	\$ 58.38857	\$ 5.84476	11.1%	per meter
Actual Customers	\$ 46.77471	\$ 43.97260	\$ (2.80211)	-6.0%	per customer



# 2026 Septage Rates

			Increase		
	2025 Rate	2026 Rate	\$	%	Billing Basis
Septic Tank Wastes	\$46.42	\$49.24	\$2.81	6.1%	per 1,000 gallons
Holding Tank Wastes	\$7.93	\$8.52	\$0.59	7.5%	per 1,000 gallons
Grease Trap Wastes	\$113.54	\$120.72	\$7.18	6.3%	per 1,000 gallons
Settling Basin Wastes	\$286.90	\$307.98	\$21.07	7.3%	per 1,000 gallons
Portable Toilet Wastes	\$127.09	\$134.29	\$7.20	5.7%	per 1,000 gallons
Administrative Fee	\$47.68	\$51.32	\$3.64	7.6%	per month per user



# Approve Rates

Resolution 2025-10-30-R6

to adopt 2026 service charge and septage rates

