



Public Notice

Notice of Change of Sewer Rate Structure for the Village of Bradley

April 2018

Dear Resident/Customer,

The Village of Bradley has recently approved a new 5-year sewer rate structure. This decision was made to provide proper funding for current and ongoing maintenance of our community's 85 miles of aging sewers. Some of the sewer infrastructure networks are 75 to 100 years old requiring immediate repair.

The Village commissioned a comprehensive sewer study which exposed areas requiring new infrastructure and other necessary quality improvements. Sewer system enhancements directly contribute to the overall functionality of our system and its reliability to our residents.

The Village of Bradley sewer study and examples of the current and future repairs can be found on our Village website at:

<http://il-bradley.civicplus.com>

The new sewer rate structure goes into effect May 2018 and is the first base rate increase since 2012.

Over the next year, the Capital Maintenance and Replacement Fee is \$13.00 per month, and Variable Usage Fee is \$5.15 per 100 cubic feet of water used. The new rate structure equates to less than a penny per gallon while ensuring the costs of operating the sewer system is appropriately funded. Although the sewer's critical infrastructure is primarily concealed underground, the rates paid to work and maintain the system directly benefit residents and the community of Bradley every day.

Please review the reverse side of this notification as it relays essential information outlining the new 5-year Sewer Rate Structure.

Customer service and attention to our residents are the highest priority for the Village of Bradley. Our team is here to assist you and answer any questions you have. Please relay any inquiries to:

815-933-7012

sewer@bradleyil.org

Respectfully,

Catherine Wojnarowski
Administrator
Village of Bradley

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The Village of Bradley understands that every penny counts for our customers. We work diligently to provide superior services while keeping the financial impact minimal. The Village commissioned a comprehensive sewer study which exposed areas requiring new infrastructure and other necessary quality improvements. The study consisted of developing new detailed user rates for the current year as well as long-range projections for future years.

With the new rate structure, we anticipate that 60% of our customers will see an impact of less than \$20 and 90% of our customers will see less than \$25. This essential funding will ensure the operation and crucial ongoing maintenance of our sewer system into the future. As a result of the study, the below 5-year rate structure has been approved:

Village of Bradley 5-Year Rate Structure					
	May 2018 - April 2019	May 2019 - April 2020	May 2020 - April 2021	May 2021 - April 2022	May 2022 - April 2023
Variable Usage Fee	\$ 5.15	\$ 5.30	\$ 5.46	\$ 5.63	\$ 5.80
Capital Maint. and Rep. Fee	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.39	\$ 13.79	\$ 14.21	\$ 14.63

Variable Usage Fee – Set annually based on the volume of water used during the calendar months of November through April. For less than a penny per gallon, the costs of operating our sewer system are covered by this fee. For the fiscal year 2019 (May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019), the Variable Usage Fee is \$5.15 per 100 cubic feet of water used.

Capital Maintenance and Replacement Fee – Flat monthly fee for ongoing maintenance of the extensive and aging network of sewers. Our system has over 85 miles of aging sewer, some dating back 75 to 100 years. For the fiscal year, 2019 (May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019) the Capital Maintenance and Replacement Fee are \$13.00 per month.

Comparison of User Rates to Other Municipalities				
	Fixed Monthly Charge	Rate per 100 cubic feet	Average Monthly Bill *	
City of Kankakee	\$ 27.50	\$ 4.40	\$ 49.50	
Village of Manteno	\$ 11.00	\$ 6.66	\$ 44.30	
Village of Bradley	\$ 13.00	\$ 5.15	\$ 38.75	
Village of Bourbonnais	\$ 34.25	\$ -	\$ 34.25	

* Based on 500 cubic feet usage per month
 ** Actual amount billed may vary based on factors including but not limited to past and current water volume usage