



NEW WATER RATES BEGIN MARCH 2026

New water rates will take effect with the March 31, 2026, billing statement. These rates reflect our commitment to maintaining and upgrading our water system, ensuring that all customers receive high-quality water and reliable fire protection services.

The average residential customer, using approximately 500 cubic feet of water per month, will see an increase of roughly \$2.95 per month. This adjustment is necessary to support the ongoing upgrades and maintenance required for our water system. While this may seem like a minor increase, it funds significant infrastructure improvements that deliver clean, safe water to your home and business. For nonresidential customers, the new rates will vary depending on water usage and the size of the installed water meter.

PLANNED SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

AMU will replace aging water main infrastructure along Hwy. 169/Phillips Street from Irvington Road to the Kossuth Regional Health Center campus; on Hall Street from Overmeyer Street to Keith Street; and on Smith Street from College Street south for approximately 300 feet. These vital upgrades will ensure the continued delivery of clean, safe drinking water to residents and businesses in these areas.

A new backwash detention pond was constructed on AMU land along North Ridgley Street in 2025. This project provides natural filtration of backwash water, reducing flows to the City of Algona Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Installing the backwash detention ponds will lower the Water Utility's operating costs after the project is paid for. The ponds also help the environment by reducing the amount of wastewater the system must handle, which saves money. The project is expected to pay for itself in approximately 4 years, making it a smart, long-term investment for a more sustainable, cost-efficient water utility system.

These planned improvements reflect AMU's commitment to maintaining a robust water infrastructure while prioritizing environmental responsibility and fiscal prudence. These upgrades will not only enhance service reliability but also contribute to long-term operational savings and environmental benefits.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER BILL

- **Water Usage Charge:** This charge reflects the costs of owning and operating the water system, which vary with the quantity of water produced.
- **Customer Service Charge:** This charge is based on the size of the water meter(s) at the customer location. The Customer Service Charge reflects costs associated with serving customers, regardless of how much water is used.
- **Infrastructure Reinvestment Fee (IRF):** The IRF funds new infrastructure or the replacement or renewal of old infrastructure nearing the end of its useful life. There remains a significant number of unmet needs for water infrastructure improvements. These improvements are important to maintain the reliability of our water system.

WATER EFFICIENCY

For information on how to be more water-efficient, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense website at www.epa.gov/watersense.

**Contact Algona Municipal Utilities to learn more at 515-295-3584
or www.netamu.com**

New Water Rates—Effective with Water Billed on March 31, 2026

WATER USAGE CHARGE		
For all cubic feet	\$ 4.10	Per 100 cubic feet
WATER METER SIZE	CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE PER MONTH	WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REINVESTMENT FEE PER MONTH
5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter	\$ 20.35	\$ 6.15
1-inch meter	\$ 43.30	\$ 13.10
1 ¼-inch meter	\$ 50.10	\$ 15.15
1 ½-inch meter	\$ 57.60	\$ 17.40
2-inch meter	\$ 86.70	\$ 26.20
3-inch meter	\$ 144.30	\$ 43.60
4-inch meter	\$ 275.90	\$ 83.40
6-inch meter	\$ 989.00	\$ 289.90
WATER TAPPING FEES:		
1" to 8" Service Line		\$150 Plus Actual Costs
BULK WATER SALES:		
For 1,000 Gallons		\$ 15.00
PRIVATE FIRE CONNECTION ANNUAL SURCHARGE:		
Private fire connection surcharges are fixed fees charged to customers with dedicated, unmetered fire service lines (e.g., sprinkler mains, private hydrants, standpipes) connected to the water system. They recover the utility's cost of providing capacity for fire flows to that specific private connection and are based on the service line size.		
4" Service Connection		\$ 805.00/year or \$67.00/month
6" Service Connection		\$ 1,610.00/year or \$134.00/month
8" Service Connection		\$ 3,215.00/year or \$268.00/month
10" Service Connection		\$ 4,825.00/year or \$402.00/month
12" Service Connection		\$ 6,430/year or \$536.00/month
PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION:		
Public fire protection charges are fixed fees charged to the City of Algona that recover the costs of providing water system capacity for firefighting. These charges ensure sufficient water volume, pressure, mains, pumps, storage, and hydrants are available system-wide for fire emergencies.		
Per month/hydrant		\$ 33.50
HYDRANT METER DEPOSIT:		
3" Hydrant Meter with Backflow Preventer		\$ 3,500.00 per use