

It can be confusing trying to understand your water/sewer bill. To help with clarification, we have listed the breakdown of how a bill is generated and what the charges are based upon.

The City of Binghamton bills in “Units of cubic feet” a cubic foot equals 7.48 gallons of water.

Since the City bills in **one hundred cubic foot increments** (or 748 gallons), one unit equals 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons.

If your bill is 21 units, it would break down as follows:

1. The first ten units of water are charged at a fee of \$35.00. To determine the remainder, take the 21 units minus 10 and that leaves 11 units.
2. Take those 11 units and multiply them by \$3.30—that would give you an amount of \$38.30.
3. Now add the two amounts \$35.00 and \$38.30 for a total water charge of \$73.30.
4. There is meter size-based Water Capitalization Fee of \$17.00 (for most residential homes), this must be added to the water charge total equaling \$90.30.

The sewer side of the bill breaks down as follows:

1. The first five units are charged at a fee of \$17.00. To determine the remainder, take the 21 units minus the first 5 units and that leaves 16 units.
2. Take those 16 units and multiply them by \$7.40 – that would give you an amount of \$98.40.
3. Now add the two amounts \$17.00 and \$98.40 for a total sewer charge of \$115.40.

4. There is meter size-based Sewer Capitalization Fee of \$20.00 (for most residential homes), this must be added to the sewer charge total equaling \$135.40.

You now need to add the total water calculations with the total sewer side calculations for the full billing charge:

1. \$90.30 for water plus \$135.40 for sewer equals a grand total of \$225.70 for a four-month cycle.