



Sussex County Delaware

Western Sussex Sanitary Sewer Area Fact Sheet

Town of Greenwood

Important Phone Numbers

Sussex County Government
302-855-7700

Billing Services
302-855-7871

Assistance Programs
302-855-7871

24 Hour Emergency Service
302-855-7379

Fees

Annual Service Charge \$296.00*
Billed quarterly at \$74.00 per EDU

Annual Assessment Charge \$285.00*
Billed annually at \$285.00 per EDU

Connection Fee \$6,600.00*

* Proposed Rates Effective July 1, 2021

Please visit our website for additional information

www.sussexcountyde.gov

Sussex County Government
2 The Circle
P.O. Box 589
Georgetown, DE 19947



Quarterly Service Billing Schedule		
Bill Date	Billing Period	Due Date
2/1	January 1 – March 31	3/31
5/1	April 1 – June 30	6/30
*8/1	July 1 – Sept 30	9/30
11/1	Oct 1 – Dec 31	12/31
<i>*First Sussex County billing</i>		

*Annual Assessment Billing Schedule		
Bill Date	Billing Period	Due Date
*7/1	July 1 – June 30	9/30
<i>*Billed as part of annual property tax bill</i>		

Frequently Asked Questions

How much will my quarterly bill be?

Currently sewer service is billed quarterly at \$74.00 per quarter per EDU. This rate is subject to change annually on July 1 as part of the budget process.

Will my property taxes increase?

Currently the annual assessment charge is \$285.00 per EDU. This is billed annually on your property tax bill.

What is my total annual cost?

The current proposed annual cost is \$581.00 per year per EDU.

What is an EDU?

An EDU is an Equivalent Dwelling Unit and assumes 250 gallons of use per day.

The below table describes the types of EDU's.

Description	EDU
Single Family Home	1
Efficiency, 1 bedroom Apartment, Condo or Cottage	.75
Motel Room	1/3
Retail Space	1 EDU per 3,000 sq feet
Office Space	1 EDU per 1,000 sq feet
Restaurants	1 EDU per 50 seats and number of fixture units divided by 6

How is my quarterly bill calculated?

The bill is calculated by multiplying the current rate by the number of EDU's and dividing it by 4.

In the example of a single-family home the following calculation is used:

$$\text{EDU} = 1.0 \times \text{Rate of } \$296.00 = \$296.00/4 = \$74.00$$

Are there any financial assistance programs?

Sussex County offers service, assessment and connection assistance to qualified owners and residents. Please visit our website or contact us by phone for information and program parameters.

What is an Annual Service Charge?

The amount of the Annual Service charge is based on EDUs. This annual EDU charge is divided by four and billed quarterly. The Annual Service Charge primarily funds the operations and maintenance of the sewer district. This fee begins when the property connects to the sewer or when the connection deadline has passed. Only owners of properties with a home or other improvement will pay this fee. This fee is set annually during our budgeting process and is subject to change.

What is an Annual Assessment Charge?

The Annual Assessment Charge for this area is based on the EDU Assessment of your property. This charge is billed on your annual property tax bill. The Annual Assessment Charge primarily pays the debt incurred from the construction of the pipelines, pump stations, and other facilities in the sewer district. It can also be used for major equipment replacements. It is assessed against all properties except those that qualify for exemption. Churches and firehouses are examples of properties that could be exempt.

What is a System Connection Charge?

A System Connection Charge is sometimes called an impact fee. It is used to pay for the growth required in the treatment plant and the large regional pipelines as new users are connected to the system. It is paid prior to connection to the sewer or prior to a building permit being issued for an improvement on the property. The fee due for any new construction will be the rate in effect at the time the building permit is obtained. It is a one-time fee only. The exception would be if the usage of the property changed and the EDU assessment increased. Over the years there will most likely be small increases in this fee since it is dependent upon the cost of materials and supplies.