

Sanitary Sewer Treatment Charges

Sewer treatment charges are in addition to Water, Sewer, and Storm charges appearing on the Village utility bill. These charges are for treatment and disposal of the sewerage wastes (also known as water reclamation).

Cook County - Sewerage Treatment

The portion of the Village of Tinley Park located within Cook County receives water reclamation (sanitary sewer treatment and disposal) services through the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD). The District charges for these services through a property tax against all property within its District boundaries which includes most of Cook County.

The amount of the property tax for sewer treatment is based on the value of the property.

Will County - Sewerage Treatment

The Village of Tinley Park has three contracts to provide for sewer treatment services within Will County. These contracts are more cost effective than for the Village to construct, operate and maintain its own sewerage treatment and disposal facilities for the Will County portion of the community. Additionally, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has identified Facilities Planning Areas (FPA) related to the planning and provision of sewerage treatment services. These FPAs identify the government or business that is responsible for providing sewer treatment to any property located within those boundaries.

The Will County portion of Tinley Park falls within three separate Facilities Planning Areas as detailed below. The Village of Tinley Park passes through the appropriate sewerage treatment charges on the quarterly utility bills based on which agency is providing the sewer treatment services.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD)

In 1978, the Village of Tinley Park entered into a service agreement with the MWRD to provide water reclamation (sanitary sewer treatment and disposal) services to a portion of Will County that was within the corporate limits, or planning area, of the Village but was outside of the corporate boundaries of the MWRD.

The fee for these services is calculated on a basis like the property tax the MWRD receives within its District boundaries assessed on all properties within the service area that are incorporated into the Village but includes a premium factor for providing service outside the MWRD corporate boundaries. These annual service fees are then passed on to the individual properties as part of their Tinley Park utility billings.

This service area includes the land south of the Will County border (183rd Street) and north of Interstate 80 between Harlem Avenue and LaGrange Road; plus the lands between Interstate 80 and 191st Street, and between Harlem and 80th Avenues.

Some of the major developments in this area include: Brookside Marketplace, Panduit headquarters, Speedway, North Creek Business Park, Mars/Mercury Business Parks, Tinley Crossings, Timbers Pointe, and Tinley Gardens.

The treatment rate changes on an annual basis computed as follows:

Property Equalized Assessed Value x MWRD Cook Co tax rate x 140%

The MWRD Cook Co tax rates (per \$100 of EAV) for the past five years are:

Tax year 2023 (sewer service year 2024) \$0.345
Tax year 2022 (sewer service year 2023) \$0.374
Tax year 2021 (sewer service year 2022) \$0.382
Tax year 2020 (sewer service year 2021) \$0.378
Tax year 2019 (sewer service year 2020) \$0.389
Tax year 2018 (sewer service year 2019) \$0.396
Tax year 2017 (sewer service year 2018) \$0.402

The total annual charge is computed each year after the Cook County second installment tax bills have been released, which normally should occur in approximately August. The Village pays the total amount due directly to the MWRD.

The Village then prepares the calculations to be reimbursed for the sewer treatment fees from each individual property. The total for each property is then divided by 4 and included in the next four quarterly utility bills starting with the November bill. If the Cook County second installment tax bills are delayed, the prior service year fees will continue to be billed until the new year's information becomes available. Where a delay has occurred in the issuance of the Cook County tax bills, the next billing cycle after the new sewer fee information is available will include an adjustment to "catch up" to the current service year fees that should have been billed where the prior service year fee had continued to be used for prior billing cycles.

Illinois American Water (IAW)

A portion of the Village of Tinley Park located in Will County receives sanitary sewer treatment and disposal services under a 1994 bulk wastewater treatment service agreement with Illinois American Water (formerly known as Citizen's Utilities). The IAW rates under this agreement are approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC).

The fee structure is currently calculated with a flat monthly fee, plus a rate based on water consumption. The Village's utility customers within this service area are charged for these services as part of the utility billings.

This service area includes Brookside Glen (west of the Commonwealth Edison right of way), Fairfield Glen, and Brookside Meadows.

Rate schedule:

January 1, 2025

\$114.20 base fee only per bi-monthly period – consumption not billed

January 1, 2024

\$124.20 base fee per bi-monthly period, plus \$5.90 per 1,000 gallons used after the first 2,000 gallons per bi-monthly period

January 1, 2023

\$186.30 base fee per quarter, plus \$5.90 per 1,000 gallons used after the first 3,000 quarterly

January 1, 2017

\$129.60 base fee per quarter, plus \$4.109 per 1,000 gallons used after the first 3,000 quarterly

October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016

\$89.82 base fee per quarter, plus \$3.70535 per 1,000 gallons used after the first 3,000 quarterly

April 23, 2010 through September 30, 2012

\$58.50 base fee per quarter, plus \$4.48325 per 1,000 gallons used after the first 3,000 quarterly

Village of Frankfort (Frankfort)

Under a 1996 wastewater treatment service agreement, the Village of Frankfort (Frankfort) provides sanitary sewer treatment and disposal services to a portion of the Village of Tinley Park located within Will County.

Frankfort receives a fee, based on water consumption, which is included as part of the utility bills to these property owners. The Village's utility customers within this service area are charged for these services as part of the quarterly utility billings.

This service area includes Brookside Glen (east of the Commonwealth Edison right of way), Brookside Glen South, and Tinley Trails.

Rate schedule (per 1,000 gallons):

May 1, 2025	\$11.01
May 1, 2024	\$10.65
May 1, 2023	\$10.14
May 1, 2022	\$9.66
May 1, 2021	\$9.53
May 1, 2020	\$9.13
May 1, 2019	\$8.78