

New Commercial Account Information

The City of Gardner provides water, sewer, and electric service for most residents and businesses in Gardner. To obtain assistance with billing, hook-ups, disconnections or other utility questions, contact Customer Service at (913) 856-7535 or [email](#).

Commercial Deposit and Service Fees

A deposit equivalent to two months' average bill will be required for all new commercial accounts or any old commercial account that has been delinquent within the preceding two years, as provided by K.S.A. 12-822. The City Administrator may waive the deposit requirement. The deposit requirement for new accounts will be estimated by a representative of the City and be subject to an equitable adjustment after six months of billing. At least one-third of the deposit must be paid at time of applying for utility service with the remainder being paid in the first two billing cycles. Commercial users who have paid their utility bills for a period of at least one year and have not had delinquent utility bills or problems can be eligible for consideration of return of meter deposits with the City. Refunds shall be issued the billing cycle following completion of the one-year requirement. The amount of deposit refund shall be reflected as a credit on the next applicable billing cycle. If a customer is disconnected for nonpayment and does not have a deposit with the City, a deposit will be required before reconnection of service.

The service fee is a connection charge of \$10.00 per service or \$15.00 for both water and electric. Transfer customers will also be subject to the same connection fee

Billing Cycles--Mail Dates

Depending on where you live in town, your utility bill will be mailed on either the 7th, 17th, & 27th of each month for the previous month's service.

Payment of Bills

All payments for utility services are due within twenty days of the billing date. The bill must be paid in full by this date to avoid a 10% penalty. Failure to make payment within 7 days of this date will result in discontinued service. Utility bills are payable by mail, drop box, [online](#) or in person at City Hall. Payment may be made by cash, check, money order, visa or mastercard.

Drop boxes for utility payments are located at the following locations:

- Conestoga Mobile Home Park - 1199 East Santa Fe (near Clubhouse)
- Consentino's Price Chopper - 830 E. Main Street (inside by Customer Service desk)
- Central Bank of the Midwest - 109 E. Main Street (located next to ATM)
- City Hall - 120 E. Main Street (located on the east side of the building)
- Gardner Municipal Airport

Temporary Disconnections

Customers requesting that service be temporarily disconnected will be charged a disconnect fee of \$10.00 per service or \$15.00 for both services. Payment of a regular connection fee will also be required when service is reconnected.

WATER RATES

All persons, firms or corporations having a connection with the City of Gardner water system shall be charged a monthly water service charge for each meter by which they are served and a water usage charge in accordance with the following rates. When multiple persons, firms or corporations are served by one water meter, a monthly water service charge shall be billed for each residential dwelling unit.

Effective February 1, 2024

A. Non Residential Water Users Inside Corporate Limits and Exchange

1. Monthly service charge
 - a. 5/8" Meter \$ 16.15
 - b. 1" Meter \$ 20.22
 - c. 1 1/2" Meter \$ 30.63
 - d. 2" Meter \$ 56.80
 - e. 3" Meter \$ 99.42
 - f. 4" Meter \$173.99
2. First 6,000 Gallons \$ 7.19 Per 1,000 Gallons
3. 6,001 to 10,000 Gallons \$ 7.90 Per 1,000 Gallons
4. 10,001 to 14,000 Gallons \$ 8.24 Per 1,000 Gallons
5. 14,001 to 18,000 Gallons \$ 8.65 Per 1,000 Gallons
6. 18,001 or more Gallons \$ 9.03 Per 1,000 Gallons

B. Non Residential Water Users Outside Corporate Limits

1. Monthly service charge.
 - a. 5/8" Meter \$ 29.02
 - b. 1" Meter \$ 29.02
 - c. 1 1/2" Meter \$ 30.63
 - d. 2" Meter \$ 56.80
 - e. 3" Meter \$ 99.42
 - f. 4" Meter \$173.99
2. First 6,000 Gallons \$ 9.38 Per 1,000 Gallons
3. 6,001 to 10,000 Gallons \$ 10.31 Per 1,000 Gallons
4. 10,001 to 14,000 Gallons \$ 10.78 Per 1,000 Gallons
5. 14,001 to 18,000 Gallons \$ 11.26 Per 1,000 Gallons
6. 18,001 or more Gallons \$ 11.76 Per 1,000 Gallons

C. 3" Hydrant Meters

1. Monthly Service Charge \$ 99.42
2. Rate Per 1000 Gallons \$ 8.87
3. A deposit of \$500.00 is required to obtain a hydrant meter. The deposit will be refunded after the hydrant meter is returned in good condition to the City of Gardner and all charges are paid in full.

D. Nothing in this Article shall preclude the City of Gardner from entering into contractual agreements with customers for the sale of wholesale water. The City of Gardner shall determine the rates to be charged for wholesale water on a case by case basis.

E. Coin Operated Bulk Water Sales

1. Rate Per 1,000 Gallons \$ 7.75

WASTEWATER CHARGES

All persons, firms or corporations having a connection with the City of Gardner wastewater system shall pay monthly wastewater charges consisting of a wastewater service charge, a wastewater usage charge and an extra strength surcharge as provided herein. When multiple persons, firms or corporations are served by one water meter, a monthly wastewater service charge shall be billed for each residential dwelling unit.

Effective February 1, 2024

A. Non-Residential Wastewater Users

1. A monthly service charge of \$14.91
2. A monthly wastewater usage charge of \$9.53 per one thousand (1,000) gallons. Monthly wastewater usage charges will be based on actual metered water usage.

B. Small Commercial Wastewater Only Users

1. A monthly flat rate of \$91.19 per unit

This rate class will include, but are not limited to auto sales, auto supply stores, auto mechanics, banks, chiropractic offices, coffee shops, dentist offices, equipment sales, fitness centers, insurance offices, optometrist offices, pharmacies, salons, spas, storage facilities, other office buildings not specifically assigned to another rate class, and retail space identified by staff as small retail space based on similar business type.

C. Medium Commercial Wastewater Only Users

1. A monthly flat rate of \$558.37 per unit

This rate class will include, but not limited to bar and grills, churches, daycare centers, event centers, gas stations, laundromats, restaurants, veterinary clinics, and retail space identified by staff as a medium retail space based on similar business type.

D. Large Commercial Wastewater Only Users

1. A monthly flat rate of \$1,244.84 per unit

This rate class will include, but are not limited to carwashes, grocery stores, hotels, medical facilities, motels, multi-unit commercial property companies, and retail space identified by staff as a large retail space based on similar business types.

E. Those customers discharging sewage the strength of which is in excess of normal domestic sewage, will be billed a surcharge in addition to the normal charges. The surcharge shall be as follows:

- \$ 0.81 per pound B.O.D.
- 0\$ 0.76 per pound S.S.

F. Any customer who discharges any pollutants which cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent or the sludge from the City's treatment works, or any customer who discharges any substance which singly or by interaction with other substances causes identifiable increases in the cost of operation, maintenance, or replacement of the treatment works, shall pay for such increased costs. The charge to each such customer shall be as determined by the City of Gardner.

ELECTRIC RATES

All customers of electrical current supplied by the electric distribution system of the City shall pay for this service in accordance with one of the following rates:

Commercial Rates.

Effective January 1, 2023

1. Classification Determination.

Commercial customers will be classified as either Small, Medium or Large Commercial Customers. Classification for new commercial customers (customers with less than 12 months historical usage data) shall be determined by the City of Gardner Utility staff based upon historical electric usage at the property/meter or based upon the size of the electrical service or when the property/meter has no historical data or the service supplied to the property/meter has been altered. Classification for accounts with at least 12 months historical usage data shall be determined on an on-going basis by averaging the account's electricity usage over the 12 months preceding the applicable billing cycle.

Commercial Classifications.

A. Commercial Customer Defined.

A Commercial Customer is a customer whose principle use of the property associated with the account is committed to a use other than a residential, City or USD 231 use. Generally a Commercial property use for purposes of determination of the applicable utility rate charge includes retail, assembly, residential care, food and beverage, health care, lodging, personal storage, service, recreation, entertainment, office, employment, civic, manufacturing, freight and distribution, communications, natural resource extraction, utility and other uses commonly considered as commercial or industrial in nature.

B. Commercial Demand Charge.

All Commercial Customers will be billed a demand charge based on the highest demand indicated during any 15-30 minute interval during the billing period.

C. Small Commercial.

- i. The Small Commercial rate shall apply to Commercial Customers whose peak kW demand is less than or equal to 25 kW each month.
- ii. Rate.
 - 1). Service charge: \$10.00;
 - 2). \$ 5.00 per kilowatt hour of billing demand; and
 - 3). 3). Energy charge: \$0.0786 per kilowatt hour.

D. Medium Commercial.

- iii. The Medium Commercial rate shall apply to Commercial Customers whose peak kW demand is in excess of 25 kW but less equal to or less than 200 kW each month.
- iv. Rate.
 - 1). Service charge: \$20.00;
 - 2). \$ 9.75 per kilowatt hour of billing demand; and
 - 3). Energy charge: \$0.0645 per kilowatt hour.

E. Large Commercial.

- v. The Large Commercial rate shall apply to Commercial Customers whose peak kW demand is in excess of 200 kW each month.
- vi. Rate.
 - 1). Service charge: \$35.00;
 - 2). \$ 14.50 per kilowatt hour of billing demand; and 3).
 - Energy charge: \$0.0540 per kilowatt hour.

Determination of demand.

The electric demand of a customer shall be measured in kilowatts (kW). The demand shall be determined by demand instruments or, at the City's option, by demand tests and shall be the highest demand indicated during any 15- to 30-minute interval during the billing period.

Estimation of bills.

In case any meter shall stop or for any reason fail to register or upon failure to read the meter, then the City of Gardner may estimate the monthly bill for electric to based on the average quantity consumed during the preceding 12 months.

Power cost adjustment.

Electric Charges for all classes of customers shall be increased or decreased each billing period by the amount of a power cost adjustment. The power cost adjustment shall be calculated by dividing the sum of City' s net cost of purchasing wholesale power and for the cost of fuel used to produce electric power for the past 12 billing periods by the City's total retail power sales for the past 12 billing periods. The base total power cost rate per kilowatt-hour shall be subtracted from this quotient to determine the power cost adjustment per kilowatt-hour. When a new base rate is calculated, the old rate will be adjusted in equal increments over a 12- month period until it equals the new rate. The Utility Advisory Commission shall make a recommendation to the Governing Body to set the base rate at an amount less than or equal to the calculated factor.

As of March 1, 2023 the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) is hereby suspended until further notice.

Yard lights fee.

The fee for yard lights owned and maintained by the City utilized for private purposes shall be as follows: \$13.65 per billing period for each 250 watt fixture.

Pole attachment charges.

The **City** will charge for the use of Gardner electric poles as follows:

- A. For each attachment to a utility pole, the annual fee will be \$17.95, payable quarterly. The number of attachments to be charged will be based on the total number of attachments as of January 1st of each year beginning January 1st, 2010.
- B. Permission to attach and the method of attachment are at the discretion of the Governing Body.
- C. Unified School District No. 231, the City of Gardner, and Kansas City Power and Light will not be charged.

Renewable energy resource rate.

An owner or operator of a qualified electric energy generation unit which is powered by a renewable generator as defined by Kansas State Statute K.S.A. 66-1,184 (2009) and has an electric generating capacity of not more than the following wattage schedule may apply for parallel generation services with the City of Gardner:

- A. Residential customer – 25 kilowatts or less.
- B. Commercial customer – 200 kilowatts or less.

If all technical requirements are met, including demonstrated compliance with K.S.A. 66-1,184, the Application for Interconnection is accepted by the Utility Director and an Interconnection Agreement is approved by the Governing Body, the Customer-generator shall be allowed to interconnect to the City's electric system. The Customer-generator shall be fairly and equitably compensated for energy supplied to the City. The City shall measure the Customer-generator produced electricity fed to the grid and provide compensation to the Customer-generator on a monthly basis. For commercial customer generators, such compensation shall be recalculated and updated on April 1st of each year at the rate of 100% of the electric utility's monthly system average cost of energy per kilowatt hour except that in the case of renewable generators with a capacity of 200 kilowatts or less, such compensation shall be not less than 150% of the electric utility's monthly system average cost of energy per kilowatt hour. As provided for within the Interconnection Agreement, the electric utility may credit such compensation to the customer's account or pay such compensation to the customer at least annually or when the total compensation due equals \$25 or more.