

## Homeowners' costs

**April 2022** 

As a homeowner, you are responsible for three different types of costs: 1) your share of the public infrastructure cost, 2) the costs to prepare your property and connect, and 3) ongoing costs.

Some of these costs will vary, depending on the work required on your property and the amount of wastewater your household generates. Please use this fact sheet as a guide. An approved contractor can help you fine-tune the requirements for your property.

For more information, please visit rmofstandrews.com or call 738-2264 ext. 138.

## Local improvement fee

Type of cost	Amount	When due	Important facts
Your share of the cost for the public wastewater conveyance system	\$7,264.37, paid in annual installments of \$504 over 20 years <sup>1</sup>	With annual property tax payments, beginning in 2021 <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Please note that there is no option for early pay-down of the balance.</li> <li>This fee includes your water meter and a standard installation on your property.</li> </ul>

## Costs to prepare your property and connect

Type of cost	Amount	When due	Important facts
Work on your property, including your service line to the curbstop	Variable; average cost is about \$6,300 <sup>2</sup>	When you have the work done <sup>3</sup>	<ul> <li>Your costs can be higher or lower, depending on several factors, including:         <ul> <li>The condition and suitability of your existing tank and pump</li> </ul> </li> <li>Whether underground services will make the work more complex</li> <li>Whether hydro vacuuming will be required for the utility line location</li> <li>The type of connection to the house</li> </ul>
City of Winnipeg connection fee	\$3,000 (if connecting in 2022)	Before you connect <sup>3</sup>	<ul> <li>This is the cost for households hooking up in the second year of operation. The fee will increase in later years.</li> <li>You will pay this fee to the RM and the RM will then transfer it to the City of Winnipeg.</li> </ul>

## **Ongoing costs**

Type of cost	Amount	When due	Important facts
Wastewater billings	About \$200- \$250/quarter for a 2-3 person household <sup>4</sup>	Quarterly	<ul> <li>Once you've hooked up, you'll pay a utility fee based on usage. Your bill will include your share of ongoing operation and maintenance costs, and an administration fee charged by the City of Winnipeg.</li> <li>There will be a minimum fee for a set amount of wastewater generated by your household every quarter. Beyond that, a \$/cubic meter fee will be charged.</li> </ul>
Pump-out of solids	Variable	As done	You will continue to be responsible for arranging and paying for pump-out of solids from your tank.

<sup>1</sup> This fee could have been paid in one lump sum until April 28, 2021. If you didn't prepay, the \$504 annual payment will be added to your tax bill.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates based on information from contractors and installations to date.

<sup>3</sup> Under provincial regulations, households in the service area must hook-up to the new system within ten years of when the system begins operating. The system was in full operation on August 27, 2021.

<sup>4</sup> Rates will be set annually by the Public Utilities Board.