

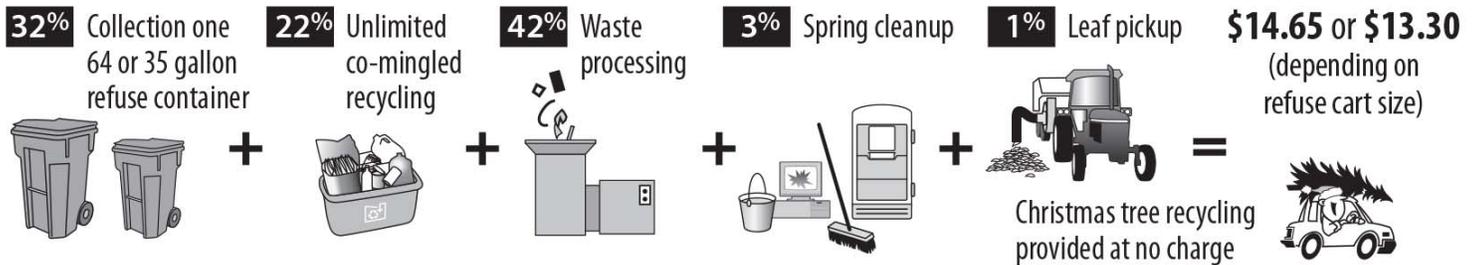
Quality service at a reasonable cost

About your Mankato residential utility bill

Services and how fees are used

Monthly rate

Curbside recycling and refuse pickup — The city of Mankato works to keep rates affordable year after year. Did you know that more than 85 percent of the refuse collected by the city of Mankato is recycled and processed for reuse, and that less than 15 percent is placed in landfills?



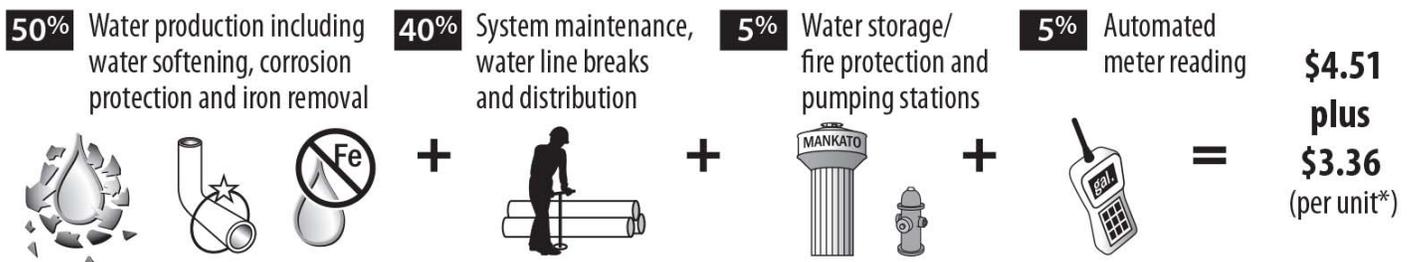
Wastewater — Mankato is a state leader in meeting wastewater quality standards. Mankato's water reclamation facility provides advanced wastewater treatment. The city's partnership with Mankato Energy Center to use recycled wastewater protects our ground water resource. The effort results in an extremely low phosphorous discharge into the Minnesota River. Citizens will realize a savings of at least \$10 million for this first of its kind agreement in Minnesota.



Storm water — Storm water utility fees finance environmental solutions related to storm water for soil preservation and protection of rivers and lakes and to meet federal and state environmental mandates.



Water — Mankato's water exceeds all federal and state water quality standards. Surface water makes up 65 percent of the supply, thereby conserving water resources of the deep well aquifers. Since hard water contains minerals such as calcium and magnesium, the city of Mankato softens the water to lessen the effects of these minerals. Benefits of water softening for Mankato water-users: uses less detergent, so buy less and save money; more energy efficient water heating; water-using appliances work better and last longer. Showers, faucets and plumbing fixtures need to be replaced less often; feels noticeably smoother to the skin.



Street lights — Street and signal lights are provided for pedestrian and vehicle safety.



*Note: 1 unit = 100 cubic feet = 750 gallons