# CITY OF HURON 417 MAIN STREET

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#### **WATER SERVICE:**

The City provides and bills for water service. Effective Jan 1, 2024, the amount of the bill is based on a flat availability charge (54.72 for standard size water meter) plus a usage charge of \$2.87 per 100 cubic feet of water used. The water service is billed quarterly (Jan, Apr, July, & Oct), and is printed on yellow paper.

#### **STORM WATER MANGEMENT FEE:**

Per the EPA we are required to collect a storm water fee for all households and businesses. The following fees will be charged quarterly for all water accounts: \$5.00 for single family, \$7.00 for multifamily and \$10.00 for all commercial/industrial accounts.

# **GARBAGE, RECYCLING & YARDWASTE:**

## YOUR GARBAGE FEE WILL NO LONGER BE ON YOUR WATER BILL

Effective January 1, 2024, the City will be charging a total of \$297.84 for the garbage fee on your property tax bill (\$148.92 per half) in 2024. The City plans to include the garbage fee on the property tax bill going forward, which will align with Republic Services' contracted rates. Additional notices on this change will be included with the next quarterly bill and the City's Facebook page. Please contact the City Finance Department with any questions at finance@huronohio.us.

# Things to be aware of as the garbage fee moves to your property tax bill:

- Your quarterly water bill will not include a garbage fee beginning with the December 2023 water bill.
- You will notice a garbage assessment, like street lighting, on each property tax bill beginning with the first tax bill in 2024.
- If you have an escrow account with your home mortgage, your bank will make an adjustment to your monthly mortgage payment, typically occurs once a year, to add the garbage fee to your payment. The increase will be just under \$25 a month in 2024. Escrows typically have a reserve balance to cover short-term increases, like an assessment.
- The garbage fee will be attached to the property owner going forward, not an individual residing in the residence. Property owners with renters will need to consider passing the charge to the renter through their monthly rent charges. The garbage fee will increase 5% per year with the current contract for the next three years.

## YARDWASTE/FOOD SCRAPS GUIDELINES:

Curbside collection of yard waste is provided by our garbage collectors once per week all year-round. For purposes of providing yard waste collection services, the definition of yard waste is as follows: leaves, grass clippings, brush, dead plants, weeds, garden wastes, dead trees or branches, chips and tree trunks that are eight (8) inches or less in diameter, tree trimmings and prunings, excluding dirt, sod or construction debris.

The garbage collection agency will collect shrub, brush, and tree trimmings that are securely tied together forming an easily handled package not exceeding four (4) feet in neither length nor (60) pounds in weight. These bundles need to be secured by twine or string (please refrain from using wire).

From the curbside, the garbage collection agency will collect yard waste placed in 20-35 gallon containers, clearly marked in at least 2" letters, "Yard Waste." The containers should be constructed of plastic, metal or fiberglass, having handles of adequate strength for lifting. The mouth of a container shall have a diameter greater than or equal to that of the base.

Yard waste may also be placed in 15-35 gallon paper biodegradable yard waste bags. These bags are known to be available at Huron Ace Hardware, Drug Mart, and Lowe's. The weight of each container or bag shall not exceed 60 pounds.

Food scraps must be placed in an organic container (paper bags, cardboard boxes, newspapers) and placed into your Yard Waste container for pick up. Yard Waste collection service is to be provided on the same day as solid waste and recycling collection.

NOTE: YARD WASTE IN REGULAR GARBAGE BAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE AND WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. GARBAGE RECEPTACLES OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED WILL NOT BE SERVICED.

# OUR SERVICE PROVIDER IS REPUBLIC SERVICES. IF YOUR GARBAGE IS MISSED PLEASE CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY AT DISPATCH263@REPUBLIC SERVICES.COM

# **SEWER SERVICE:**

Information from your application for water is forwarded to the Erie County Department of Environmental Services (Erie County Sewer) for sewer services. You **DO NOT** apply for sewer services. Erie County sends monthly estimates for sewer service based in previous quarter's usage. You do not have to pay the estimated sewer bills if you choose not to. At the end of the quarter you will receive an actual bill. Huron supplies Erie County with readings and the sewer bill is based on water usage. You may call Erie County Sewer for their rates and information 419-627-7639.

## **INCOME TAX:**

All municipal income tax is collected by The Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A)

The City of Huron has a 1% income tax on gross wages and earnings. **FILING IS MANDATORY**, regardless of whether or not your employer withholds for you. If your employer does not withhold local tax quarterly estimated payments are mandatory.

As adopted by Huron City Council on August 10, 2010 Ordinance No. 2010-29 authorizes R.I.T.A to provide income tax processing and reconciliation for Huron City Income Tax returns. R.I.T.A will be able to provide assistance in preparing your City income tax return as well as offering the convenience of online filings and online payments.

For questions concerning income tax please contact Regional Income Tax Agency at 1-800-860-7482 or visit their website at <a href="https://www.RitaOhio.com">www.RitaOhio.com</a>

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To report street lights out: 1-800-366-7899

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