

How Irrigation Charges Are Determined

The City of Grandview entered into an agreement with Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) to provide billing of irrigation services. The City of Grandview maintains the irrigation distribution system, which is a complex infrastructure used to transmit irrigation water to different areas within the City. City Council determines the billing rates, which are implemented by city staff. The revenue collected are used to purchase the water from SVID and maintain the distribution system.

➤ How is irrigation water charged?

Irrigation water is not charged on a usage-based fee. The irrigation fees that you pay monthly on your bill are charges that SVID requires to be paid on the property size that is located within the district. This fee is required to be paid whether you receive irrigation water or not. The City pays SVID the full assessment amount for each property in January of each year. The City then breaks that yearly assessment up over the 12 months and charges the customers an equal monthly payment. Therefore, because it is an assessment on your property and not a usage-based fee, no credits can be given for irrigation charges due to delays in delivery or interruption of service.

➤ Why do I pay for irrigation water when I don't get irrigation water?

Some properties are assessed irrigation charges even though they do not consume irrigation water because these properties have access to or have water rights to irrigation water. Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.060 outlines the different fees associated with irrigation billings. Properties are assessed irrigation fees based on their service type and lot size since the City is assessed a fee by Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District based on the same formula for the entire city.