



## UTILITY POLICIES

**Utilities are City Property.** The City of Middleton (City) generally provides potable/drinking water (water), sanitary sewer (sewer), and some stormwater utility services; the City does not provide irrigation water. The City contracts with Republic Services (aka Allied Waste) to provide solid waste disposal (trash/ garbage/ recycling). Each property connected to City water has a water can and meter that are City property. **IT IS A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE TO OPEN, TAMPER WITH, OBSTRUCT, OR DAMAGE A WATER CAN OR METER, OR TO TURN-ON OR TURN-OFF CITY WATER. IT IS A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE TO NOT PAY A UTILITY BILL.** Some City streets have stormwater inlets; **federal and City laws prohibit** putting anything into the stormwater inlets except clean water (potable/drinking water without soaps, grease, dirt, grass or garbage). "Inlets" are drains located in street gutters.

**Request for Services.** A property's owner, owner's agent property manager, or tenant can request the City provide utility services to the property and, by doing so, grants the City ongoing permission to enter the property to operate, maintain, repair and improve City utilities. Accounts are pro-rated from the date service starts.

<b>Monthly Rate:</b>	Water:	\$9.91 base rate plus \$1.61 for each additional 1-1000 gallons.
	Sewer:	\$24.64 base rate plus \$1.32 for each additional 1-1000 gallons ( <i>Minimum 1000 gallons per person in household at time of sign up</i> ).
	Storm water:	\$1.45 single family; \$.60/unit (duplex 4plex, and apartments; \$.88/mobile home park space; and \$8.01 commercial)
	Trash:	\$11.95 (\$10.91 if resident is 62 or older)
	Recycling:	\$3.45 (if resident is 62 or older free) Picked up every other week. West of Dewey Avenue – Blue schedule East of Dewey Avenue – Orange schedule

<b>Seasonal Rate:</b>	Available if home will be vacant for more than 30 days
	Water: \$9.91 (base rate)
	Sewer: \$24.64
	Storm water: \$1.45 single family; \$.60/unit (duplex 4plex, and apartments; \$.88/mobile home park space; and \$8.01 commercial)
	Trash: \$0.00
	Recycling: \$0.00

**Each property's sewer rate is determined each April** based on average water used in December, January and February. **Trash and recycling service is required in City limits** because the City has contracted for service through 2016 with Republic Services aka Allied Waste.

**Utility Bill Due Date:** Utility bills are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. A \$10.00 Late Fee is charged to each account with a balance after 5:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, and the City sends a notice that City records indicate a late payment. If a utility bill is not paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., fee of \$15.00 is charged to the account and potable water is shut off on the 26<sup>th</sup> or the next City business day. The City will turn on water upon receipt of the unpaid balance. A \$30.00 fee is charged to turn on water after hours.

The billing cycle is the 20<sup>th</sup> of one month to the 19<sup>th</sup> of the following month. Water meters are scheduled to be read the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month, and bills sent out about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the following month. For example, if water service is received from April 20<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>, then the meter is scheduled to be read on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the utility bill is mailed about June 1<sup>st</sup> and is due upon receipt.



Utility payments may be made: **In Person** at City Hall Mon-Fri, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, except holidays; in the **Drop-box** at right side of City Hall front door; **On-line** at [www.middleton.id.gov](http://www.middleton.id.gov), **By Phone** at 1-877-593-9618, or using **Bill-Pay**. **NOTE:** Bill-pay payments ARE NOT electronically deposited into a City account, and are mailed by your financial institution to the City, which may take two weeks, so PLEASE PAY two weeks early if using bill-pay.

**Responsible Person:** The Property's Owner is ultimately responsible each month to pay the utility bill for the Property. The Owner may delegate the payment obligation to a tenant if the property owner and tenant sign a Utility Owner-Tenant Authorization form and file it with the City. A tenant is required to pay a \$100.00 utility deposit when starting utility service; the deposit is refundable after the tenant requests to terminate utility service and the final bill is paid-in-full.

A Property Owner may designate an Agent Property Manager to act for the Owner in all matters relating to the Property Owner's account. The City will attempt to send monthly bills to the owner, tenant and, if applicable, to the Agent Property Manager.

**Termination:** Accounts are pro-rated to the date service terminates (water is shut off). A Property Owner may terminate an account at any time. A Tenant may request service be terminated, but will remain on the account until the final bill is paid-in-full.

**Collection:** IT IS A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE TO NOT PAY A UTILITY BILL.

**Other Utilities:**

Idaho Power	388-2323
Intermountain Gas	377-6840
Republic Services	466-3302

**Irrigation:** Contact Homeowners Association or the applicable district listed below.

Middleton Mill:	585-3207
Middleton Co-Op:	585-5906
Middleton Place Water:	371-6566
Canyon County Water:	455-1735