




There are some who have asked how to read the utility bill that we often mistakenly refer to as the Electric bill. Mistakenly referred because the bill actually represents four services, electric, water, sewer and garbage; thus it is inaccurate to say that your "Total current charges" is your cost of electricity.

	CITY OF FARMER CITY	BILLING DATE:	09/24/2020
	P.O. Box 49	Due Date:	10/10/2020
	105 South Main	After Due Date Pay:	\$203.00
	Farmer City, IL 61842-0049	Customer Number:	██████████
	309-928-3412	Service Address:	912 E ALLEN ST
		AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID
		203.00	
SCOTT & ANGELA TESTORY 912 E ALLEN FARMER CITY IL 61842			
PLEASE INCLUDE THE TOP PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT			

Starting at the top. In the top right corner of the bill has the current information in a summary form.

Billing Date	This is the last day of the billing cycle
Due Date	This is the date the payment is due by
After Due Date Pay	The amount due after the due by date
Customer Number	This is your account number
Service Address	This is the physical address the service is connected to.

Directly below this is the combined amount due for the four services.

One third down in the center of the page are the details of usage. In the box to the left is a comparison of usage. It lists the quantity of electricity and water used for the current month, the last month and the same month one year ago. When comparing these numbers, a person should consider what was being used and how hard the devices were being used. On my bill it shows electricity for the current month, last month and last year are comparable but one year ago the weather was cooler so the usage was less since the AC ran less. Also this year I am running welders and a lathe in the garage so that accounts for a higher usage. The water over all is steady enough I have no concern about it.

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Retain Bottom Portion For Your Records

COMPARE YOUR USAGE			<u>Billed Amounts and Usages</u>		
PERIOD	ELECTRIC	WATER			
CURRENT MONTH	1,862	462	1,852	252.34	ELECTRIC - RESIDENT
LAST MONTH	1,864	354	1,852	15.00	EL BASE - RESIDENT
ONE YEAR AGO	1,202	435	462	8.93	ENERGY COST ADJL
				11.35	WATER USAGE
				16.93	WATER BASE CHARGE
				12.38	SEWER USAGE
				18.47	SEWER BASE CHARGE
				15.35	GARBAGE
				5.93	STATE TAX
				8.29	MUNICIPAL TAX
				.00	PENALTY - ELECTRIC
				.00	PENALTY - WATER
				.00	PENALTY - SEWER
				<hr/>	
				\$364.97	Total Current Charge
				\$74.52	Previous Balance
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				\$203.00	Account Balance
				\$203.00	After Due Date

A 10% Penalty will be added after the DUE Date.

We are NOT responsible for U.S. Mail delivery. Failure to receive bill, does not excuse payment.

Budget Billing applications are due September 30th.
Applications are available at city hall in the vestibule.

Beginning November billing period, PSN will charge 50 cents for any payments under \$100.

To pay bill by phone call 1-877-885-7968. OR
Go to www.CityofFarmerCity.org -> Government ->
Pay online
Or go to www.info.paymentservicenetwork.com

Below this box is a statement that a 10% penalty will be added for late payment and a disclaimer concerning mail delivery. Directly below that are important notices that sometimes change.

To the right of the middle section is the itemization of your bill. The first column shows quantity of electric, Water and Sewer used. One thing to note is the electric is listed twice because the quantity is used to make two separate calculations.

Electric – Resident, Water Usage, and Sewer usage are the lines that show the quantity used.

EL-Base, Water Base charge and Sewer Base charge are the fees used to fund capital, equipment and labor used to maintain the various utility systems. This is the base charged regardless of usage.

The third line in the electric service is “Energy cost adjustment”. Electricity, like Gasoline, fluctuates in price. This line item goes up and down depending on the demand cost and allows the city to fine tune our billing to cover the cost or pass savings back to the customer.

The fourth service is Garbage. Every residential service is billed for garbage pickup and should have one tote supplied for their use.

The last two regular lines are state tax and municipal tax. There are three additional line that reflect penalty charges for electric, water and sewer.

The four remaining lines are: Total Current Charges
Previous balance
Account balance
After Due Date

On my bill, The electric portion is \$276.27.
The water portion is \$28.28
The sewer portion is \$30.85

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PERIOD	ELECTRIC	WATER	1,852	262.34	ELECTRIC - RESIDENTIAL
CURRENT MONTH	1,852	462	1,852	15.00	EL BASE - RESIDENTIAL
LAST MONTH	1,864	354	462	8.93	ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT
ONE YEAR AGO	1,202	435	462	11.35	WATER USAGE
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			\$74.52	Previous Balance	
			\$203.00	Account Balance	
			\$203.00	After Due Date	

A very important thing to notice on my bill is that I utilize the “Budget Billing”. While my current charge is \$364.97 and I am carrying a \$74.52 dollar balance, my amount due is \$203.00. With “budget billing” a person’s usage is divided over 12 months giving you a steady monthly bill that can be budgeted. This doesn’t forgive late payments. At the end of the year there may be a balance due or a credit to roll into the next year. My wife watches the balance and adds a little extra when needed. As a result, we have always had a credit year after year. I really encourage every eligible person to sign up for “Budget Billing”. The deadline to sign up is September 30, but I am extending this enrollment period to October 30 for this year. Please sign up.

In the final third of the page most information is repeated although in the last lines are some more useful information. From left to right are the Service Dates, Meter Reading, Multiplier, usage and meter ID.

Service dates are previous date read and current date read. Readings are done in quadrants. An effort is made to keep the readings around 30 day intervals.

Meter reading is the actual reading of the meter at the time it is read. Subtracting the previous from the current should give you the usage listed in the itemized lines of the bill.

Multiplier is used on old meters and where there are extreme quantities used. Residential multipliers as a general rule should be 1.000.

Usage should match anywhere the current usage is listed and should be the difference when the previous reading is subtracted from the current reading.

Meter ID is used to identify the individual meter

CITY OF FARMER CITY P.O. Box 49 105 South Main Farmer City, IL 61842-0049 309-928-3412				Account Number: [REDACTED] Customer Name: SCOTT & ANGELA TESTORY Service Location: 912 E ALLEN ST BILLING DATE: 09/24/2020 Due Date: 10/10/2020			
Service Dates		Meter Reading		Multiplier	Usage	Meter ID	Description
Previous	Current	Previous	Current				
08/04/2020	09/08/2020	53,453	55,305	1.000	1,852	305305	ELECTRIC - RESIDENT Reading
08/04/2020	09/08/2020	11,231	11,693	1.000	462	305305	WATER USAGE Reading

Meter Detail Information Listed Above

I hope this helps explain your bill more thoroughly. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact City Hall at (309) 928-3412.