

# City of Warroad

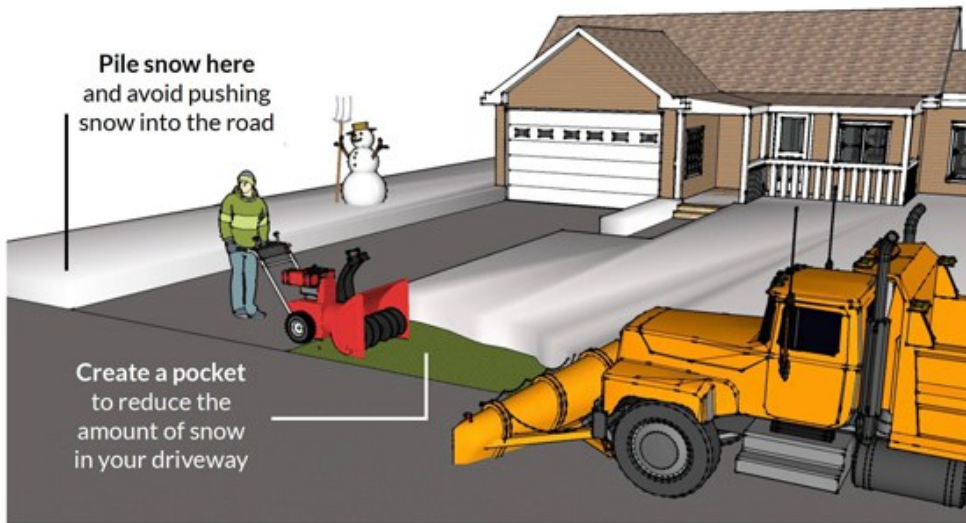
# TIPS & TIDBITS



## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026!

### How Can I Keep Snow Out of my Driveway?

Before your street has been plowed, we recommend the following:



Using this method to clear snow will reduce the amount of snow that accumulates at the end of your driveway!

### SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

Residents are not allowed to push or blow snow onto any roadways in Minnesota. This is a State Law and it will be enforced within the City of Warroad. This is a very dangerous activity that may contribute to an automobile accident. Persons breaking this law will be fined accordingly.



### 2026 Water/Sewer Rates

As with almost everything today, cost to maintain high quality water and sewer service to our utility customers has increased. So, Warroad Utility customers will see a 2% increase on their water and sewer charges. Warroad City Council unanimously approved the increase at the November 9, 2025 meeting.

New water and sewer rates take affect on your usage, starting January 1st, 2026, You will see the new rates on your January invoice, which you will receive at the beginning of February.

Also, there will be a \$2.50 per month charge for storm sewer service.



### We offer several ways for you to pay your utility bill

The City of Warroad offers you multiple options to pay your utility bill. Online payment is available at [www.warroadmn.org](http://www.warroadmn.org). We also offer the automatic payment plan, paying over the phone with a credit or debit card, using the drop box at the front of City Hall or paying in person. Please call the billing office at 218-386-1454 or stop by the City Hall office at 121 Main Ave NE for more information. REMINDER: Utility bills are due the 25th of every month. A late fee of 10% of the unpaid balance will be applied after the 25th and added to your balance due. This can add up fast! A \$350 past due balance will result in a \$35 late fee charge to your account.

**UTILITY AFTER HOURS ON-CALL DUTY PHONE 218-242-0201**

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ANY EMERGENCY dial 911

The City of Warroad Utilities Department provides electric, water, and sewer services to more than 1,800 customers in the community. Owned by the citizens of the community, the City of Warroad Utilities is committed to providing our customers with dependable power, clean drinking water, high quality service and fair rates. We believe that giving you useful information is an important part of that service. We are available to answer any questions during our regular office hours. Our rates are available on our web site @ [www.warroadmn.org](http://www.warroadmn.org)

**ENERGY STAR REBATES**

We are on the web:  
[www.warroadmn.org](http://www.warroadmn.org)



The City of Warroad offers its customers incentives toward energy efficiency. If you purchase a qualifying Energy Star Appliance or new lighting you could qualify for a rebate. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

**WHY IS MY ELECTRIC BILL SO HIGH IN WINTER?**

When record-setting cold temperatures hit the area, most of us stay indoors and look for ways to stay warm. This can mean you may see higher-than-normal electric bills the following month, which begs the question: “Why does my bill go up when it’s cold outside?”

- It’s a frigid fact that you use more energy in cold weather.
- Most people spend more time at home in the cold weather, thus using more energy.
- Your heating system works much harder to keep your home comfortable in cold weather. Even if you don’t change your thermostat setting, it runs longer to heat your home. And if it’s an older furnace or heat system, it may have to work harder to keep you warm enough to combat those bone-chilling temperatures we experienced.
- Even gas heating systems use electricity to power the fan and distribute the warm air.
- Chances are, you took more hot showers, baths, and used more hot water in general.

You may have also used space heaters and electric blankets more than usual, which can consume a lot of energy when left on for hours.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO:**

**Weatherize:** Seal windows/doors, add insulation (attic/basement) to stop heat loss.

**Maintain:** Get your furnace tuned up and change filters regularly.

**Use a Smart Thermostat:** Optimize heating schedules.

