

WHAT DOES PAW PAW WATER & SANITARY SEWER COST & HOW DOES IT COMPARE WITH OTHER TOWNS?

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We know money doesn't grow on trees in our yard or in your yard. We monitor our rates closely. We compare our rates with other ground-water supplied municipal systems. We are not the highest and we are not the lowest. Our rates are below average. Our rates include what we call the "Ready-to-Serve" fee (RTS). For Water, the RTS fee covers all our expenses for the infrastructure (ground wells that pump water out of the ground, the storage tank (water tower) that keeps water pressure in the water lines so when you turn on a faucet water comes out, and the

delivery of the water to your home (water mains, hydrants, valves, etc). For Sanitary Sewer the RTS fee covers all the infrastructure to carry your waste from your home, through all the sewer lines and pumps required to get it to the wastewater treatment plant where all waste is treated before going back into the environment. The second cost is what we call the "Consumption" fee. This consumption fee is based on the water you use and the waste you send out of your home. Our consumption fee is based on a cost for every 1,000 gallons of water and wastewater you use.



The chart below compares Paw Paw to other communities. The chart ranks communities from the highest to the lowest combined cost for 6,000 gallons of water and 6,000 gallons of wastewater a resident uses. Charlotte has the average combined cost for water and sewer at \$77.83 per month. Paw Paw is ranked 92nd out of 115 communities surveyed. 91 have a higher bills and 23 have lower bills than Paw Paw. Paw Paw's combined bill is \$61.01 which is \$16.82 lower per month than the average bill.

WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SURVEY										
Updated 2-10-2016										
COMBINED WATER AND SEWER RATES										
MUNICIPALITY		Popu- lation	WATER Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	WATER Monthly Service Charge	Monthly WATER Bill for 6,000 gallons	Sanitary SEWER Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	Sanitary SEWER Monthly Service Charge	Monthly Sanitary Sewer Bill for 6,000 gallons	Combined Monthly Bill for WATER and SEWER	Rank
Schoolcraft	6/15	1,525	\$ 4.39	\$ 17.36	\$ 43.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	na	na
Negaunee	2/16	4,568	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79.15	\$ 153.59	1
Holly	2/15	6,086	\$ 6.80	\$ 17.93	\$ 58.73	\$ 9.41	\$ 24.75	\$ 81.21	\$ 139.94	2

Ishpeming	2/16	6,470	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69.48	\$ 137.64	3
L'Anse	2/16	2,011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63.00	\$ 6.25	\$ 36.50	\$ 74.00	\$ 137.00	4
Ontonagon	2/16	1,494	\$10.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 82.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 133.00	5
Munising	2/16	2,355	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76.17	\$ 130.89	6
Constantine	2/16	2,076	\$ 2.00	\$ 15.85	\$ 27.85	\$ 14.05	\$ 15.85	\$100.15	\$ 128.00	7
Almont	2/16	2,674	\$ 5.25	\$ 12.08	\$ 43.58	\$ 10.35	\$ 13.17	\$ 75.27	\$ 118.85	8
Norway	2/16	2,845	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 118.00	9
Fraser	2/16	14,480	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84.40	\$ 112.86	10
Essexville	2/16	3,478	\$ 6.18	\$ 3.33	\$ 40.41	\$ 8.02	\$ 23.33	\$ 71.45	\$ 111.86	1
Cheasaning	2/16	2,394	\$ 4.46	\$ 8.10	\$ 34.86	\$ 11.63	\$ 6.50	\$ 76.28	\$ 111.14	2
Union City	2/16	1,500	\$ 3.10	\$ 24.98	\$ 43.58	\$ 3.57	\$ 42.98	\$ 64.40	\$ 107.98	3
Chelsea	2/16	4,944	\$ 6.44	\$ 6.76	\$ 45.40	\$ 7.44	\$ 17.10	\$ 61.74	\$ 107.14	4
Au Gres	2/16	889	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47.33	\$ 4.41	\$ 31.59	\$ 58.05	\$ 105.38	5
N. Muskegon	2/16	3,786	\$ 4.88	\$ 30.00	\$ 59.28	\$ 4.01	\$ 22.00	\$ 46.06	\$ 105.34	6
Marquette	2/16	21,355	\$ 5.65	\$ -	\$ 33.90	\$ 11.10	\$ -	\$ 66.60	\$ 100.50	7
Durand	2/16	3,446	\$ 4.35	\$ 16.30	\$ 42.40	\$ 5.15	\$ 22.70	\$ 53.60	\$ 96.00	8
South Haven	2/16	4,403	\$ 2.97	\$ 32.42	\$ 50.24	\$ 3.66	\$ 22.72	\$ 44.68	\$ 94.92	9
Williamston	2/16	3,854	\$ 3.58	\$ 26.88	\$ 48.36	\$ 4.06	\$ 22.07	\$ 46.43	\$ 94.79	20
Hartland	2/16	14,633	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.99	\$ 94.67	1
Scottville	2/16	1,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.40	\$ 94.63	2
Elk Rapids	2/16	1,642	\$ 1.24	\$ 17.50	\$ 24.94	\$ 6.14	\$ 31.45	\$ 68.29	\$ 93.23	3
Bangor	2/16	1,885	\$ 3.93	\$ 12.50	\$ 36.08	\$ 6.25	\$ 18.05	\$ 55.55	\$ 91.63	4
Frankenmuth	2/16	4,944	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52.84	\$ 89.32	5
Dexter	2/16	4,067	\$ 3.44	\$ 7.63	\$ 28.27	\$ 8.76	\$ 7.12	\$ 59.68	\$ 87.95	6
Cass City	7/14	2,428	\$ -	\$ 36.15	\$ 36.15	\$ -	\$ 50.46	\$ 50.46	\$ 86.61	7
Grand Blanc	2/16	8,276	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.19	\$ 86.19	8
Clawson	2/16	11,825	\$ 3.38	\$ 5.25	\$ 25.53	\$ 8.70	\$ 8.33	\$ 60.53	\$ 86.06	9
Crystal Fall	2/16	1,469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24.75	\$ 85.75	30
Jonesville	2/16	2,258	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61.49	\$ 85.72	1
Corunna	2/16	3,497	\$ 3.10	\$ 20.60	\$ 39.20	\$ 3.30	\$ 26.65	\$ 46.45	\$ 85.65	2
Fenton	2/16	11,756	\$ 5.20	\$ 16.00	\$ 47.20	\$ 3.71	\$ 16.10	\$ 38.36	\$ 85.56	3
Imlay City	9/13	3,597	\$ 7.12	\$ -	\$ 42.72	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ 42.00	\$ 84.72	4
Beverly Hills	2/16	10,267	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14.60	\$6.87	\$28.34	\$ 69.56	\$ 84.16	5
Buchanan	2/16	4,456	\$ 3.75	\$ 9.69	\$ 32.19	\$ 6.76	\$ 9.68	\$ 50.24	\$ 82.43	6
Lawrence	2/16	996	\$ 4.45	\$ 12.94	\$ 39.64	\$ 4.92	\$ 13.26	\$ 42.78	\$ 82.42	7
Rogers City	2/16	2,827	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51.59	\$ 81.84	8
Pleasant Rudge	2/16	2,526	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55.65	\$ 81.45	9
Oxford	2/16	3,436	\$ 3.96	\$ 16.45	\$ 40.21	\$ 1.75	\$ 29.00	\$ 39.50	\$ 79.71	40
Lowell	7/14	3,783	\$ 1.98	\$ 22.46	\$ 34.34	\$ 3.74	\$ 22.60	\$ 45.04	\$ 79.38	1

Onaway	2/16	2,827	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54.00	\$ 79.30	2
Caro	2/16	4,229	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24.18	\$ 8.40	\$ 4.00	\$ 54.40	\$ 78.58	3
Marshall	2/16	7,088	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40.23	\$ 78.32	4
Charlotte	2/16	9,074	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47.67	\$ 77.83	5
New Buffalo	2/16	1,883	\$ 3.16	\$ 12.02	\$ 30.98	\$ 4.38	\$ 20.28	\$ 46.56	\$ 77.54	6
Allegan	2/16	4,948	\$ 3.53	\$ 16.04	\$ 37.22	\$ 3.95	\$ 16.45	\$ 40.15	\$ 77.37	7
Newago	7/14	1,976	\$ 3.11	\$ 19.26	\$ 37.92	\$ 3.69	\$ 16.40	\$ 38.54	\$ 76.46	8
Benton Twp.	2/16	14,749	\$ 3.73	\$ 6.19	\$ 28.57	\$ 3.75	\$ 25.00	\$ 47.50	\$ 76.07	9
Blissfield	7/14	3,340	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76.02	50
Dewitt Twp.	2/16		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44.65	\$ 75.31	1
Three Rivers	7/14	7,811	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37.10	\$ 75.30	2
Sparta	2/16	4,140	\$ 2.40	\$ 18.04	\$ 32.44	\$ 3.98	\$ 18.54	\$ 42.42	\$ 74.86	3
Milan	2/14	5,836	\$ 2.55	\$ 5.45	\$ 20.75	\$ 4.00	\$ 29.83	\$ 53.83	\$ 74.58	4
Mattawan	2/16	1,997	\$ 3.97	\$ 2.80	\$ 26.62	\$ 5.68	\$ 13.70	\$ 47.78	\$ 74.40	5
Shelby	2/16	2,065	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47.10	\$ 74.40	6
Coloma	2/16	1,483	\$ 1.44	\$ 14.48	\$ 23.12	\$ 2.69	\$ 35.00	\$ 51.14	\$ 74.26	7
Clare	2/16	3,118	\$ 2.49	\$ 10.61	\$ 25.55	\$ 4.54	\$ 21.34	\$ 48.58	\$ 74.13	8
Alpena	2/16	10,483	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38.06	\$ 73.72	9
Tawas City	2/16	1,827	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.64	\$ 73.24	60
Richmond	2/16	5,735	\$ 4.26	\$ 3.33	\$ 28.89	\$ 6.80	\$ 3.33	\$ 44.13	\$ 73.02	1
Leslie	7/15	1,951	\$ 3.82	\$ 14.31	\$ 37.23	\$ 3.62	\$ 13.94	\$ 35.66	\$ 72.89	2
Gladwin	2/16	2,933	\$ 2.55	\$ 5.80	\$ 21.10	\$ 6.70	\$ 11.25	\$ 51.45	\$ 72.55	3
Cassopolis	2/16	1,774	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.00	\$ 26.52	\$ 5.65	\$ 12.00	\$ 45.90	\$ 72.42	4
Ewart	2/16	1,903	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54.02	\$ 71.82	5
Lake Orion	2/16	2,973	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38.34	\$ 71.52	6
Manistee	2/16	6,226	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51.34	\$ 71.14	7
Hudsonville	7/13	7,116	\$ 2.13	\$ 16.93	\$ 29.71	\$ 3.92	\$ 17.87	\$ 41.39	\$ 71.10	8
Hudson	2/16	2,307	\$ 2.75	\$ 9.95	\$ 26.45	\$ 4.50	\$ 16.70	\$ 43.70	\$ 70.15	9
Cedar Springs	7/13	3,112	\$ 3.65	\$ 4.69	\$ 26.59	\$ 4.66	\$ 15.35	\$ 43.31	\$ 69.90	70
Portland	2/16	3,883	\$ 2.62	\$ 10.12	\$ 25.84	\$ 4.52	\$ 16.82	\$ 43.94	\$ 69.78	1
Sturgis	2/16	10,994	\$ 2.30	\$ 9.75	\$ 23.55	\$ 5.00	\$ 15.75	\$ 45.75	\$ 69.30	2
Roosevelt Park	2/16	3,831	\$ 3.38	\$ 8.31	\$ 28.59	\$ 5.07	\$ 9.95	\$ 40.37	\$ 68.96	3
East Tawas	6/15	2,808	\$ 4.00	\$ 12.30	\$ 36.30	\$ 3.40	\$ 12.00	\$ 32.40	\$ 68.70	4
Adrian	2/16	21,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39.00	\$ 68.32	5
Springfield	9/14	5,260	\$ 2.94	\$ 13.00	\$ 30.64	\$ 4.24	\$ 11.81	\$ 37.25	\$ 67.89	6
Clinton	6/15	2,336	\$ 1.38	\$ 6.00	\$ 14.28	\$ 6.75	\$ 13.00	\$ 53.50	\$ 67.78	7
Quincy	2/16	1,652	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.20	\$ 67.60	8
Watervliet	2/16	1,735	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.00	\$ 30.50	\$ 4.45	\$ 10.17	\$ 36.87	\$ 67.37	9
Berrien Springs	9/14	1,800	\$ 2.07	\$ 5.06	\$ 17.48	\$ 3.63	\$ 28.05	\$ 49.83	\$ 67.31	80

Birch Run	2/16	1,555	\$ 4.76	\$ 17.95	\$ 46.51	\$ -	\$ 20.64	\$ 20.64	\$ 67.15	1
Parchment	7/14	1,604	\$ 2.82	\$ 5.94	\$ 22.86	\$ 5.99	\$ 8.33	\$ 44.27	\$ 67.13	2
Plainwell	2/16	3,804	\$ 2.19	\$ 7.72	\$ 20.86	\$ 5.26	\$ 14.04	\$ 45.60	\$ 66.46	3
Manchester	7/15	2,091	\$ 2.96	\$ 7.05	\$ 24.81	\$ 3.51	\$ 19.45	\$ 40.51	\$ 65.32	4
Brighton	7/13	7,444	\$ 2.72	\$ 4.13	\$ 20.45	\$ 4.13	\$ 19.73	\$ 44.51	\$ 64.96	5
Ithaca	7/14	2,910	\$ 3.78	\$ -	\$ 22.68	\$ 4.14	\$ 17.17	\$ 42.01	\$ 64.69	6
Lawton	7/15	1,900	\$ 0.80	\$ 9.20	\$ 14.00	-	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 64.00	7
Brooklyn	2/16	1,206	\$ 3.27	\$ -	\$ 19.62	\$ 3.90	\$ 19.24	\$ 42.64	\$ 62.26	8
Coldwater	2/16	10,945	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.88	\$ 61.70	9
East GR	2/16	10,694	\$2.45	\$0.00	\$ 14.70	\$2.55	\$31.67	\$ 46.97	\$ 61.67	90
Hartford	2/16	2,688	\$ 2.45	\$ 11.37	\$ 26.07	\$ 4.65	\$ 7.51	\$ 35.41	\$ 61.48	1
Paw Paw	1/16	3,534	\$ 2.75	\$ 15.15	\$ 31.65	\$ 3.26	\$ 9.80	\$ 29.36	\$ 61.01	92
Boyne City	2/16	3,735	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.60	\$ 60.44	3
Rockford	7/14	5,719	\$ 3.21	\$ 10.04	\$ 29.30	\$ 2.98	\$ 12.65	\$ 30.53	\$ 59.83	4
Grandville	2/16	8,276	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.80	\$ 59.70	5
Middleville	1/15	3,319	\$ 1.75	\$ 8.90	\$ 19.40	\$ 3.31	\$ 19.39	\$ 39.25	\$ 58.65	6
Ferrysburg	2/16	2,892	\$ 2.88	\$ 5.63	\$ 22.91	\$ 3.21	\$ 16.10	\$ 35.36	\$ 58.27	7
Bronson	2/16	2,349	\$ 1.30	\$ 14.00	\$ 21.80	\$ 1.43	\$ 27.85	\$ 36.43	\$ 58.23	8
Vicksburg	2/16	2,906	\$ 2.90	\$ 7.40	\$ 24.80	\$ 3.95	\$ 9.55	\$ 33.25	\$ 58.05	9
Morenci	2/16	2,220	\$ 2.40	\$ 11.44	\$ 25.84	\$ 3.37	\$ 11.43	\$ 31.65	\$ 57.49	100
Otsego	2/16	3,956	\$ 1.83	\$ 3.56	\$ 14.54	\$ 6.19	\$ 5.43	\$ 42.57	\$ 57.11	1
Fowlerville	6/15	2,886	\$ -	\$ 18.96	\$ 18.96	\$ -	\$ 37.25	\$ 37.25	\$ 56.21	2
Dowagiac	2/16	5,879	\$ 2.25	\$ 8.25	\$ 21.75	\$ 3.06	\$ 13.85	\$ 32.21	\$ 53.96	3
Hastings	7/14	7,350	\$ 1.88	\$ 6.22	\$ 17.50	\$ 3.96	\$ 12.53	\$ 36.29	\$ 53.79	4
Wayland	2/16	4,079	\$ 1.98	\$ 7.75	\$ 19.63	\$ 3.57	\$ 12.42	\$ 33.84	\$ 53.47	5
Zeeland	2/16	5,504	\$ 2.39	\$ 6.40	\$ 20.74	\$ 3.72	\$ 10.02	\$ 32.34	\$ 53.08	6
Reed City	2/16	2,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.46	\$ 51.77	7
Niles	2/16	11,600	\$ 2.40	\$ 12.00	\$ 26.40	\$ 2.56	\$ 8.75	\$ 24.11	\$ 50.51	8
Hart	2/16	2,126	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39.71	\$ 50.04	9
East Jordan	2/16	2,351	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24.88	\$ 47.04	110
Decatur	2/16	1,819	\$ 1.37	\$ 16.00	\$ 24.22	\$ -	\$ 18.94	\$ 18.94	\$ 43.16	1
Tecumseh	2/16	8,521	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28.31	\$ 40.55	2
Whitehall	2/16	2,706	\$ 1.83	\$ -	\$ 10.98	\$ 4.35	\$ -	\$ 26.10	\$ 37.08	3
Ludington	2/16	8,076	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.10	\$ 36.35	4
Greenville	2/16	8,481	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21.73	\$ 32.55	115
Average		4,641		\$ 31.31			\$ 46.65	\$ 77.83		

Notes:

* Monthly Service Charge = Ready to Serve fee + Debt Service + Special Assessments

* Some reported the monthly bill for 6,000 gallons with the commodity rate & the RtS fees.

* Those that bill by 100 cubic feet (748) gallons were converted to 1,000 gallons for comparisons.

* Some data is from 2014 and 2015

PAW PAW COMBINED Rate is ranked 92 highest; 91 have higher rates and just 23 have lower rates.

PAW PAW COMBINED RATE is \$16.82 lower than the average monthly payment for water and sewer.

PAW PAW WATER and SANITARY SEWER customers pay \$201.84 LESS per year than the average customer in this survey.

PAW PAW'S WATER RATE is ranked 46 highest; 69 have higher rates and 81 have lower rates.

PAW PAW WATER RATE is \$0.34 (34 cents) higher per month than the average monthly payment.

PAW PAW WATER customers pay \$4.08 more per year for water than the average customer in this survey.

PAW PAW'S SANITARY SEWER RATE is ranked 105th highest; 104 have higher and 9 have lower rates.

PAW PAW SANITARY SEWER RATE is \$17.29 below the average monthly payment.

PAW PAW SANITARY SEWER customers pay \$207.48 less per year than the average sewer customer in this survey.

Converting 100 cubic feet (748 gallons) to rate per 1,000 gallons: $(rate/748) \times 1000 = rate\ per\ 1,000\ gallons$