

WHAT DOES PAW PAW WATER COST

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WHAT DOES PAW PAW WATER COST AND HOW DOES THIS COMPARE?

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 in the middle of the pack. Residential customers pay two fees. One is what we call the "Ready-to-Serve" fee (RTS). The RTS fee covers all our expenses for the ground wells that pump water out of the ground, the storage tank (water tower) that keeps the 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). As of January 2016, the RTS fee is \$15.15 per month. The second cost is what we call the "Consumption" fee. This consumption fee covers the cost for treating the water once it comes out of the ground, reading meters, billing and such. In January 2015 this is just \$2.75 for 1,000 gallons of water.



The American Water Association estimates that the typical family of four (two parents and two children) uses 180 gallons a day or 5,400 gallons a month. In this case, this typical person would pay the \$15.15 for the RTS fee and \$14.85 for the amount of water; a total of \$30.00 for the month.

A chart compares us to other communities. But, first let's compare our cost to the cost of bottled water.

HOW DOES THIS COMPARE TO BOTTLED WATER?

Our water is really cheap compared to bottled water you buy at a store. Let's assume you can buy a 16.9 ounce bottle of water in Paw Paw for \$0.99. Since a gallon is 128 ounces, you would need to buy 7.57 bottles to equal a gallon of water. This would cost you \$7.49 - for just 1 gallon of water. For 1,000 gallons you would spend \$7,490.

For \$30.00 you get 1,000 gallons of clean, safe, tested and retested water from the Village.

- Bottled water is 250 times more expensive than Village water!



THE NEXT PAGE COMPARES OUR WATER AND SEWER RATE INFORMATION WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES. Please, view the next page.

This Survey is based on 6,000 gallons per month. Charlotte has the average combined cost for water and sewer.

WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SURVEY

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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
Beverlel 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
Evart	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
Boyer 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: $(rate/748) \times 1000 = rate\ per\ 1,000\ gallons$