

# THE GREAT LIFE NEWS

City of Gretna's Monthly Newsletter



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## Water/Sewer Rate Changes for 2020

<u>April 2019</u>		<u>April 2020</u>	
<b><u>SEWER RATES</u></b>	<b><u>Water Rates</u></b>	<b><u>Sewer Rates</u></b>	<b><u>Water Rates</u></b>
<b><u>Inside City</u></b>	<b><u>Inside City</u></b>	<b><u>Inside City</u></b>	<b><u>Inside City</u></b>
Customer Charge \$ 8.00	Customer Charge \$13.60	Customer Charge \$8.00	Customer Charge \$ 13.95
Plus \$4.3054/1000 gal	Plus \$2.550/1000 gal	Plus \$4.5275/1000 gal	Plus \$2.6138/ 1000 gal
<b><u>Outside City</u></b>	<b><u>Outside City</u></b>	<b><u>Outside City</u></b>	<b><u>Outside City</u></b>
Customer Charge 13.80	Customer Charge \$20.40	Customer Charge \$13.80	Customer Charge \$20.93
Plus 6.4581/1000 gal	Plus \$3.825/ 1000 gal	Plus \$6.7913/ 1000 gal	Plus \$3.9206/1000 gal

It is that time of year when the City sets everyone's sewer and water rates for the next year. The City averages each user's water use from November through February. The sewer bill is based on this usage and is therefore set for the next year. This will reflect on the May 15th billing.

## Gretna Spring Cleanup Day Postponed until Fall

Sarpy County Landfill is currently accepting items.

For more information on days and times of operation, acceptable items and rates; go to

<https://www.sarpy.com/offices/environmental-services>

or call 402-253-2371.

The City of Gretna will post Fall Cleanup dates once they have been determined.



# COVID-19 Update

For the United States, the response to COVID-19 has many different entities guiding and managing the response to ensure safety for all citizens. The first agency is the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC)- which provides, among other things, insightful articles that explain the COVID-19 virus and tips of how to mitigate its spread. Their website is: <https://www.cdc.gov>

The State of Nebraska is another entity that disseminates information and issues declarations on what restrictions are placed on local governments, such as the City of Gretna, concerning their response to the Coronavirus. An important announcement that Governor Ricketts released recently is known as the “21 Days to Stay Home and Stay Healthy” Proclamation. This proclamation is for Nebraskans to help slow the spread of the virus. To do this, there are six rules to follow: 1) Stay home except for running essential errands 2) Practice social distancing at work 3) Shop alone and only once per week 4) Help kids practice social distancing 5) Help seniors stay home by shopping for them and 6) Exercise daily at home; practicing social distancing. These six rules are to go through April 30th.

For directed health measures and other updates from Governor Pete Ricketts, visit his website at <https://governor.nebraska.gov>.

In regards to Gretna facilities, the City has taken appropriate action to do its part in slowing the spread of the virus. To accomplish this, the City has closed all public libraries, City Hall, and the Public Works Facility to customers. City meetings are being held electronically, the City Hall basement facility has been closed, and park restrooms are remaining closed.

Additionally, the use of softball, baseball, soccer, and mixed use playing fields for organized play or practice is being suspended to ensure that the 10-person gathering limit is followed. The fields are still open to family use. Lastly, City staff are sterilizing the parks’ playground equipment periodically, but it’s advised for parents to use caution, as time periods between sterilizations can spread germs and the Coronavirus.

Because of the current situation and related information of the Coronavirus evolving as the weeks progress, continue to check the City of Gretna’s website, <http://www.gretnane.org>, for updates on how the City is responding to this crisis for the health and safety of you and other residents.

**STAY HOME  
STAY HEALTHY  
STAY CONNECTED**

Plattsmouth Gretna Sarpy/CASS Health Department La Vista Springfield

**#KEEPNEBRASKAFLAT**

**STAY HOME**

**KEEP NEBRASKA HEALTHY**

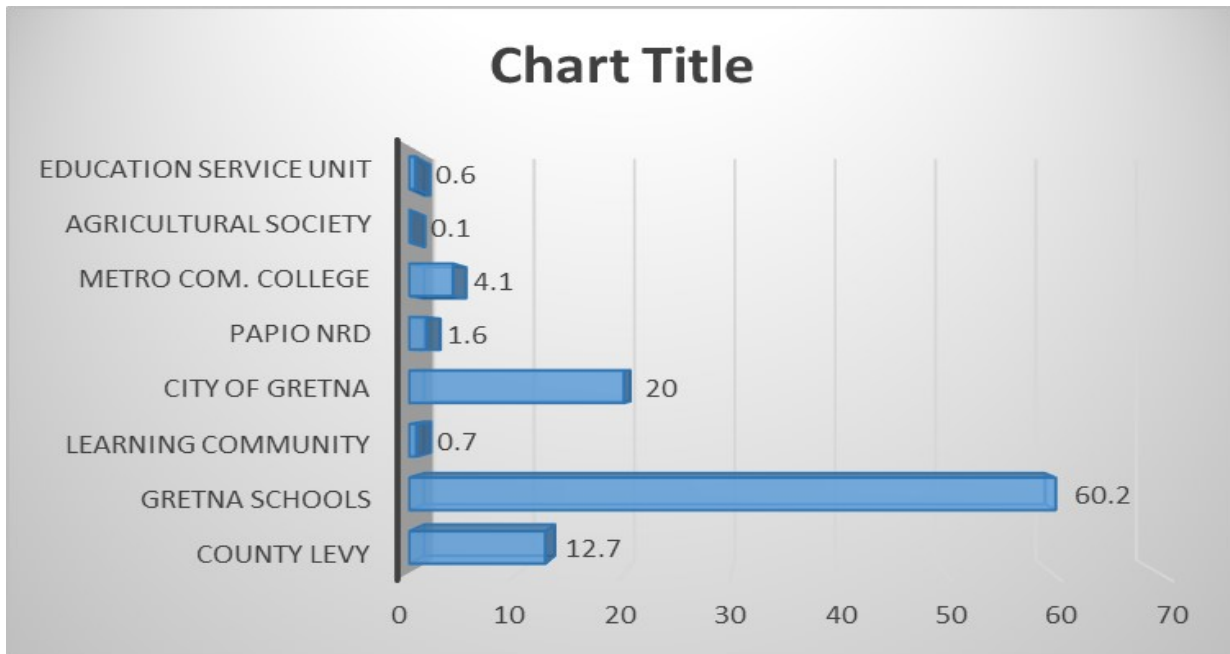
**Six Rules to Keep Nebraska Healthy**

- 1 Stay home.** No non-essential errands and no social gatherings. Respect the ten-person limit.
- 2 Socially distance your work.** Work from home or use the six-foot rule as much as possible in the workplace.
- 3 Shop alone** and only shop once a week. Do not take family with you.
- 4 Help kids** follow social distancing. Play at home. No group sports and no playgrounds.
- 5 Help seniors** stay at home by shopping for them. Do not visit long-term care facilities.
- 6 Exercise** daily at home or with an appropriately socially-distanced activity.

Office of Governor  
Pete Ricketts

## Where Your Property Taxes Go

The City of Gretna is contacted regularly concerning property taxes. Included in this article is a bar chart which shows by percentage, where your property taxes are directed. Also, below is an example of the tax distribution for a \$200,000 home in Gretna.



Example of Property Taxes for a \$200,000 home in Gretna.

County Levy	594
Gretna Schools	2825
Learning Community	32
City of Gretna	939
Papio NRD	75
Metro Com. College	190
Agricultural Society	6
Education Service Unit	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>4690</b>

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### Sheriff's Dept.

Non-Emergency: 402-593-4111

**Emergencies: 911**



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