

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



City of Duncombe
421 Main Street
Duncombe, IA 50532
515-543-5716

Dates to Remember:

June 4-Special City Council Meeting 6:00pm-lagoon project

June 18-City Council Meeting 6:00pm

June 2025

Sewer Rate Changes

On May 14, the City Council approved the 1st consideration for the ordinance amendment to increase sewer rates. The council will need to approve 2 additional considerations of the ordinance before the new rates would take effect in late July and will be reflected on the utility bills due August 20th.

Utility rate increases are a necessity for every city in order to provide safe and effective service to citizens as well as preserving the infrastructure of the utility systems. Currently, the City is in the design and bidding stages of a sewer lagoon rehabilitation and improvement project that is expected to begin construction in 2025. Due to recent and anticipated project costs, as well as current operating expenses and previous project debt, it is necessary to increase sewer rates at this time.

New Sewer rates: minimum base- \$29.70 for the first 2000 gallons, \$3.94 per 1000 gallons over 2000 gallons.

There will NOT be an increase to water or garbage/recycling/landfill rates at this time.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall.

Bill Payment Options

Tired of paying late fees? If you pay your bill late every month, that's \$120 a year in late fees. The solution? Take advantage of our bill pay options: cash, check, ACH or credit/debit card. For more info, call City Hall or visit cityofduncombe.com.

Lawn Mowing

When mowing, please do NOT blow grass clippings into the street. While it is important to keep your lawn maintained, it is also important to keep the streets clear as well. Grass clippings as well as other debris on the road are a hazard to pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists and constitute a violation of City Code and in some cases, Iowa Code (321.369).

3-1-7.2 Putting glass, etc., on streets and sidewalks. No person shall throw or deposit on any street or sidewalk any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, or any other debris, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our citizens and visitors safe!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Elevated Fluoride Levels Detected In Duncombe Water

This is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age. At low levels, fluoride can help prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2.0 milligrams per liter (mg/l) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis). The drinking water provided by your public water system, Duncombe Water Supply, has a fluoride concentration of 2.3 mg/l.

Dental fluorosis in its moderate or severe forms may result in a brown staining and or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should be provided with alternative sources of drinking water or water that has been treated to remove the fluoride to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products. Older children and adults may safely drink the water.

Drinking water containing more than 4.0 mg/l of fluoride (the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standard) can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Your drinking water does not contain more than 4.0 mg/l of fluoride, but we're required to notify you when we discover that the fluoride levels in your drinking water exceed 2.0 mg/l because of this cosmetic dental problem.

For more information, please call Gary West of the Duncombe Water Supply at (515) 297-4452. You may also call the City Clerk's office in Duncombe at (515) 543-5716. Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. In Iowa, home water treatment units are regulated under 641—Chapter 14, with the water treatment unit registration program administered by the Iowa department of public health's environmental health division. In addition, you may call the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International, at 1-877-867-3435.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Duncombe Water Supply, Duncombe, Iowa. PWSID#:9427082

Date distributed: 06/01/2025