City of Groton

South Dakota

Growing Families & Opportunities

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WELCOME TO GROTON

Utility Deposits

Upon renting or buying a home/apartment in the City of Groton, the City requires you to put down a $250.00 utility deposit. This deposit is held in trust for you and will be refunded to you or used against unpaid bills upon your leaving Groton. This deposit goes with the person not with the house or apartment and will go with you to any other apartment or home in the City of Groton if you move. When leaving Groton if you need a letter of credit for another utility company, the City Finance Office will provide it.

Utility Billings

Utility (electric/water) meters are read around the 1st of each month and bills are mailed out about the 10th of each month on a computer postcard. Utility bills become due and payable upon receipt. If not paid by the 25th of the month, they become delinquent. If the bill remains unpaid on the 25th day of the month in which it becomes due, a penalty of 10% is added to your utility charges. Thereafter, the consumer is notified if the account is not paid in full ten (10) days from the date of notice, disconnection of service will be effected without further notice.

Your utility bill will include your electric, water, sewer, and garbage charges each month along with any special charges you may have.

We ask you to please notify the City Finance Office if you plan to move within the city or leave the city for prompt utility read-outs.

Water

The City of Groton is on the WEB water line and water meters are read monthly and charged out at $32.57 per month allowing 2,000 gallons per month. Anything used over the 2,000 gallons will be charged $8.00 per one thousand gallons.

Wastewater / Sewer

Wastewater / sewer charges are billed monthly on your utility bill at a charge based on average water usage in a six-month period (November-April). This charge will be $20.00 per month using an average 2,000 gallons of water or less per month. Rates for water usage over 2,000 gallons will be $3.25 per one thousand for the next 5,000 gallons and $2.00 per thousand over 7,000 gallons.

Garbage Pickup

By ordinance all residences and apartments in the City of Groton will have garbage pickup once a week on Tuesdays. Garbage should be out by 8:00 am on the boulevard in front or side of the house, in a water proof covered container or plastic bag. Refuse containers cannot be larger than 36 gallons and cannot weigh more than 75 pounds. Some apartment dwellers will have dumpsters to deposit their garbage in.

Garbage charges are billed monthly on your utility bill at $16.50 per month.

Mailing Address

The City Finance Office will need your full mailing address including zip code + 4 for mailing utility bills.

Snow Removal

Cars must be moved from streets within 24 hours after snowfall for snow removal. All vehicles not moved with the 24 hours will be towed at the owner's expense.
Electric cords for vehicle engine heaters must be 8 feet above all public sidewalks.

Street Sweeping

All vehicles must be removed from Main Street from 2 am to 6 am on Fridays during the months of April to October for street sweeping.

Dogs

The City of Groton requires by ordinance all dogs be leashed at all times. If dogs are found running, they will be impounded and fines imposed. All dogs need to be licensed by January 1st of each year or upon arrival in the City at the City Finance Office or fines will be imposed. Licenses are $5.00/year for a neutered or spayed dog, $10.00/year for a dog that is not neutered or spayed. Replacement tags are $1.00 each.

A current rabies certificate must be shown at the time of license purchase. If you dog breaks his/her leash, please call the Police Department to report it at 397-8100.

Load Management

We are using a load management control on hot water heaters, 220 and central air conditioners, and electric heat. So if you notice cut-outs of these appliances or no hot water - on hot or cold days especially - it is probably load management and the City as a whole is using too much power. We ask you to bear with it and for suffering a little we give a $2.00/month Load Management Rebate on all controlled air conditioners and hot water heaters on each month's utility bill.
If at any time you experience problems, please call 397-2690 (city shop) or 397-8422 (finance office). If this would become uncomfortable for you due to health or other reasons, please contact one of the above numbers.

Emergency Medical / Rescue Squad / Ambulance

Groton has a volunteer emergency medical/rescue squad team which will respond in an emergency medical situation or accident. The rescue squad does not transport. An ambulance will be dispatched to transport. The rescue squad can be dispatched by calling 911.
An ambulance may be requested by calling 911.

Police

For non-emergencies, dial 397-8100. For emergencies, dial 911.

Fire

For non-emergencies, dial 397-8100. For emergencies, dial 911.
Firemen are notified of a fire by pager system. No response is needed by the public. We remind you that it is illegal to interfere with emergency vehicles. If it is not your property, please stay away.

Tornado / Weather

In case of tornado, the siren will sound with a steady volume until the danger has passed. Please take shelter. If you do not have adequate shelter, Groton Central High School on 4th Avenue is open for shelter.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
City of Groton