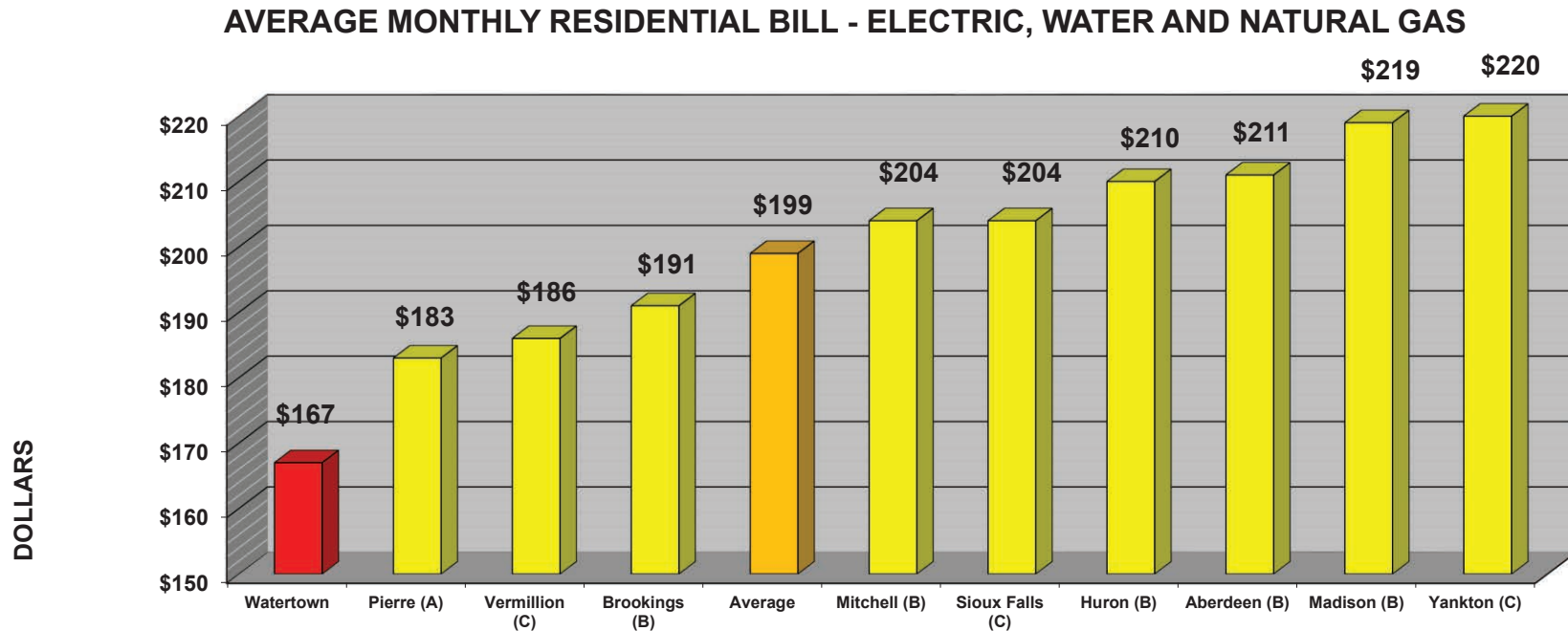


Comparison of monthly costs for Electricity, Water and Natural Gas for Eastern SD Cities



Monthly averages based on 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, 72 ccf of gas and 8 ccf (6,000 gallons) of water consumption as purchased by an average residential consumer from each community.

Electric costs were calculated using 2017 rates. The information was prepared by Missouri River Energy Services.

Water costs were calculated using rate information prepared by Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. June, 2016 Utility Rate Survey.

Natural Gas costs were calculated using rate information entered from monthly SD gas rate schedules obtained from the SDPUC from each of the respective Natural Gas Companies for 2016.

Natural Gas providers: (A) = Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (B) = NorthWestern Energy (C) = MidAmerican Energy Co.

Watertown Utility Rates vs. Other SD Cities

One of our goals at Watertown Municipal Utilities is to deliver value through electric, water and gas supply management. We strive to maintain utility rates that rank in the lowest third in Eastern South Dakota.

How do Watertown Municipal Utility rates compare with other Eastern South Dakota Cities? During our annual rate comparison, Watertown Municipal Utilities costs were compared to other cities in Eastern South Dakota. The results of the comparison indicated Watertown's rates are amongst the lowest in the state. A graph comparing Watertown rates with other Eastern South Dakota Cities is on the other side of this page.

Revenues from utilities go toward operating expenses, financing capital improvements and paying for other improvements to our distribution system. We also transfer a share of the revenues to the City of Watertown to help support public safety and other improvement programs within the community.

To view your utility billing history, current utility rates, assistance programs and other valuable information, go to www.watertownmu.com. If you have questions, please call Watertown Municipal Utilities at (605) 882-6233.

Tips for Saving Energy This Winter

To increase your energy savings, there are simple and inexpensive steps you can take to ensure maximum savings.

- **Adjust the Thermostat** - Save 1% on your heating bill for every degree you turn your thermostat down.
- **Find and Seal Leaks** - Seal the air leaks around recessed lights in insulated ceilings and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- **Maintain Your Heating System** - Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.
- **Take Advantage of the Sun** - Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home. Close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Adjust your thermostat and your energy bill at the same time.

For additional information on energy savings, go to www.watertownmu.com under Bright Energy Solutions, click on Customer Newsletter.

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