

# COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT COMMISSION

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## WATER RATE SCHEDULE



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Public Service Commission  
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### General Water Service Metered ..... Mg-1

#### Monthly Service Charge (by meter size):

5/8-inch - \$12.00	3-inch - \$48.00
3/4-inch - \$12.00	4-inch - \$75.00
1-inch - \$18.00	6-inch - \$100.00
1 1/4-inch - \$24.00	8-inch - \$145.00
1 1/2-inch - \$30.00	10-inch - \$202.00
2-inch - \$38.00	12-inch - \$260.00

#### Plus Volume Charge:

First 1,250 cubic feet used each month	\$2.80 per 100 cubic feet
Next 11,250 cubic feet used each month	\$2.70 per 100 cubic feet
Over 12,500 cubic feet used each month	\$2.20 per 100 cubic feet

**BILLING:** Bills for water service are rendered monthly and become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. A late payment charge of 1 percent per month will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance. This late payment charge will be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid late payment charges. The late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than 20 days after the bill is issued. Unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next 10 days, service may be disconnected pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code ch. PSC 185.

**COMBINED METERING:** Volumetric meter readings will be combined for billing if the utility for its own convenience places more than one meter on a single water service lateral. Multiple meters placed for the purpose of identifying water not discharged into the sanitary sewer are not considered for utility convenience and shall not be combined for billing. This requirement does not preclude the utility from combining readings where metering configurations support such an approach. Meter readings from individually metered separate service laterals shall not be combined for billing purposes.

### General Water Service, Unmetered ..... Ug-1

Where the utility cannot immediately install its water meter, service may be supplied temporarily on an unmetered basis. Such service shall be billed at the rate of \$26.00 per month. This rate shall be applied only to single-family residential and small commercial customers and approximates the cost of 500 cubic feet of water per billing period under Schedule Mg-1. If it is determined by the utility that usage is in excess of 500 cubic feet

per month, an additional charge per Schedule Mg-1 will be made for the estimated additional usage.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

### Seasonal, Emergency or Temporary Service Mgt-1

Seasonal customers\* shall pay an annual seasonal service charge equal to 12 times the applicable service charge in Schedule Mg-1. Water use in any billing period shall be billed at the applicable volume rates in schedule in Mg-1 and the charge added to the annual seasonal service charge.

For disconnections of service not previously considered as seasonal, emergency, or temporary, if service is resumed at the same premises by the same customer within a 12-month period, and if there has been no service to another customer during the intervening period, the customer shall be billed for the pro rata share of the applicable service charge for the period of disconnection.

Further, if service has been disconnected or a meter removed, a charge under Schedule R-1 shall be applied at the time of reconnection or meter reinstallation.

\* Seasonal customers are general service customers whose use of water is normally for recurring periods of less than a year.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

### Bulk Water ..... BW-1

All bulk water supplied from the water system through hydrants or other connections shall be metered, or at the direction of the utility, estimated. Utility personnel or utility-approved party shall supervise the delivery of the water. Bulk water sales are:

- A. Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for the purpose of extinguishing fires outside the utility's immediate service area;
- B. Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for purposes other than extinguishing fires, such as irrigation or the filling of swimming pools; or,
- C. Water supplied from hydrants or other temporary connections for general service type applications. (Water supplied for construction purposes – see Schedule Mz-1)

A charge for the volume of water used will be billed to the party using the water at \$2.80 per 100 cubic feet. A service charge, in addition to the volumetric charge, will be \$30.00. In addition, for meters that are assigned to bulk water customers for more than 30 days, the applicable service charge in Schedule Mg-1 will apply after the first 30 days.

The water utility may require reasonable deposits for the temporary use of its equipment under this and other rate schedules. The deposit(s) collected will be refunded upon return of the utility's equipment. Damaged or lost equipment will be repaired or replaced at the customer's expense.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Reconnections Charges ..... R-1**

Reinstallation of meter, including valving at curb stop:  
During normal business hours: \$30.00  
After normal business hours: \$45.00

Valve turned on at curb stop:  
During normal business hours: \$25.00  
After normal business hours: \$40.00

Note: No charge for disconnections.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Non-Sufficient Funds Charge.....NSF-1**

A \$25.00 charge from the utility, plus any additional fees charged to the utility by the financial institution involved, will be applied to the customer's account when a check rendered for the utility service is returned for non-sufficient funds. This charge may not be in addition to, but may be inclusive of, other non-sufficient funds charges when the check was for payment of multiple services.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Water Lateral Installation Charge .... Cz-1**

Subdivision developers shall be responsible, where the main extension has been approved by the utility, for the water service lateral installation costs from the main through the curb stop and box.

When the cost of a utility main extension is to be collected through assessment by the municipality, the actual average water lateral installation costs from the main through the curb stop and box shall be included in the assessment of the appropriate properties.

The initial water lateral(s), not installed as part of a subdivision development or an assessable utility extension, will be installed from the main through the curb stop and box by the utility, for which the actual cost will be charged.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Building & Construction Water Service ..... Mz-1**

For single-family and small commercial buildings, the unmetered rate applies, (Schedule Ug-1). For large commercial, industrial or multiple apartment buildings, a temporary metered installation shall be made and general metered rates (Schedule Mg-1) applied.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Public Fire Protection ..... Fd-1**

Under Wis. Stat. § 196.03(3)(b), the municipality has chosen to have the utility bill the retail general service customers for public fire protection service.

This service shall include the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purpose of extinguishing fires within the service area. This service shall also include water used for testing equipment and training personnel. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the Public Service Commission, shall apply.

**Monthly Public Fire Protection Service Charges( by meter size):**

5/8-inch - \$9.30	3-inch - \$139.00
3/4-inch - \$9.30	4-inch - \$232.00
1-inch - \$23.20	6-inch - \$464.00
1 1/4-inch - \$34.30	8-inch - \$742.00
1 1/2-inch - \$46.40	10-inch - \$1,113.00
2-inch - \$74.20	12-inch - \$1,484.00

Customers who are provided service under Schedules Mg-1, Ug-1, Mgt-1, or Mz-1, shall also be subject to the charges in this schedule.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Private Fire Protection Service, Unmeterd Upf-1**

This service shall consist of permanent or continuous unmetered connections to the main for the purpose of supplying water to private fire protection systems such as automatic sprinkler systems, standpipes, and private hydrants. This service shall also include reasonable quantities of water used for testing check valves and other backflow preventions devices.

**Monthly Private Fire Protection Service Demand Charges:**

<u>Size of connection</u>	<u>Charge</u>
2-inch or smaller	\$9.00
3-inch	\$22.00
4-inch	\$37.00
6-inch	\$74.00
8-inch	\$117.00
10-inch	\$176.00
12-inch	\$215.00
14-inch	\$268.00
16-inch	\$322.00

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Public Service ..... Mpa-1**

Water service supplied to municipal buildings, schools, sewer treatment plants, etc., shall be metered and the regular metered service rates (Schedule Mg-1) applied. Water used on an intermittent basis for flushing sewers, street sprinkling, flooding skating rinks, drinking fountains, etc., shall be metered where meters can be set to measure the service. Where it is impossible to measure the service, the superintendent shall estimate the volume of water used based on the pressure, size of the opening and period of time water is allowed to be drawn. The estimated quantity used shall be billed at the rate of \$2.70 per 100 cubic feet.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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