

**COBB COUNTY WATER SYSTEM  
RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES  
OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE**

The monthly service charge is assessed by meter size. This charge is to recover administrative, customer service, billing and meter-related costs, bond interest and some depreciation expenses. This fee is billed to all active accounts and does not include consumption.

METER SIZE	RESIDENTIAL	NON-RESIDENTIAL	IRRIGATION
5/8" & 3/4"	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$22.00
1"	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$25.00
1 1/2"	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$47.00
2"	\$51.00	\$51.00	\$72.00
3"		\$75.00	\$140.00
4"		\$114.00	\$210.00
6"		\$236.00	\$370.00
8"		\$367.00	\$515.00
10"		\$528.00	\$745.00
12"		\$550.00	\$915.00

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE**

This is a monthly fee for water availability on demand for fire protection. It is associated with DCDA, backflow devices, and other metering devices for fire protection.

LINE SIZE	DOUBLE CHECK DETECTOR ASSEMBLY	DOMESTIC OR FIRE METER (NO BACKFLOW) <sup>1</sup>	UNMETERED FIRE LINE (NO BACKFLOW) <sup>1</sup>
5/8" & 3/4"		\$19.00	
1"		\$19.00	
1 1/2"		\$19.00	
2"	\$20.00	\$24.00	
3"	\$20.00	\$32.00	
4"	\$20.00	\$40.00	
6"	\$50.00	\$151.00	\$200.00
8"	\$60.00	\$201.00	\$250.00
10"	\$80.00	\$251.00	\$300.00
12"	\$110.00		\$350.00

<sup>1</sup> These rates are no longer available; they only apply to accounts established before backflow regulations.

**STREET LIGHT CHARGE**

Customers who are in a designated Street Light District will be assessed a monthly fee, as approved by the Board of Commissioners, on their water bill. This is a fee that is passed through the Water System to the County's Special Revenue Fund for Street Lights for costs associated with the street light program.

## COMMODITY CHARGES

The commodity charges are based upon metered water consumption. These charges are billed to the consumer on a per thousand gallon basis. Wastewater charges are billed equal to metered water use.

### RETAIL RATES

	TIER	IN-CITY <sup>2</sup>	UNINCORPORATED COBB
<b>RESIDENTIAL WATER</b>	Tier 1 (1,000-3,000)	\$3.63 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.77 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 2 (4,000-15,000)	\$5.61 per 1,000 gallons	\$5.82 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 3 (16,000-29,000)	\$6.98 per 1,000 gallons	\$7.23 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 4 (30,000-49,000)	\$8.17 per 1,000 gallons	\$8.47 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 5 (50,000 and above)	\$10.60 per 1,000 gallons	\$10.99 per 1,000 gallons
<b>NON-RESIDENTIAL WATER</b>		\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons	\$5.71 per 1,000 gallons
<b>IRRIGATION WATER</b>		\$10.60 per 1,000 gallons	\$10.99 per 1,000 gallons
<b>WASTEWATER</b>		\$7.01 per 1,000 gallons	\$7.27 per 1,000 gallons

<sup>2</sup>Water and sewer rates for customers located inside city limits are slightly lower because the Water System does not provide stormwater services to these customers.

### WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT DEPOSIT CHARGES

<b>RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS</b>	Single Family	\$50.00
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	METER SIZE	DEPOSIT*
<b>NON-RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS**</b>	1"	\$180.00
	1 1/2"	\$400.00
	2"	\$700.00
	3"	\$1,600.00
	4"	\$2,800.00
	Greater Than 4"	Calculated by CCWS

\*Amount listed or equal to 2 months billing, whichever is greater.

\*\*Deposits for Multi-Family and Permitted Industries are calculated by CCWS.

	METER SIZE	DEPOSIT
<b>IRRIGATION METER DEPOSITS</b>	1"	\$200.00
	1 1/2"	\$400.00
	2"	\$600.00
	3"	\$1,100.00
	4"	\$1,600.00
	6"	\$3,400.00
	8"	\$5,300.00
	10"	\$7,700.00

Customer deposits are refundable upon 24 months of continuous excellent payment history. If the account becomes delinquent, another deposit will be required to be reinstated.

### OTHER CHARGES AND CREDITS

<b>SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT</b>	(\$7.00) per month
To qualify the customer must be 65 years of age or older and have a gross annual income of less than \$17,240 annually (2020). This figure will be updated annually with HHS Poverty Index.	

<b>HIGH SERVICE AREA CHARGE</b>	\$7.00 per month
A service charge for the customers that have water service in one of the identified high service area districts. This is to recover costs associated with having water available for potable and fire protection uses in these districts.	

<b>WATER RETENTION CREDIT</b>	Commercial, industrial, or institutional users of wastewater system will only be billed for wastewater service equal to the pre-determined percentage of water which is returned to the wastewater system. This credit is typically used in situations of product manufacturing or loss through evaporation (chillers or boilers).
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<b>SEPTAGE DISPOSAL FEE</b>	\$10.00 per 100 gallons Maximum \$100.00 Per Load
This is the amount billed for septage delivered to our wastewater plants for treatment and disposal.	

<b>INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES</b>	<b>BOD</b>	Above 250 mg/l	\$0.0936
	<b>TSS</b>	Above 275 mg/l	\$0.1752
	<b>NH3 (AMMONIA)</b>	Above 15 mg/l	\$0.9934
	<b>PHOS</b>	Above 7.5 mg/l	\$1.7482
	Computation: Measured Strength (mg/l) - High Strength Limit (mg/l) x Wastewater Volume (millions of gallons) x 8.34 (conversion factor) x High Strength surcharge (\$ per pound).		

<b>FIRE HYDRANT METER RENTAL</b>	DEPOSIT	\$1,000.00
	SERVICE FEE	\$20.00/meter
	WATER	\$10.99 /1,000 gallons
	DAILY RENTAL	\$5.00
	LOST METER	Cost of Equipment plus estimated usage of 500 gallons per day

<b>TOILET REBATE PROGRAM FOR PROPERTIES BUILT IN 1992 OR BEFORE.</b>	<b>Eligibility is subject to program requirements.</b>		
	SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	(\$100.00)/Toilet	Maximum 3 toilets per property
	NON-SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	(\$50.00)/Toilet	Maximum 100 toilets per property

### **WATER CONNECTION AND TAP FEES**

<b>WATER METER CONNECTION FEES</b>				
<b>WATER METER SIZE</b>	<b>DOMESTIC METER INSTALLATION ONLY (DROP IN METER)</b>	<b>SERVICE LINE &amp; DOMESTIC METER INSTALLATION</b>	<b>IRRIGATION INSTALLED WITH DOMESTIC METER</b>	<b>IRRIGATION METER INSTALLATION ONLY<sup>3</sup></b>
3/4"	\$525.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,200.00	
1"	\$830.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,800.00
1 1/2"	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,950.00
2"		\$1,950.00	\$1,850.00	\$2,250.00
3"		\$4,000.00	\$2,680.00	\$4,250.00
4"		\$4,500.00	\$3,570.00	\$4,700.00
6"		\$10,000.00	\$9,370.00	\$11,000.00
8"		\$14,000.00	\$12,220.00	\$12,220.00
10"		\$19,500.00	\$17,960.00	\$17,960.00
12"		\$24,000.00		
<sup>3</sup> If a new long-side service is required, then all of the costs associated with the service line will be charged in addition to the irrigation meter fee.				
<b>RESIDENTIAL WATER LINE FEE</b> (County Installed Water Mains Only)			\$1,000.00	
<b>COMMERCIAL WATER LINE FEE</b>			\$25.00 per foot (100 ft. minimum) Churches \$1,000.00	

Typical Water Meter Installation Costs:

1. Developer installed water distribution system: water meter installation fee (by meter size) + Deposit
2. CCWS Installed distribution system: water meter installation fee (by meter size) + Water line fee (defined by type of installations) + Deposit

<b>DOUBLE CHECK DETECTOR ASSEMBLY (DCDA) FEES</b>		
<b>DCDA SIZE</b>	<b>DCDA INSTALLATION</b>	<b>DCDA DEPOSIT</b>
2"	\$4,500.00	\$50.00
3"	\$4,750.00	\$50.00
4"	\$5,000.00	\$50.00
6"	\$7,500.00	\$125.00
8"	\$9,500.00	\$150.00
10"	\$14,500.00	\$200.00
12"	\$21,500.00	\$250.00
Add deposit and applicable water line fee. This is a backflow prevention device.		

<b>SPECIAL WATER ASSESSMENT AREAS</b>	
Lost Mountain High Service Water Assessment	\$3,000.00 per Equivalent Residential Unit
Sweat Mountain High Service Water Assessment	\$3,000.00 per Equivalent Residential Unit
Brushy Mountain High Service Water Assessment	Within Contracted area (Shiloh Valley S/D, Phase I & II and the Columns at Shiloh Valley Apartments): \$681.00 per single family residence. Outside Contracted area: \$4,000.00 per acre.
Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) = 400 gallons per day.	

### **WASTEWATER CONNECTION FEES**

The System Development Fee (SDF) is based on Equivalent Residential Units (ERU) for single and multi-family residential units and for non-residential properties served by water meters greater than 4 inches in size. Fees are provided below.

<b>FEE</b>	<b>RATE</b>
Typical Single Family Residential SDF	\$2,900.00
Multi-Family SDF	Calculated by CCWS
Commercial 1" Meter SDF	\$5,220.00
Commercial 1 1/2" Meter SDF	\$11,600.00
Commercial 2" Meter SDF	\$20,300.00
Commercial 3" Meter SDF	\$46,400.00
Commercial 4" Meter SDF	\$81,200.00
Commercial Meter Greater than 4" SDF	Calculated by CCWS
Permitted Industry SDF	Calculated by CCWS
Willeo Basin SDF – Applies to All Residential and Non-Residential Properties Regardless of Meter Size	\$2,900.00 per ERU
Cobb to Paulding Pumpkinvine Creek SDF– Applies to All Residential and Non-Residential Properties Regardless of Meter Size	\$5,600.00 per ERU
Sewer Extension Fee	\$2,300.00 per connection plus SDF
Special Sewer Assessment Area Fee	Fee as defined in table below plus SDF
Residential Sewer Tap Installation Fee	\$1,100.00
Convenience Sewer Tap Installation Fee	Actual cost to CCWS

<b>SPECIAL SEWER ASSESSMENT AREAS</b>	
Brown Deer	\$2,300.00 per lot
Clark Creek Area Sewer Assessment	\$1,500.00 per acre/less flood plain
Due West Area Sewer Assessment	\$2,200.00 per acre/less flood plain (\$215.00 per acre for Area 1)
Elmwood Extension Sewer Assessment.	\$1,500.00 per acre
Flint Hill Road Sewer Assessment Area	Area # 1 - \$600.00 per acre Area # 2 - \$2,900.00 per acre
Hartman Road	\$2,400.00 per acre
Liberty Hill Sewer Assessment	\$14,200.00 per acre
Northwest Cobb Commercial Sewer Assessment Area	\$17,900.00 per acre
Old Highway 41 Sewer Assessment	\$13,000.00 per acre
Vinings Library Outfall Sewer Assessment	\$3,000.00 per acre
Winfred Drive Sewer Assessment	\$9,000.00 per acre
Woodland Brook	\$23,300.00 per lot

### **SERVICE CHARGES**

Water Service $\leq$ 4" Service Establishment	\$25.00 per trip
Water Service $\geq$ 6" Service Establishment	\$50.00 per trip
Water Service Transfer to New Location	\$25.00
Same Day Service Request Fee (Water turn-on)	\$25.00
Service Termination Recheck	\$25.00
Water Running Recheck	\$25.00
Weekend Service Turn-on Fee	\$75.00
Late Fee	\$10.00
Processing Fee - Delinquent Accounts (Dispatched)	\$50.00
Surcharge Same Day Restoration after 6 PM - Delinquent Accounts	\$75.00
Returned Checks	\$30.00
Broken Lock and Cap (Delinquent Accounts)	\$30.00
Reinstall Pulled Water Meter (Delinquent Accounts)	\$50.00
Lost / Stolen / Damaged Meter	\$300.00
Meter Testing / Reading Verification <sup>3</sup>	\$25.00
Meter Installation Additional Trip Fee	\$25.00
<sup>3</sup> Fee may be assessed for excessive verifications of accurate readings.	

<b>UNAUTHORIZED WATER USE</b>
Customer is notified to apply for water service.
Penalty for theft is \$250.00 plus estimated usage at irrigation rate
Citizen is also subject to prosecution of misdemeanor with penalty up to \$500.00 or 6 months imprisonment.

<b>UNAUTHORIZED WATER USE DURING CURTAILMENT BAN</b>	
This is for the enforcement of customers violating the outdoor watering ban and conservation policies per code section 122-61 and 122-84(k).	
First Violation	Customer is provided or it will be posted on the property a written notice of violation.
Second Violation (same property)	\$100.00
Third Violation (same property)	\$250.00
Fourth Violation and all others (same property)	\$500.00 Service Disconnect

<b>UNAUTHORIZED DOMESTIC WASTEWATER USE</b>
Customer is notified to apply for service and to pay connection fees.
Penalty for theft of service is \$250.00 plus estimated usage.
Citizen is also subject to prosecution of misdemeanor with penalty up to \$500.00 or 6 months imprisonment.

### **GOVERNMENT RATES**

These rates apply only to local government customers with a wholesale wastewater contract with Cobb County Water System.

<b>WATER GOVERNMENT RATES</b>	
<b>WATER METER SIZE</b>	<b>MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE</b>
5/8" & 3/4"	\$8.00
1"	\$17.00
1 1/2"	\$30.00
2"	\$51.00
3"	\$75.00
4"	\$114.00
6"	\$236.00
8"	\$367.00
10"	\$528.00
12"	\$550.00

<b>WASTEWATER GOVERNMENT RATES</b>	
Wastewater	\$5.23 per 1,000 gallons
Fulton County <10.32 MGD	\$2.82 per 1,000 gallons (Per Contractual Agreement)
Fulton County > 10.32 MGD	\$5.23 per 1,000 gallons (Per Contractual Agreement)

## **LEAK CREDIT GUIDELINES**

Customers may be eligible for a credit on wastewater charges on water lost through a system leak or a damaged pool, subject to certain conditions. Customers may receive a credit no more than once annually and are required to submit documentation of repairs. The credit, if awarded, is based on no more than two billing periods and calculated from the difference between the subject period and 150% of the use for the same period during the previous year. The Water System has established a committee to evaluate requests.