

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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RULES & REGULATIONS
WASTEWATER
and
POTABLE WATER FACILITIES

*APPENDIX "A" RATE SCHEDULE
FOR 2024 CALENDAR YEAR*

I. CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES

All Application and initial Review Fees are due at the time of filing Application for Construction Permit. Inspection fee deposits and Tie-in Bond are due prior to start of any construction activity associated with application.

A. Application Fees: To cover administrative costs associated with processing an application for:

1. Existing single-family lot.
Water\$100.00 per lot
Sewer.....\$100.00 per lot
2. Minor or Major Subdivision.
Water \$400.00
Sewer..... \$400.00
3. Site Plans for Multi-Family Commercial Industrial, Public & Public Education.
Water \$400.00
Sewer..... \$400.00

B. Review Fees: To cover costs associated with review of application and review and preparation of documents associated with application for:

1. Subdivision created by Minor or Major Subdivision.
Water \$500.00 plus \$75.00 per lot
Sewer..... \$500.00 plus \$75.00 per lot
2. Site Plans for Multi-Family Commercial Industrial, Public & Public Education.
Water \$600.00 plus .05/sq. ft. of building
Sewer..... \$600.00 plus .05/sq. ft. of building

Where the review costs are exceeded or are anticipated to exceed the review fee deposit, the applicant shall make additional review fee deposits. No further reviews or action shall be taken if sufficient funds for those reviews are not on deposit.

C. Inspection Fees:

1. To cover costs related to inspection of a house connection for an existing lot to existing Authority mains when cost of work is borne by Applicant and tie in performed by Authority approved contractor.
Water Fee\$100.00 per lot
Sewer Fee.....\$100.00 per lot
2. To cover costs related to inspection of improvements installed for lots created by Subdivisions and sites for multi-family, commercial, industrial, public and public education facilities, the applicant shall submit to the Authority a deposit in the amount of the greater of \$500.00 or 5% of the cost of improvements as determined pursuant to P.L. 1999, Chapter 11. Where the inspection costs are exceeded or are anticipated to exceed the inspection fees deposit, the applicant shall make additional inspection fee deposits. No inspections shall be performed if sufficient funds for those inspections are not on deposit. A one-time inspection is included when the meter is sold to and installed by a developer. Any additional inspections necessary to have meter installation approved, there will be a fee of \$75.00 per inspection.

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D. Tie-In Bond: To cover the cost of remedying and repairing all defects which may occur during a two-year period following the installation of a connection to the Authority's water or sewer main when work is performed by an individual lot owner for an existing lot or one or more lots created by a minor subdivision, the owner shall post with the Authority a Maintenance Guarantee in the form of cash, certified check, maintenance bond or similar collateral acceptable to the Authority. Such Guarantee shall be in the amount of \$600.00 per lot and shall extend from the time of issuance of Certificate of Occupancy for a new structure or time of actual connection for an existing structure.

II. CONNECTION PERMIT FEES

The Owner of each property to be connected to the Authority's Water and/or Sewerage system, including properties owned in a condominium, shall obtain a Connection Permit and be subject to payment of the Connection Permit Fees established herein and further defined in Section 5 - General Requirements of the Rules and Regulations.

In the case of new construction or alterations on Apartment, Multi-Family, Commercial, Industrial, Public and Public Education structures requiring a Building Permit, a Connection Permit shall be issued prior receiving a Certificate of Occupancy. Where alteration of an existing Apartment, Multi-Family, Commercial, and Industrial, Public, Commercial Condominium and Public Education structure causes an increase in Water or Sewer use, the Owner shall be subject to payment of a Connection Permit Fee proportionate to the increased use.

Table with 2 columns: Fee Category and Amount. Categories include Single-Family Homes, Apartments & Multi-Family, Commercial, Industrial, Public & Historical, Commercial Condominium, and Public Education. Fees are listed in dollars and cents, with some including formulas like \$3,930 x EDU^2 and minimum values.

F. Affordable Housing
As required under N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21, for all new affordable housing units, there shall be a 50% reduction for all water and sewer connection fees. A credit shall also be provided for all previously connected properties that have been demolished or refurbished for affordable housing units as may be required by statute.

Sewer connection fees will be determined by WTMUA based on the EDU volume and chemical characteristics of the effluent.

G. Time for Payment of Fees:
1. All Connection Permit Fees, except for Public Education, shall be paid in full prior to Permit Issuance. However, in the case of mandatory connections as required by the Authority's Rules and Regulations or Township Ordinance, all Connection Fees shall be due and payable upon the expiration of the time allowed for said mandatory connection.

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2. Upon the execution of a form of payment agreement acceptable to legal counsel for the Authority, Connection Permit Fees for public education facilities may be paid in installments amortized over a period of Twenty (20) years at an interest rate of four (4%) percent per annum, with payments to be made every quarter over the installment period. The first installment shall be paid in full prior to Permit Issuance. Applicant may elect to pay the entire Connection Permit Fees at the time of application or at any time during the term of the payment period.

H. Time for Connection Permits: Connection Permits shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. Connection permits for water and sewer services may, at the discretion of the Authority, be renewed without limitation. Upon renewal of permits, applicants shall pay any difference between the connection fee paid at the time of issuance or last renewal and the connection fee in effect at the time a renewal.

¹ Rates are per Dwelling.

² EDU = EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT. The EDU is the ratio of projected average daily usage of the Applicants facility to average daily use for a Single-Family Home having three (3) or more bedrooms, rounded to the highest one-half (1/2) of a unit. The EDU for any facility shall be determined by the WTMUA based on the flow standards adopted by the NJDEP under NJAC 7:14A-23.3 Projected Flow Criteria. EDU's will be based on the use or uses of an existing or proposed structure at the time of application. Where structures contain more than one use, the EDU will be based on the fractional EDU of each individual use and rounded to the highest one-half (1/2) for the entire structure.

III. USER FEES

User fees shall be calculated from the earlier of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, actual connection to the Water or Sewer system or the expiration of the time allowed for the connection to the Water or Sewer system as required by Township ordinance. The initial bill shall be issued at the first billing cycle following the earlier of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, actual connection to the Water or Sewer system or the expiration of the time allowed for the connection to the Water or Sewer system as required by Township ordinance and shall be proportioned in accordance with the time user fees are calculated from and the actual billing. User fees are due upon receipt of bill from the Authority.

A. Water User Fees -

1. Water Infrastructure Improvement Fee - \$25.00 per quarter for each connection.
2. Single-Family Homes – In addition to the Water Infrastructure Improvement fee, the rates shown for Quarterly Billing for each residential unit:
 - a. Metered

..... GALLONS RATES	
Base	Less than	Base	Plus ¹
0	7,500	\$90.47	\$0.00
7,500	17,500	90.47	4.16
17,500	27,500	132.07	10.20
27,500	32,500	234.07	11.31
32,500	42,500	290.62	13.60
42,500	52,500	462.62	16.46
52,500	85,000	591.22	21.62
Over	85,000	1,293.87	26.52

¹ -Rate per 1,000 gallons or part thereof over the Base Gallons indicated.

- a. Metered
 - b. Unmetered - \$224.42 per quarter.

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3. Apartments, Multi-Family, Commercial, Industrial, Public, & Commercial Condominium – In addition to the Water Infrastructure Improvement fee, the rates shown for Quarterly Billing for each unit -

a. Metered

..... GALLONS RATES	
Base	Less than	Base	Plus ¹
0	7,500	\$90.47	\$0.00
7,500	17,500	90.47	4.16
17,500	27,500	132.07	7.56
27,500	32,500	207.67	9.61
32,500	42,500	255.72	9.68
42,500	52,500	352.52	10.48
52,500	85,000	457.32	10.92
Over	85,000	812.22	11.94

¹ -Rate per 1,000 gallons or part thereof over the Base Gallons indicated.

- b. Unmetered - \$203.63 per quarter.

4. Historical - In addition to the Water Infrastructure Improvement fee, the charge will be \$12.58 per quarter.

5. Fire Hydrant Rental -

a. *Annual Charge* - There shall be a charge of \$95.00 per year, payable on January 1st of each year, for each fire hydrant, public or private, connected to the Authority’s Water Distribution System, regardless of frequency of use or volume of water consumed.

b. *Temporary Use* - A Fire Hydrant permit may be obtained at the WTMUA Office at a cost of a \$75.00 application fee and a \$600.00 refundable security deposit. The cost of water will be billed at \$75.00 per week plus \$17.39 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof used.

B. Sewer User Fees -

Unit Type	Per Quarter ¹	Per Year
Single-Family Homes	\$329.79	\$1,319.16
Apartments & Multi Family ²	\$329.79	\$1,319.16
Commercial, Industrial, Public, Commercial Condominium, Public Education ³	\$329.79	\$1,319.16
Public - Unoccupied	This category shall be exempt from annual sewer user fee.	
Historical	\$20.29	\$81.16

1 - All Sewer Users Fees are payable in advance of the quarter in which the service is provided.

2 - For Each Residential Unit.

3 - The quarterly and annual rates shown are a base charge which shall be multiplied by the EDU for the facility, plus any surcharge as determined by the WTMUA based on the chemical characteristics of the effluent.

- C. EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit):** The EDU is the ratio of projected average daily usage of the facility to average daily use for a Single-Family Home, rounded to the highest one-half (1/2) of a unit. The EDU for any facility shall be determined by the WTMUA based on the flow standards adopted by the NJDEP under NJAC 7:14A-23.3

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Projected Flow Criteria. EDU’s will be based on the use or uses of an existing or proposed structure at the time of application. Where structures contain more than one use, the EDU will be based on the fractional EDU of each individual use and rounded to the highest one-half (1/2) for the entire structure. Changes in structure use, after connection, require recalculation of EDU. Changes in EDU impact user fees affective the date of change and do not affect original connection fees. Owners are responsible to advise the Authority of changes in structure use.

D. Interest Charges (Water & Sewer): Delinquent Accounts - An interest charge of 1-1/2% per month shall be imposed for User Fees not paid by the last day of the billing month.

E. Financial Hardship Rate (Water & Sewer): Persons 65 years or older and certain disabled persons, meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22.2, shall, upon request, be granted a rate reduction of twenty-five percent (25%) of each quarterly billing. Persons making a request for a rate reduction shall furnish the Authority with adequate proof of eligibility under N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22.2. Eligibility shall be confirmed annually.

F. Wastewater Management Plan Amendment:

1. Application Fees: To cover initial review and feasibility determination of WMP amendment, there shall be a non-refundable charge of \$750.00 per parcel.
2. Fees for preparation of WMP amendment: To cover the costs to prepare and submit an amendment of the WMP, a fee of \$2,000.00 per parcel shall be charged for each parcel. The fees shall be deposited in an escrow account. If any additional funds are required to complete the preparation and submission of the amendment, the applicant shall submit the additional funds before any additional work is performed. Any funds remaining after the amendment is submitted and the DEP completes their review and makes a final decision on the amendment shall be returned to the applicant. If more than one applicant makes a request for an amendment of the WMP in the same time frame, the cost of the preparation and submission of the amendment shall be borne by the applicants in proportion to the size of the properties involved in the request.

G. Miscellaneous Charges Related to Sewer and Water Service:

1. Property Occupant Transfer Fee – there will be a charge of \$50.00 for any requested reading, with or without a final bill, of a subject water meter pursuant to a tax search request or other request for information pursuant to an occupant transfer due to a real estate title settlement/transfer or any other reason requiring the transfer of water/sewer use obligations from one person to another. This fee will increase to \$75.00 for any request that provides less than 24-hour notice.
2. Meter Testing - Upon request of the Owner, the meter shall be removed, replaced and tested. No charge shall be made if the meter is found inaccurate by more than 3%. Where applicable, pro-rated adjustments shall be made for past quarterly bills for a period of not to exceed one year. For meters found to be functioning properly, the customer will be responsible for the total amount of the disputed bill and the cost associated with replacing and testing the original meter.
3. Meter Repair - Repair of frozen meter or meters damaged by user's negligence: cost (labor & meter) plus 15%.
4. Meter Tampering – Any tampering, bi-passing, or removal of the WTMUA meter will result in a fine of \$1,000 to compensate the WTMUA for the costs of, but not limited to, the old meter, the new meter and installation. Any lost water revenue shall be billed separately.
5. Water Shut-Off:
 - a. *At Owner’s Request* - For shutting off water, during business hours, at Owner's request, with less than 24 hours’ notice, in a non-emergency situation will be assessed a \$50.00 charge; with more than 24 hours’ notice will be no charge. **Emergency is defined as a property without any water or flooding conditions.**
 - b. *For Any Other Reason* - For administration and physical shut off water: \$100.00.
6. After-Hours Call Out: - A charge of \$100.00 per hour will be charged for customer requests for non-emergency services during non-business hours.
7. Leak Detection – At customer’s request, the Authority will provide water leak or sewer clog detection services a rate of \$75.00 per hour.
8. Datalogging – When a leak is suspected, the Authority will provide datalogging services to determine water patterns and again to verify the leak has been resolved. A charge of \$75 shall be imposed for any datalogging services requested by the customer outside of the two included with leak detection.

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9. Repairs - For any repairs made by the Authority on the property of a customer in lieu of work being performed by the customer, the customer will be billed, by the Authority, at \$75.00 per hour for Authority personnel directly involved in such repair and all direct cost incurred by the Authority plus 15%.
10. Backflow Prevention Permit - A Permit is required for all backflow prevention devices required by the Authority’s Cross-Connection Control Program. An application fee of \$100.00 shall be due at the time of filing for the initial permit. For labor required for any inspection conducted by the Authority and any re-inspection, there will be a charge of \$75.00. There shall be a subsequent annual fee of \$40.00 for each permit which will include one annual inspection. Any other costs incurred by the Authority as part of this program shall be charged at direct cost plus 15%.
11. Meter Replacement After Business Hours – \$100.00
12. Violation of Water Restriction – Any violation of the water restrictions will be subject to a fine of \$100 for the first violation, \$500 for the second violation and \$1,000 for the third violation, in addition to all other enforcement options available to the WTMUA.

H. Returned Checks Fee (Water & Sewer)

There shall be a charge of \$42.00 for checks returned to the WTMUA due to insufficient funds or the like. Such charge shall be imposed each occurrence of a returned item.