

**COBB COUNTY WATER SYSTEM
RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2018**

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"	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$19.00
1"	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$22.00
1 1/2"	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$41.00
2"	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$63.00
3"		\$66.00	\$120.00
4"		\$99.60	\$185.00
6"		\$206.40	\$325.00
8"		\$321.60	\$450.00
10"		\$463.20	\$650.00
12"		\$463.20	\$800.00

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) ¹	UNMETERED FIRE LINE (NO BACKFLOW) ¹
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

¹ 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

RESIDENTIAL WATER	TIER	IN-CITY²	UNINCORPORATED COBB
	Tier 1 (1,000-3,000)	\$3.04 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.16 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 2 (4,000-15,000)	\$4.69 per 1,000 gallons	\$4.87 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 3 (16,000-29,000)	\$5.84 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.06 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 4 (30,000-49,000)	\$6.64 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.90 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 5 (50,000 and above)	\$8.87 per 1,000 gallons	\$9.21 per 1,000 gallons
NON- RESIDENTIAL WATER		\$4.60 per 1,000 gallons	\$4.78 per 1,000 gallons
IRRIGATION WATER		\$8.87 per 1,000 gallons	\$9.21 per 1,000 gallons
WASTEWATER		\$5.82 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.04 per 1,000 gallons

²Water 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

RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS	Single Family	\$50.00
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NON- RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS**	METER SIZE	DEPOSIT*
	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.

IRRIGATION METER DEPOSITS	METER SIZE	DEPOSIT
	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

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT	(\$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 \$16,460 annually (2018). This figure will be updated annually with HHS Poverty Index	

HIGH SERVICE AREA CHARGE	\$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.	

WATER RETENTION CREDIT	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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SEPTAGE DISPOSAL FEE	\$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.	

INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES	BOD	Above 250 mg/l	\$0.0936
	TSS	Above 275 mg/l	\$0.1752
	NH3 (AMMONIA)	Above 15 mg/l	\$0.9934
	PHOS	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).		

FIRE HYDRANT METER RENTAL	DEPOSIT	\$1,000.00
	SERVICE FEE	\$20.00/meter
	WATER	\$9.21 /1,000 gallons
	DAILY RENTAL	\$5.00
	LOST METER	Cost of Equipment plus estimated usage of 500 gallons per day

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

WATER CONNECTION AND TAP FEES

WATER METER CONNECTION FEES				
WATER METER SIZE	DOMESTIC METER INSTALLATION ONLY (DROP IN METER)	SERVICE LINE & DOMESTIC METER INSTALLATION	IRRIGATION INSTALLED WITH DOMESTIC METER	IRRIGATION METER INSTALLATION ONLY ³
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		
3 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.				
RESIDENTIAL WATER LINE FEE (County Installed Water Mains Only)			\$1,000.00	
COMMERCIAL WATER LINE FEE			\$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

DOUBLE CHECK DETECTOR ASSEMBLY (DCDA) FEES		
DCDA SIZE	DCDA INSTALLATION	DCDA DEPOSIT
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.		

SPECIAL WATER ASSESSMENT AREAS	
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.

FEE	RATE
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

SPECIAL SEWER ASSESSMENT AREAS	
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
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
Flint Hill Subdivision	\$1,850.00 per lot
Brown Deer	\$2,300.00 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 Payments	\$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 ³	\$25.00
Meter Installation Additional Trip Fee	\$25.00
³ Fee may be assessed for excessive verifications of accurate readings.	

UNAUTHORIZED WATER USE
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.

UNAUTHORIZED WATER USE DURING CURTAILMENT BAN	
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

UNAUTHORIZED DOMESTIC WASTEWATER USE
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

Effective January 1, 2019

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

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WASTEWATER GOVERNMENT RATES	
Wastewater	\$4.71 per 1,000 gallons
Fulton County <10.32 MGD	\$2.54 per 1,000 gallons (Per Contractual Agreement)
Fulton County > 10.32 MGD	\$4.71 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.