

Household charges scheme

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1. About this document

This document sets out the household charges for Wessex Water Services Limited for the 2024-25 charging year. Our charges are set out in the schedules of tariffs in section 15 of this document.

The Company has an obligation to publish its range of charges each year of which there are a number of documents. This document fits in with the Company's charges publications as per figure 1 below.

Figure 1 charges publication documents

<u>Wholesale charges</u>	<u>Household charges</u>	<u>Bulk charges for NAVs</u>	<u>New connection services charges</u>
Wholesale charges scheme	Household charges scheme	Bulk charges for NAVs scheme	New connection services charges scheme
Wholesale charges Board assurance statement	Household charges scheme Board assurance statement	Bulk Charges for NAVs Board assurance statement	New connection services charges Board assurance statement
Wholesale charges Statement of Significant Change	Household charges statement of significant changes	Bulk charges for NAVs method statement	New connection services Statement of Significant Change
		Bulk Charges for NAVs calculator	New connection services charges calculator
			New connection services charges worked examples

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¹ <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/our-charges>

2. Wessex Water region

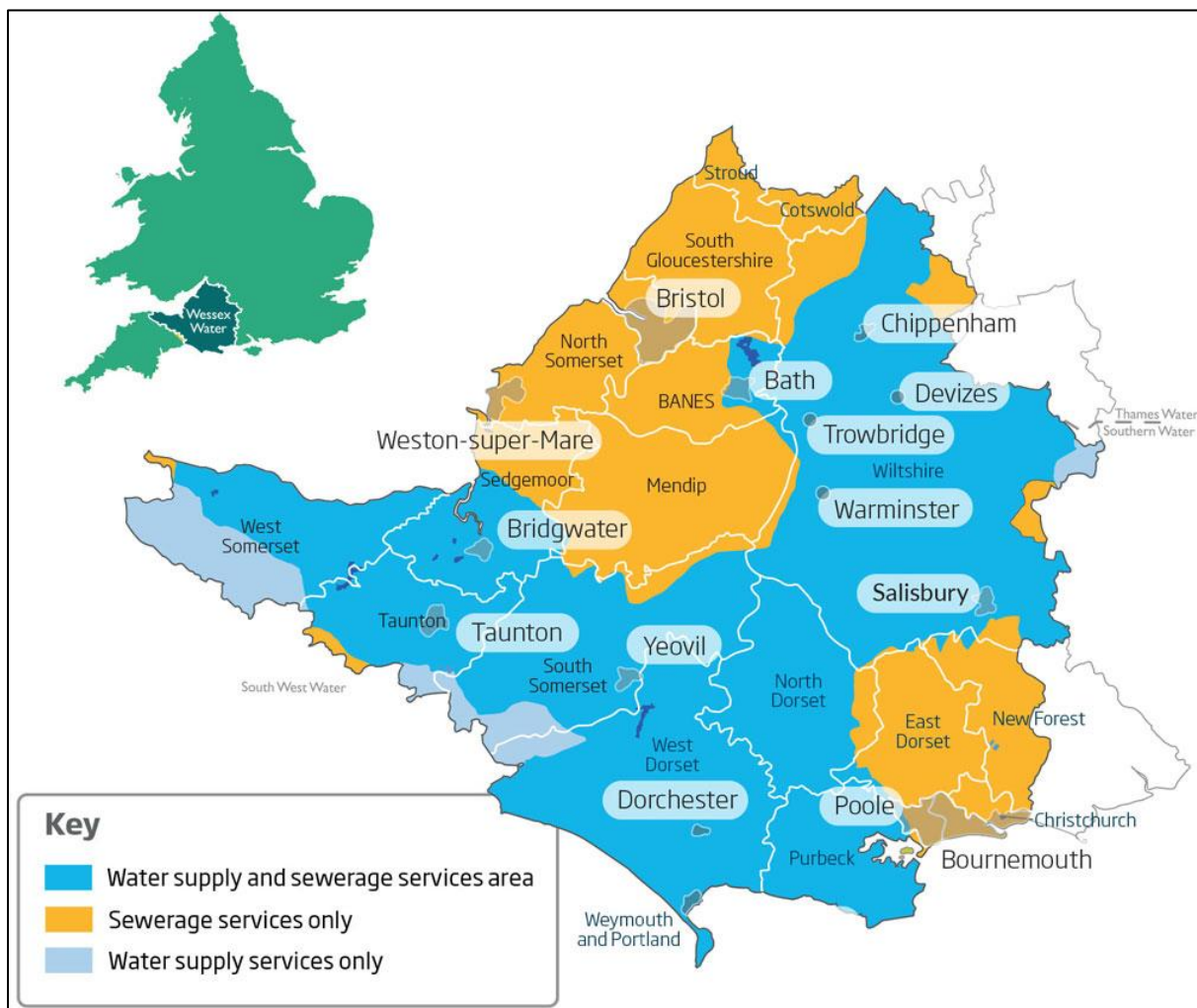
The Bristol and Bath area in the north west has a population of around 750,000 and in the south east the Bournemouth and Poole area has approximately 300,000 residents.

The region's landscape is varied, ranging from the Mendip Hills and the levels of Somerset to the cliffs of Dorset and Wiltshire's Salisbury Plain. Within the region is the world heritage city of Bath; the seaside resort of Weston-super-Mare, famous for its Grand Pier and Dorset, home to the Jurassic Coast Natural World Heritage Site.

We provide fresh, high quality water services to 1.4 million customers and sewerage services to 2.9 million customers living in the south west of England. Once they are finished with their water, we then take it away, clean and treat it before distributing it back into the environment.

We're working hard to improve the water and sewer networks across our region, investing around £1bn between 2020 and 2025, to make sure we are prepared for current and future demands.

Figure 4: Map of the Wessex Water region



3. Glossary

3.1 Words and expressions used in this scheme have the meanings prescribed to them by the Act or Instrument of Appointment save where the context otherwise requires.

3.2 The definitions used in this scheme are:

“Act” means the Water Industry Act 1991 (as amended).

“Assessed Charge” has the meaning ascribed in section 12 of this scheme.

“Billing Centre” means the Company’s billing centre the address of which appears in paragraph 6.24.

“Highway Drainage” means rainwater that drains from roads and footpaths and flows into the Company’s drainage systems.

“Household Premises” means premises in which, or in any part of which, a person has their home and the principal use of the premises is as a home and “premises” where utilised in this scheme means Household Premises unless the context otherwise requires.

“Instrument of Appointment” means the appointment of the Company as a water and sewerage undertaker pursuant to the Act.

“Measured Charges Notice” means a notice in writing served by the customer on the Company requiring the setting of water and wastewater charges by reference to volume. Generally, such notice will be in the form appearing in the Company’s leaflet “Switching to a meter”.

“Meter Request Confirmation” means return by the Customer of the Company’s form confirming acceptance of the meter location by the Customer and a wish to proceed.

“Ofwat” means the Water Services Regulation Authority.

“Premises” includes land, rights or interests in land, buildings, parts of buildings, dwellings and any parts thereof.

“Rating Valuation List” means a list which is or has at any time been maintained, for the purposes of rating, under section 41 or 52 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, section 67 of the General Rate Act 1967 or any other enactment.

“Surface Water” means rainwater draining from roofs of buildings and yards and other hardstanding areas appurtenant to buildings. We refer to surface water as rainwater in the charges schedules and on your bill.

“WIVGR” means the Water Industry (Vulnerable Groups) Regulations 1999 (as amended).

4. Introduction

Charges scheme

- 4.1 This Household Charges Scheme is made by Wessex Water Services Limited ('the Company') pursuant to the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991 ('the Act') and of the Instrument of Appointment made under sections 11 and 14 of the Water Act 1989. By the Act and the Instrument of Appointment the Company is authorised to fix, levy, demand and recover charges for any services provided while carrying out its functions as a water undertaker and as a sewerage undertaker.
- 4.2 This scheme and the charges in the schedules are fixed by the Company and are effective from 1 April 2024 except where otherwise indicated. Apart from charges based on a meter reading, charges normally relate to an annual charge payable in advance except where the Company has agreed to payment by a specified number of instalments.
- 4.3 This scheme does not apply to charges required by the Company from another water or sewerage undertaker (including any potential new or replacement undertaker within the contemplation of section 7 of the Act) for the supply of water in bulk or bulk removal of wastewater. Such charges will be fixed by agreement between the parties having regard to sections 40 and 110A of the Act and any relevant Ofwat guidance.
- 4.4 This scheme fixes charges for Household Premises. Charges to Retailers and Developers are fixed under separate charges schemes.
- 4.5 Copies of the scheme and charges are available for inspection at the main offices of the Company its website².

Amount of charges

- 4.6 The amount or value of each charge made under this scheme is set out in the schedules. Where any service is not provided for in this scheme, the Company may fix an appropriate charge.
- 4.7 Notwithstanding this scheme, the Company has the right, so far as compatible with any statutory constraints, to fix charges for services provided either by way of agreement with the customer or under other statutory powers.

Value Added Tax (VAT)

- 4.8 Measured and unmeasured water charges to Household Premises are zero rated for VAT purposes.
- 4.9 Charges for wastewater disposal from Household Premises via a public sewer are zero rated for VAT purposes.

² <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/your-account/your-bill/our-charges>

5. Complaints and further information

Complaints procedure

- 5.1 The Company aims to deliver a high standard of service and to deal with all complaints in line with its Code of Practice. Complaints can be made to the contact details in paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5.
- 5.2 If a complaint about the application of this scheme is not resolved, it may be referred to the Consumer Council for Water ('CCW'), 1st Floor Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4AJ, telephone 0300 034 2222, or see www.ccwater.org.uk.
- 5.3 CCW's function is to ensure effective consumer representation and to investigate individual customer complaints within the Company's area of appointment as a water and sewerage undertaker. Further information about CCW's complaints procedure, including where a customer is dissatisfied with CCW's findings, can be found on their website³

Further information

- 5.4 The Company's website includes details of charges and other core customer information and advice which can be found on our website⁴. Specific details relating to the Company's charges may be obtained by calling the Billing Team on 0345 600 3 600 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm; Saturday 9am to 1pm).
- 5.5 All Measured Charges Notices and requests for abatements from charges or applications for allowances should be made to the Executive Director of Finance and Regulation by writing to Wessex Water Services Limited, 1 Clevedon Walk, Nailsea, Bristol BS48 1WW, or contact us at: <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/contact-us>.

³ <https://www.ccwater.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

⁴ <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/policy>

6. Charging policy

- 6.1 Under this Charges Scheme for supplies of water to Household Premises and/or charges for the drainage of Household Premises are calculated by reference to either Rateable Value or by reference to the volume of water passing through a meter. Where calculation on such basis is not reasonably practicable the Company may apply such other matters for calculating the charges as are notified to the customer (including the setting of charges at a fixed amount).
- 6.2 In accordance with section 144 of the Act, charges for supplies of water and/or charges for the drainage of Household Premises are payable by the occupier of the premises to which the services are provided, except where provision to the contrary is made by any agreement to which the Company is a party. Customers should notify the Company of changes in occupancy. Measured customers should be aware that failure to notify a change in occupancy may result in a continuing liability for measured charges after vacating premises in accordance with Section 144 of the Act.
- 6.3 Reference to Rateable Value means the figure published in the rating valuation list as at 31 March 1990.
- 6.4 Where a charge is claimed or referred to in this scheme the rates applicable are set out in the schedules.

Metering

- 6.5 The Company will, with effect from 1 April 1994 and as soon as reasonably practicable after their identification and installation of a water meter, fix charges for households eligible for metering by reference to volume. Until the metering of the premises, charges are raised in accordance with the general provisions of this scheme. The Company reserves the right to require the installation of water meters for those premises falling within the Water Industry (Prescribed Conditions) Regulations 1999.
- 6.6 From 1 April 1994 the following properties are eligible for metering:
- All premises which, in common with other premises in separate occupation, are connected to the Company's water mains and are served by a single common metered water supply in circumstances where no agreement exists to which the Company is a party for payment of charges in respect of all the premises by the occupier of one of the premises.
- 6.7 From 1 April 2005 the following properties are eligible for metering:
- All premises where water is or is to be used at the premises for watering a garden, other than by hand, by means of any apparatus.
- 6.8 From 1 April 2006 the following properties are eligible for metering:
- All premises where water is or is to be used at the premises for automatically replenishing a pond, swimming pool (or similar), with a capacity greater than 10,000 litres.

6.9 From 1 April 2015 the following properties are eligible for metering:

- All premises receiving a supply of water from the Company:
 - a) which are Household Premises; and
 - b) fall within the Company's area of appointment as a water undertaker; and
 - c) there has been a change in the occupation of the premises and no charges have yet been demanded from the person who has become the consumer.

Exceptions

6.10 No charge is made for the availability of the supply of water, or the water taken, for fire extinguishing or the testing of fire extinguishing apparatus.

6.11 Charges may remain payable if the premises (whether unmeasured or measured) are unoccupied, unless

- (a) the water supply to the premises is disconnected; or
- (b) the non-occupation is due to exceptional circumstances such as death or long-term hospitalisation of the customer.

Domestic leakage policy

6.12 Liability for the cost of water lost through unidentified leaks of water from domestic customers' service pipes will be governed by the charges adjustments required under the Company's Code of Practice for Leakage for Domestic Customers. Further information on leak allowance policy can be obtained from the Company's Code of Practice for Leakage for Domestic Customers⁵.

Promotion of efficient water use

6.13 The Company is, by virtue of section 93A of the Act, under a duty to promote the efficient use of water and considers that customers should attend promptly to the repair of leaks on their private pipework. Accordingly:

- (a) wastewater leakage allowances or non-return to sewer allowances will not be given for water not returning to sewer due to leaks in customers' service pipes. Service pipes should be kept in repair by customers to avoid a breach of section 73 of the Act; and
- (b) leakage allowances in accordance with the provisions of Condition H of the Instrument of Appointment or any more advantageous allowances from time to time voluntarily applied by the Company will be given.

⁵ <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/customer-commitments/core-customer-information>

Drainage charges

- 6.14 For measured customers the cost of Surface Water and Highway Drainage is included and recovered through the measured wastewater standing charge.
- 6.15 For unmeasured customers the cost of Surface Water and Highway Drainage is included and recovered through the unmeasured wastewater charge.

Special category charge

- 6.16 The Special Category charge listed in Schedule 1 relates to those premises such as community groups and places of religious worship, as defined under paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, that were eligible for mandatory or discretionary relief from non-domestic business rates.

Developer and management company agreements

- 6.17 The Company requires all new domestic connections to its water mains to have a separate service pipe and water meter. However, the Company may, where required by the Act or in its discretion, allow a group of individual premises, comprised in a development, to be supplied through a bulk water meter, provided that:
- (a) a management company enters an agreement with the Company to pay all water services charges (including charges for Surface Water and Highway Drainage services in respect of periods of non-occupation) for the premises comprised in the group;
 - (b) the location of the common water meter is agreed with the Company;
 - (c) the plumbing arrangements for the premises comprised in the group are configured so that individual meters, in accessible locations in communal areas, can easily be added if the agreement terminates for any reason in the future;
 - (d) in the event of difficulties with the payment agreement, or if the management company defaults in payment, the Company reserves the right to terminate the agreement and apply and enforce individual charging;
 - (e) in circumstances where the agreement is terminated and where it is not reasonably practicable to install individual meters, an annual Assessed charge will be payable by each occupier as provided in Paragraph 12.
- 6.18 Where a developer has requested individual meters to individual Household Premises, which are supplied through a single connection to the Company's water main (typically an apartment block), the Company may require the installation of a temporary common meter as part of the connection agreement.
- 6.19 The developer or management company may be required to enter into a temporary common metering arrangement with the Company and agree to pay all water services charges for premises comprised in the development until such time as individual

meters have been installed in all of the separate premises, at which time the common metering arrangement will terminate, and individual charging will commence.

Insolvency

6.20 Where a Customer enters into any formal insolvency procedure (to include but not limited to bankruptcy, individual voluntary arrangement or equivalent procedure) we will apportion any charges on a daily basis up to the date immediately before the date the relevant insolvency procedure becomes effective ('the insolvency date'). Any apportioned charges after the insolvency date will be payable by the occupier of the property in question and fall due on the next day of occupation after the insolvency date and will not fall within the insolvency procedure. The charges will be payable by the person responsible for the payment of water and wastewater charges for the property in question on the same payment terms as would apply if the property had been newly connected on that day.

Joint supplies

6.21 Where:

- (a) two or more premises in separate occupation are served by a historic supply of water by the Company (prior to 1999) through a single meter; and
- (b) there is no agreement in place under which one person has agreed with the Company to pay the charges applicable for all of the premises supplied via the meter,

the occupiers of each premises supplied will be jointly and severally liable for the whole of the measured water and/or wastewater charge. The Company, in its absolute discretion may if it so chooses, elect to apportion the charge due between the occupiers of the premises supplied via the meter as it considers appropriate.

Billing by other undertakers

6.22 Where domestic customers of premises in the Company's area of appointment as a water or sewerage undertaker paid charges for water supply or sewerage services to another water or sewerage undertaker (the Other Undertaker) who collected such charges as the Company's agent on charges fixed by reference to the Other Undertaker's charges scheme the charges payable to the Company in this charges year will be fixed at the lower of:

- (a) the charges set out in the schedules to this scheme; and
- (b) the charges for such services set out in the Other Undertaker's charges scheme for the year commencing 1 April 2024, provided that there has been no change of occupier of the premises since 31 March 2012. On any change of occupancy charges will be fixed in accordance with the general provisions and schedules of this scheme.

Retrospective adjustments

- 6.23 The Company seeks to ensure that the correct charge is applied to each premises supplied. We will not make retrospective adjustments to charges raised in previous charging years where any undercharging has been due to an error on our part.

Collection of charges

- 6.24 Charges are collected on behalf of the Company by Bristol Wessex Billing Services Ltd (Pelican Business Services). Pelican Business Services can be contacted on 0345 600 3 600 or by writing to them at: Wessex Water Services Limited, 1 Clevedon Walk, Nailsea, Bristol BS48 1WW.

7. Payment of water supply and wastewater services charges

Unmeasured charges

- 7.1 The Company will render an account to the occupier of the premises or such other person who is liable for payment in respect of the services provided.
- 7.2 The charge is due on 1 April but is subject to the payment options referred to below.
- 7.3 The Company permits the following payment options for charges due:
- (a) a single payment for the entire year's charges due on 1 April;
 - (b) two payments due on 1 April and 1 October;
 - (c) 10 monthly instalments;
 - (d) fortnightly instalments;
 - (e) 46 weekly instalments; or
 - (f) such other frequency or arrangement agreed to by the Company having due regard to the particular financial circumstances of the customer as notified to the Company.

Measured charges

- 7.4 The Company permits the following payment options for charges due:
- (a) a single payment on receipt of the Company's measured bill;
 - (b) the following instalment arrangements against an estimated consumption and bill for the period of approximately 12 months from a meter reading:
 - (i) 12 monthly instalments;
 - (ii) 26 fortnightly instalments;
 - (iii) 52 weekly instalments; or
 - (iv) such other frequency or arrangement agreed to by the Company having due regard to the particular financial circumstances of the customer as notified to the Company.
- 7.5 Any underpayment or overpayment by a customer paying via instalments will be carried forward and used in calculating appropriate instalments for the next billing cycle. The Company will, where requested by a customer (or where the Company considers the overpayment material), refund to a customer any overpayment made.

Methods of payment

- 7.6 The Company accepts payment of charges by any of the methods below. All methods are free of charge at the point of payment unless otherwise stated.
- 7.7 Payment of charges and instalments can for example be made by way of cash, cheque, standing order, postal order, debit/credit card or direct debit to the Billing Team. Payment is accepted by post. Payments may also be made:
- (a) at the customers' own bank or building society;
 - (b) at any other bank but subject to payment of such banks charge for providing the service;
 - (c) at Post Office Counters Limited for cash payments only. Payments made other than by cash may attract a Post Office Counters Limited charge;
 - (d) at Payzone agencies for cash payments only;
 - (e) subject to paragraph 7.9 below, via our website;
 - (f) subject to paragraph 7.9 below, by telephone, TV, PC or online banking; or
 - (g) via our automated payment line.
- 7.8 The Company accepts payment for charges via the Water Direct scheme operated by Jobcentre Plus. If you are in arrears and on income support, job seeker's allowance or pension credit, you may qualify to have your charges paid directly from your benefit.
- 7.9 A matrix of the payment methods and frequency accepted by the Company appears in Schedule 4. Details of where and how payments may be made are included on customers' bills. Further advice and information is available from the Billing Team.

Payment by instalment

- 7.10 No charge is made for the option to pay by instalments. However, failure to pay an instalment by the due date or breach of any special charging agreement agreed to by the Company under paragraphs 7.3(f) or 7.4(b)(iv) above causes all outstanding amounts to be due and payable immediately. Failure to pay in one amount the charges outstanding may result in the issue of a County Court claim for all unpaid charges.

8. Water supply charges

Measured supplies

- 8.1 Metered water supplies are provided subject to the provisions of the Act and any regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- 8.2 A standing charge is payable calculated by reference to the size of a meter.
- 8.3 The charging year for measured customers is 1 April to 31 March in the following year.
- 8.4 On the occasion of the first meter reading after 1 April, the Company will apportion the consumption on a pro-rata basis as between the current charging year and the previous charging year and bill accordingly.

Meter testing

- 8.5 If a customer requests the testing of a meter, a charge is only made if the meter is found to be recording within the tolerances referred to in the Water (Meters) Regulations 1988 (the Regulations).
- 8.6 Where a meter is shown to have registered incorrectly (or not at all) the Company may charge on the basis of consumption over the last billing period in which the meter was operating correctly in accordance with the Regulations. Any charges demanded or paid will be adjusted in accordance with the Regulations.

Meter readings

- 8.7 Normally, meters serving premises occupied by domestic customers are read and bills sent to customers at intervals of approximately 6 months. The Company may bill customers on an estimated basis reflecting a reasonable assessment of likely consumption where a meter reading has not been taken. Any under or over-estimate against actual consumption will be taken into account when the customer is next billed using an actual reading. On receipt of a bill based on an estimated consumption the customer may supply an actual meter reading and the bill will be adjusted accordingly.
- 8.8 A fixed charge is payable for any meter reading requested by the customer outside the normal reading frequency. This may occur when the customer wishes to check consumption for leakage. Most customers should be able to check their own meter on a monthly basis. If a customer is genuinely unable to read their meter no charge will be made. No charge is payable by pensioners or customers with special needs.

Damage to meter apparatus

- 8.9 Where a water meter fitted inside a customer's property fails to register correctly (whether due to accidental damage, deliberate damage, unauthorised removal or otherwise) and the customer prevents access for the purpose of its replacement, the Company shall be entitled to recover charges for water consumed at such premises until the meter is replaced or repaired in accordance with paragraph 8.10 below.

Incorrect registering of metered consumption

- 8.10 An account shall be taken of the sums payable by the Company or by the customer for any period during which the meter has or is deemed to have registered incorrectly; and the balance shall be paid or allowed by the Company or paid by the customer, as the case may be.
- 8.11 Where a meter is proved to have registered less than the volume of water supplied to a premises (or not registered at all in the case of damage or unauthorised removal), the balance payable by the customer shall not exceed an amount reflecting the charge for the volume of water which would ordinarily have been supplied to the premises. This is for the six months preceding the last occasion on which the Company or any person duly authorised by them last read the meter for the purpose of ascertaining the volume of water supplied to the premises and is less any sums already paid in respect of that period. Where there has been a change in the occupier or occupiers of a premise since the meter was last read and registered correctly, the Company may use the number of occupants at the premises and average use of water to assess the volume of water used.

Access to read meters

- 8.12 The Company will take reasonable steps to secure access to the customer's premises to repair or replace a meter that has been removed without authority or one that is defective or incorrectly registering. Once a meter is repaired or replaced, charges will from that date be based on the readings obtained from the meter until such time as it is proved to have registered incorrectly. If a meter cannot be economically replaced or replacement would in the opinion of the Company cause disproportionate damage to a customer's fixtures and fittings, the Company may elect to base charges on the basis described under paragraph 8.10.

Unmeasured supplies

Rated premises

- 8.13 Where a mains water supply is provided by the Company other than through a meter the Company makes a charge based on a poundage rate applied to the Rateable Value of the premises as at 31 March 1990, together with a standing charge.

Unrated premises

- 8.14 Premises not having a Rateable Value as at 31 March 1990 and receiving an unmeasured water supply are, subject to paragraph 6.5 above, charged on the basis of the Assessed Charge.

9. Miscellaneous water charges

Cattle troughs

- 9.1 A fixed annual sum is charged for each cattle trough not connected to a measured supply.

Fixed and portable standpipes

- 9.2 Unless standpipes are installed or are erected for fire-fighting purposes, the Company levies and recovers charges as set out in Schedule 3. The Company reserves the right to charge for water used according to the volume registered on a meter.

Garden sprinklers

- 9.3 Where a meter is not installed, an annual fixed charge in respect of each premise where a sprinkler is used is made as set out in Schedule 1. No allowance will be given for part years except where a customer moves into or out of the premises or where the Company imposes restrictions on the use of sprinklers or where the customer's premises are metered for the first time. Itinerant and landscape gardeners on paying the fixed charge may use a sprinkler on any property during the normal course of their business.

Disconnection and reconnection charges

- 9.4 No charges are made for a permanent disconnection from the mains water supply (except in the case of unauthorised activity where the Company shall charge accordingly). In all cases of temporary disconnection, a charge is made for the subsequent reconnection.

Charges for other services

- 9.5 The Company fixes and recovers the other charges as set out in the Schedules.

10. Wastewater charges

- 10.1 The Company levies a charge (the wastewater charge) for sewerage and sewage disposal services for both foul and Surface Water to all premises connected directly or indirectly to a sewer vested in the Company. The wastewater charge includes the service of draining discharges from highways, common areas and infiltration.

Non return to sewer

- 10.2 Where the water supply is measured, the wastewater charge is based on a standing charge and a volume charge assessed by reference to the recorded water supply. Normally, 95% of the recorded water supply consumption will be assessed as returning to the sewer as foul water unless an individual allowance for non-return has been agreed in writing by the Company. Any agreement for a reduced return to sewer will be effective from the start of the charging year in which the application is made or the date of the new occupancy, whichever is the most recent. This agreement shall not affect charges raised in earlier charging years. Agreement will only be reached where customers are able to show that when taking one year with another, consistently less than 95% of the recorded water supply consumption is returned to sewer as foul water. No additional allowances will be given for dry summers.

Unmeasured charges

- 10.3 Where the water supply is not measured, wastewater charges are calculated as a poundage rate applied to the Rateable Value of premises at 31 March 1990, together with a standing charge.
- 10.4 Premises not having a Rateable Value at 31 March 1990 and receiving an unmeasured supply are, subject to paragraph 6.5 above, charged for wastewater on the basis of the Assessed Charge.

Wastewater billing in other water supply areas

- 10.5 Where the measured supply is received from another water company within the wastewater area of the Company, charges for wastewater services are based on meter readings provided by that water company in accordance with section 205 of the Act unless circumstances make it impracticable or inappropriate.

Surface Water Drainage rebates

- 10.6 Customers who dispose of Surface Water other than to the Company's public sewers may claim an abatement on application to the Company. A claim must be supported with information from the customer giving reasonable evidence that Surface Water is not disposed to a public sewer.
- 10.7 In the case of both measured and unmeasured customers abatements will apply from the later of:
- (a) 1 April 2018;

- (b) the date on which the customer became responsible for charges at the property; or
- (c) the date on which the property was disconnected from the Company's wastewater system.

10.8 In the case of unmeasured customers, the abatement will be the reduced rate set out in Schedule 1. In the case of measured customers, the abatement will be 100% of the Surface Water Drainage element of the standing charge.

10.9 For the avoidance of doubt, customers with a connection to a sewer vested in the Company who qualify for a Surface Water abatement will still contribute towards the service of draining highways, common areas and sewer infiltration.

10.10 Application for a Surface Water Drainage rebate can be made via the Surface Water Drainage section of the company's website⁶.

Surface Water and Highway Drainage only charge

10.11 Where only Surface Water and Highway Drainage is discharged to a public sewer, the Company will levy a Surface Water and Highway Drainage only wastewater charge.

⁶ <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/your-wastewater/surface-water-drainage>

11. The option to meter

- 11.1 Subject to paragraph 11.2, the occupier of any premises in which, or in any part of which, a person has their home may serve on the Company a Measured Charges Notice which requires the Company at its expense to fix its charges by reference to the volume of water supplied. A Measured Charges Notice is defined in paragraph 12.2. Copies of the Measured Charges Notice may be obtained from the Billing Team (see paragraph 5.5 for contact details).
- 11.2 Paragraph 11.1 above does not apply to:
- (a) premises occupied under a fixed term tenancy of a term of less than 6 months; or
 - (b) premises where the cost of installation of a meter by the Company will exceed £1,000 and the customer has declined to pay the cost of any additional expense above £1,000.

Multi occupancy premises

- 11.3 In the case of multi occupancy premises where separate meters cannot be installed, the Company would consider the installation of a single meter producing a single bill for which an individual or company is prepared to accept responsibility for payment. The Company may agree to install at its cost (providing such costs are reasonable) a further meter or meters within multi occupancy premises for the purpose of calculating and collecting measured charges.

Grievance procedure

- 11.4 The Company or any person aggrieved at the Company's decision or refusal to install a meter on the grounds set out in paragraph 11.2(b) may refer the matter to Ofwat for determination under Section 30A of the Act.

Location of meters

- 11.5 Where a water meter is to be installed pursuant to a Measured Charges Notice or otherwise, the location of the meter will be determined by the Company taking note of the provisions of the Regulations. Generally, the Company will install meters:
- (a) in the external wall of new properties; or
 - (b) externally at the boundary of an existing property; or
 - (c) internally, at the request of the Customer.
- 11.6 A location other than that proposed by the Company may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Meter installation survey

11.7 Where a Measured Charges Notice is received by the Company, a survey of the customer's premises will be carried out as soon as reasonably practicable. The survey will establish whether it is practicable to install a meter at reasonable expense and to determine the location of the meter. Where practicable, the survey and meter installation will be carried out at the same time provided the meter is to be installed at one of the points referred to in paragraph 11.5(a) to (c) above.

Meter installation period

11.8 Subject to paragraph 11.11 the Company will install a meter within 30 working days of receipt of the Measured Charges Notice ("the Standard Installation Period"). In the event that a meter cannot be installed in the positions referred to in paragraph 11.5(a) to (c) above then the Company will contact the customer to advise the proposed location of the meter and invite the customer to confirm that the meter should be installed. In such circumstances, on receipt of the customer's consent the Company will install the meter.

11.9 Subject to paragraph 11.11, in the event that a meter is not installed within the Standard Installation Period measured charges commence from the date the meter is actually installed. Unmeasured charges cease to apply at the end of the Standard Installation Period. The cessation of unmeasured charges at the end of the Standard Installation Period does not apply if the meter installation has been delayed at the request of the customer or that of a third party.

11.10 Where the proviso in paragraph 11.2(b) applies, the customer will be informed within 15 days of completion of the survey, notified of the right of appeal to Ofwat and offered the opportunity to pay for water and wastewater services via the Assessed Charge.

11.11 The Installation Period referred to in paragraph 11.8 will be extended by such period as is reasonable to facilitate any discussions about:

- (a) the practicality or expense of installing a meter as provided for in paragraph 11.2(b). In the case of disputes referred to Ofwat under paragraph 11.4 the 15-day period shall not run until Ofwat's determination is received; or
- (b) the entering into of an agreement in the case of multi occupancy premises as envisaged in paragraph 11.3 above; or
- (c) the customer arranging entry to the premises for installation of the meter.

Reversion to unmeasured charges

11.12 Any person continually in occupation of premises within the ambit of paragraph 11.1, where a meter has been installed pursuant to a Measured Charges Notice, may at any time in the period spanning four meter readings (a period of at least 24 months) require the Company to revert to an unmeasured basis of charge. The Company is not required in such case to remove the meter. The unmeasured water and wastewater charge applies from the date of the last meter reading prior to the customer informing

the Company of a desire to revert to unmeasured charging. The right to revert to an unmeasured basis of charge will be explained in a leaflet accompanying bills. If the customer fails within 30 days of receipt of the fourth measured bill following installation of the meter to request reversion to unmeasured charging the right to revert to an unmeasured basis of charge is lost.

Ownership and maintenance

11.13 Any meter installed pursuant to this paragraph is the property of the Company. The Company is responsible for its maintenance and repair.

12. The Assessed Charge

12.1 Where:

- (a) Household Premises do not have a valid Rateable Value (including for the purposes of this scheme where a property or properties have undergone re-construction, alteration, division, subdivision or amalgamation), the Company is not able to exercise the power to meter on change of occupancy referred to in paragraphs 6.5 to 6.9, and the customer objects to the installation of a water meter, and the Company is not empowered to require a meter as a condition of connection under Section 47(2)(c) of the Act; or
- (b) a customer has served on the Company a Measured Charges Notice or on a change of occupancy where a power to meter is exercisable under paragraph 6.5 to 6.9 and the customer's premises cannot sensibly be metered due to the circumstances set out in paragraph 11.2 applying or the Company has been unable to install a meter due to circumstances outside of its control

the Company may fix and collect charges for water and wastewater services via the Assessed Charge. Where the Company has been unable to fit a meter due to circumstances outside of its control, and the customer is being charged using the Assessed Charge, the company reserves the right to install a meter and move the customer to Measured Charges at a later date.

12.2 The Assessed Charge is a charge based on an assessed volumetric consumption applicable to the customer's premises, the details of which are set out in Schedule 1. The band will normally be assessed based on the number of persons occupying the premises, where band 1 is equivalent to one person, band 2 is equivalent to two persons and so on.

12.3 Where a customer's home is in a complex where laundry facilities are provided to homes in that complex on a communal basis (for example sheltered housing or housing complexes with communal laundries) and water and/or wastewater charges in relation to such communal facilities are recovered from another customer, the Company may assess charges by reference to band 1C or band 2C as set out in Schedule 1, where band 1C is equivalent to occupation of the home by one person and band 2C is equivalent to occupation of the home by two persons. The Company will assess charges by reference to bands 3 to 8 where such homes are occupied by more than two people. The Company's decision as to eligibility for the assessment of charges by reference to band C1 or band C2 shall be final.

12.4 The Company retains the discretion to offer an alternative band in circumstances where it is agreed that the occupancy is not a true reflection of the usage that is likely to occur at the property.

12.5 The Assessed Charge will be payable either:

- (a) from the date of receipt by the Company of a request in writing from the customer to pay for water and wastewater services via an Assessed Charge following:
 - (i) receipt of notification from the Company that the premises cannot sensibly be metered as referred to in paragraph 11.2 or in similar circumstances on a change of occupancy where the power to meter is exercisable as referred to in paragraph 6.5; or
 - (ii) the determination of any appeal made to Ofwat as set out in paragraph 11.4 above or otherwise; or
- (b) from the date of occupation of premises that do not have a valid Rateable Value (as referred to in paragraphs 12.1(a) and 12.1(b) above) and the Customer declines to agree to the installation of a meter and the Company has no legal power to compulsorily install a meter or a meter cannot be installed at reasonable expense as provided for in paragraph 11.2 above.

13. Social tariffs

13.1 Applications to all social tariffs can be made via the affordability section of the company's website⁷.

WaterSure

13.2 Where premises are occupied either alone or with others:

- (a) by any class of persons set out in clause 13.3 below (a "qualifying person"); and
- (b) the conditions in clause 13.4 below are satisfied,

charges in respect of the occupation of such premises will be, subject to paragraph 10.8, fixed in accordance with clause 13.8 below.

13.3 The class of persons covered by this clause is any person occupying premises being:

- (a) entitled to receive child benefit under Part IX of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 for three or more children under the age of 19 who reside in the premises and is also entitled to receive any of the benefits listed in paragraph 13.7 below; or
- (b) diagnosed as suffering from, or there being present at the premises a person diagnosed as suffering from:
 - (i) any of the medical conditions listed in paragraph 13.5; or
 - (ii) any other medical condition certificated by a doctor as qualifying for assistance under and in accordance with the WIVGR,

and as a result of that condition is obliged to use a significant additional volume of water and someone in the occupied premises is also entitled to receive any of the benefits listed in paragraph 13.7 below. The doctor's certificate referred to in paragraph 13.3(b) above must be in writing and contain the following particulars:

- (iii) the name of the person in respect of whom the diagnosis is made ("the patient");
- (iv) the diagnosis of the patient's medical condition which obliges the patient to use a significant additional volume of water;
- (v) the date on which the certificate is given; and
- (vi) the name and address of the doctor.

13.4 The conditions in this paragraph are that:

⁷ <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/corporate/customer-service/our-commitment/affordability>

- (a) charges for water supplies to those premises are fixed by reference to volume or would be so fixed if the customer had not exercised the rights given by this paragraph 13;
- (b) a qualifying person occupies the whole or part of the premises as their only or principal home;
- (c) in the case of premises that are not used solely as a person's home, the other use is not the principal use of the premises;
- (d) water supplied to the premises is not used for:
 - (i) watering a garden (other than by hand) by means of any apparatus; or
 - (ii) automatically replenishing a pond, swimming pool (or similar), with a capacity greater than 10,000 litres; and
- (e) an application has been made to the Company to exercise the right given by this paragraph and entitlement established to it in accordance with paragraph 10.8.

13.5 The medical conditions referred to in paragraph 13.3(b) are:

- (a) desquamation;
- (b) weeping skin disease;
- (c) incontinence;
- (d) abdominal stoma;
- (e) renal failure requiring dialysis at home (except where a contribution to the cost of the water consumed in the process of dialysis is made by the health authority);
- (f) Crohn's disease; and
- (g) Ulcerative Colitis.

13.6 The Company may at its discretion extend the range of medical conditions referred to in paragraph 13.4 to other conditions that involve significant use of water.

13.7 The benefits referred to in paragraph 13.3(a) and 13.3(b) are those applying from time to time under the Water Industry (Charges) (Vulnerable Groups) Regulations 1999 as amended.

13.8 Where a qualifying person has applied and been accepted as eligible to exercise the rights in this paragraph, in accordance with paragraph 13.9 below, charges in respect of such premises will:

- (a) start from commencement of the billing period in which the application is made, initially be fixed by reference to WaterSure; and
- (b) if necessary, be adjusted approximately 12 months after commencement of eligibility to exercise the rights given by this paragraph so that the total charge for such period

in relation to those premises for such period does not exceed the amount that would have been payable if normal measured charges applied; and

- (c) continue until the end of the billing period in which the earliest of the following occurs:
 - (i) the qualifying person asks us to change to another tariff;
 - (ii) the qualifying person no longer qualifies for the tariff; or
 - (iii) one year after the date WaterSure took effect or, if that is part way through a billing period, after the end of that billing period unless the qualifying person has applied for a renewal,

and in any such case, the Company may adjust any account already rendered to take account of the above.

13.9 An application to exercise the rights under this paragraph:

- (a) must be made to the Company by the qualifying person or such other occupier of the premises who may be responsible jointly or otherwise to pay the charges for services provided to the premises;
- (b) be supported by reasonable evidence of qualification for assistance as prescribed by and in accordance with the WIVGR details of which are available on the website of the Office of Public Sector Information, in the WaterSure application form or from the Billing Team; and
- (c) may result in the Company seeking verification from a potential qualifying person's medical practitioner or the Jobcentre Plus of evidence to support a request to exercise the rights granted pursuant to this paragraph.

13.10 Where entitlement to exercise the rights pursuant to this paragraph is established, and the Company is the water undertaker but not the sewerage undertaker for those premises, the Company will inform the sewerage undertaker providing details of:

- (a) the consumer's name;
- (b) the address of the premises;
- (c) the starting date of their entitlement to assistance; and
- (d) if during the year the water undertaker becomes aware that the consumer has ceased to be entitled to assistance, their loss of entitlement.

13.11 The Company will give adequate notice in advance to any qualifying person or other occupier of the premises who may be responsible jointly or otherwise to pay the charges for services provided to the premises to reapply to exercise the rights granted by this paragraph at intervals of 12 months together with details of how to apply. This notification will be given a reasonable time before receipt of the next measured bill after the rights granted by this paragraph have been exercised.

WaterSure

13.12 Customers eligible for the WaterSure tariff are also eligible for the reduced charges applicable under the WaterSure tariff as set out in Schedule 2.

Assist social tariff

13.13 Where premises are occupied either alone or with others:

- (a) by any class of persons set out in clause 13.14 below (a “qualifying person”); and
- (b) the conditions in clause 13.15 or 13.16 below are satisfied,

charges in respect of the occupation of such premises will subject to paragraph 13.15 or 13.16 be fixed in accordance with clause 13.23 below.

13.14 The class of persons covered by this clause is any person who the Company is satisfied is unable to afford a level of payment that would otherwise apply for services provided by the Company to the premises.

13.15 The requirements for eligible persons are that:

- (a) the qualifying person occupies the whole or part of the premises as their only or principal home;
- (b) in the case of premises that are not used solely as a person’s home, the other use is not the principal use of the premises;
- (c) water supplied to the premises is not used for:
 - (i) watering a garden (other than by hand) by means of any apparatus; or
 - (ii) automatically replenishing a pond, swimming pool (or similar), with a capacity greater than 10,000 litres.

13.16 Organisations may also qualify provided that:

- (a) the qualifying organisation is a not for profit organisation, or registered charity that provides housing for persons likely to be eligible under paragraph 13.15; and
- (b) the premises are owned by the qualifying organisation and primarily used for the housing of eligible persons under paragraph 13.14 and 13.15.

13.17 For qualifying organisations, an appropriate level of charge will be set according to the occupancy of each property used for the housing of persons under paragraph 13.16.

13.18 An application by an eligible person to exercise the rights under this paragraph:

- (a) must be made to the Company by the qualifying person or such other occupier of the premises who may be responsible jointly or otherwise to pay the charges for services provided to the premises;

- (b) must be supported by reasonable evidence of qualification for assistance;
 - (c) must be supported by a completed means assessment in a form prescribed by the Company relating to the entire income of those residing at the premises and would be liable to pay charges under the Act and such other evidence as the Company may demand; and
 - (d) may result in the Company seeking verification with the applicant's consent from a potential qualifying person's registered Jobcentre Plus of evidence to support a request to exercise the rights granted pursuant to this paragraph.
- 13.19 The applicant must give a debt advice, or other agency recognised and approved by the Company (e.g. Citizens Advice Bureau, Age UK or Tenant Support Officer) permission to act on their behalf in assessing eligibility for the Assist social tariff, or provide such other information in such format as the Company may from time to time approve.
- 13.20 The applicant must complete the means assessment with the help of the debt advice or other agency that is acting on their behalf.
- 13.21 The debt advice or other agency must have provided information to the Company via a completed means assessment form (or information is provided in such other form as may be approved by the Company) that demonstrates to the Company's reasonable satisfaction that the applicant's household is not able to afford a level of payment that meets their current annual bill for services provided by the Company to the premises.
- 13.22 The information provided will be reviewed by the Company and the Company will determine whether it is satisfied that the assessment made about the ability of the applicant's household to pay is accurate. The Company's decision about eligibility for the Assist social tariff will be final and will take into account all relevant circumstances about the household's financial circumstances and how they have arisen.
- 13.23 An application by a qualifying organisation to exercise the rights under this paragraph:
- (a) must be made to the Company by the qualifying organisation who may be responsible jointly or otherwise to pay the charges for services provided to the premises; and
 - (b) must be supported by evidence that the eligibility requirements set out in paragraph 13.16 are met.
- 13.24 Where an application is accepted by the Company, charges in respect of such premises will, starting from the commencement of the billing period in which the application is made, be fixed by reference to the Assist social tariff.
- 13.25 The Assist social tariff is a fixed amount as set out in Schedule 2. The Company will continue to read the meter at such premises where charges were previously calculated by reference to the volume of water registered on the meter. If the applicant would pay less if billed on standard measured charges, then the applicant is able to request the Company to revert back to standard measured charges such charges being adjusted by the Company back to the date of the last meter reading prior to the customer informing the Company of a desire to revert to measured charging.

- 13.26 Where an applicant is accepted onto the Assist social tariff having gone through a debt advice or other agency, they will be asked to reapply for the tariff for another charging year on the anniversary of their first successful application for the Assist social tariff. The Company will require confirmation that there has been no material change in the household or organisation's financial circumstances and reserves the right to request the customer to submit a new means assessment via a debt advice agency. Where an applicant is accepted onto the Assist social tariff having without first going through a debt advice or other agency; after six months they will be required to complete the means assessment with the help of the debt advice or other agency that is acting on their behalf to remain on the tariff.
- 13.27 If the successful applicant does not reapply or fails to provide the necessary evidence or provides evidence to show that their financial situation has improved, the Company reserves the right to vary the Assist social tariff level or apply standard charges as appropriate.
- 13.28 If an applicant is not successful, then no further application for eligibility may be made by the applicant until six months has elapsed or there has been a material change of circumstance in the customer's financial circumstances.
- 13.29 No other rebates or allowances whether set out in this scheme or otherwise will apply to those customers paying the Assist social tariff.

Discount for Low Income Pensioners

- 13.30 Where premises are occupied exclusively:
- (a) by the class of persons set out in clause 13.31 below (a "qualifying person"); and
 - (b) the conditions in clause 13.32 below are satisfied,
- charges in respect of the occupation of such premises will subject to paragraph 13.32 be fixed in accordance with clause 13.35 below.
- 13.31 The class of persons covered by this clause is all persons in occupation of the premises are in receipt of Pension Credit or whose sole income is the minimum state pension payments (proved to the satisfaction of the Company) made by the department of Work and Pensions together with any person under the age of 18.
- 13.32 The requirements are that:
- (a) the qualifying person occupies the whole or part of the premises as their only or principal home;
 - (b) in the case of premises that are not used solely as a person's home, the other use is not the principal use of the premises;
 - (c) water supplied to the premises is not used for:
 - (i) watering a garden (other than by hand) by means of any apparatus; or
 - (ii) automatically replenishing a pond, swimming pool (or similar), with a capacity greater than 10,000 litres;

- 13.33 An application to exercise the rights under this paragraph:
- (a) must be made to the Company by the qualifying person; and
 - (b) must be supported by reasonable evidence of qualification for Pension Credit or the State Pension as the sole source of income.
- 13.34 The information provided will be reviewed by the Company and the Company will determine whether it is satisfied that the information provided by the applicant is accurate. The Company's decision about eligibility for the Discount for Low Income Pensioners will be final.
- 13.35 Where an application is accepted by the Company charges in respect of such premises will, starting from the commencement of the billing period in which the application is made, be fixed by reference to the Discount for Low Income Pensioners.
- 13.36 The charges applicable to the Discount for Low Income Pensioners social tariffs are in Schedule 2. The Company reserves the right to vary the Discount for Low Income Pensioners level or apply standard charges as appropriate.
- 13.37 Customers receiving the Discount for Low Income Pensioners who dispose of Surface Water other than to the Company's public sewers may claim an abatement on application to the company as per section 10.6. Normally no other rebates or allowances whether set out in this scheme or otherwise will apply to those customers paying the Discount for Low Income Pensioners.

14. Infrastructure charges

- 14.1 Full details of the Company's infrastructure charges can be found in the Charging Arrangements for New Connection Services which can be found on our website⁸.

⁸ <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/corporate/strategy-and-reports/regulatory-information/our-charges-scheme>

15. Charges schedules

Schedule 1

Water - measured charges

Category of charge	Unit	Charge
<u>Standing charges</u>		
Household meter <25mm	£ per annum	28
Household meter ≥25mm	£ per annum	78
<u>Volumetric charge</u>		
Volume charge	£ per m ³	2.5802

Water - unmeasured charges

Category of charge	Unit	Charge
<u>Standing charges</u>		
Standard	£ per annum	8
Sprinkler fee	£ per annum	138
Special category	£ per annum	93
<u>Variable charge</u>		
Rateable Value charge	£ per RV	2.4906

Water - Assessed charges

Category of charge	Unit	Charge
Assessed band 1	£ per annum	162
Assessed band 1 communal	£ per annum	142
Assessed band 2	£ per annum	248
Assessed band 2 communal	£ per annum	207
Assessed band 3	£ per annum	307
Assessed band 4	£ per annum	355
Assessed band 5	£ per annum	417
Assessed band 6	£ per annum	469
Assessed band 7	£ per annum	518
Assessed band 8	£ per annum	564

Wastewater - measured charges

Category of charge	Unit	Full	Incl. rainwater drainage allowance*
<u>Drainage standing charges</u>			
Meter <25mm	£ per annum	65	39
Meter ≥25mm <30mm	£ per annum	270	139
Meter ≥30mm <40mm	£ per annum	433	218
Meter ≥40mm <50mm	£ per annum	587	293
Meter ≥50mm <65mm	£ per annum	1,064	524
Meter ≥65mm <80mm	£ per annum	1,541	756
Meter ≥80mm <100mm	£ per annum	2,696	1,316
Meter ≥100mm <125mm	£ per annum	4,663	2,270
Meter ≥125mm <150mm	£ per annum	6,331	3,080
Meter ≥150mm <200mm	£ per annum	9,548	4,641
Meter ≥200mm	£ per annum	12,644	6,143
<u>Volumetric charge</u>			
Volume charge	£ per m ³	2.1392	2.1392

*Charges including the rainwater drainage allowance are payable where no part of the property is connected for rainwater drainage (also known as surface water drainage).

Wastewater - unmeasured charges

Category of charge	Unit	Full	Incl. rainwater drainage allowance*
<u>Standing charges</u>			
Standard	£ per annum	8	8
Surface Water & Highway Drainage only	£ per annum	56	0
<u>Variable charges</u>			
Rateable Value charge	£ per RV	2.0803	1.9225
Rateable Value charge Thames**	£ per RV	2.1109	1.9531

*Charges including the rainwater drainage allowance are payable where no part of the property is connected for rainwater drainage (also known as surface water drainage).

**Standard Thames unmeasured customers do not pay a standing charge.

Wastewater - Assessed charges

Category of charge	Unit	Full	Incl. rainwater drainage allowance*
Assessed band 1	£ per annum	164	138
Assessed band 1 communal	£ per annum	148	122
Assessed band 2	£ per annum	228	202
Assessed band 2 communal	£ per annum	196	170
Assessed band 3	£ per annum	272	246
Assessed band 4	£ per annum	308	282
Assessed band 5	£ per annum	355	329
Assessed band 6	£ per annum	393	367
Assessed band 7	£ per annum	429	403
Assessed band 8	£ per annum	464	438

*Charges including the rainwater drainage allowance are payable where no part of the property is connected for rainwater drainage (also known as surface water drainage).

Schedule 2

Assist

Assist

Category of charge	Unit	1 service supplied water or wastewater	2 services supplied water and wastewater
Assist level 1	£ per annum	32	60
Assist level 2	£ per annum	77	116
Assist level 3	£ per annum	125	195
Assist level 4	£ per annum	176	261
Assist level 5	£ per annum	226	378
Assist level 6	£ per annum	252	497

WaterSure

Category of charge	Unit	Water	Wastewater
WaterSure	£ per annum	250	242

Discount for Low Income Pensioners

Category of charge	Unit	Water	Wastewater
Unmeasured, Measured and Assessed charges		20% discount from Schedule 1 charge	20% discount from Schedule 1 charge

Schedule 3

Miscellaneous charges

Category of charge	Unit	Charge
Cattle troughs (unmeasured)	£ per annum	375**
Fixed standpipes (unmeasured)	£ per annum	211**
<u>Portable standpipes up to 22mm</u>		
Short term weekly hire	£ per annum	37.5*
6 monthly hire	£ per annum	675*
12 monthly hire	£ per annum	1135*
Temporary disconnection after default on payment	£ per annum	50**
Reconnection after temporary disconnection	£ per annum	50**
<u>Special meter readings</u>		
During normal working hours	£ per annum	25*
Outside normal working hours	£ per annum	50*
<u>Meter testing</u>		
Following removal of meter	£ per annum	70*
In-situ	£ per annum	20*
Flow and pressure test for fire sprinkler systems	£ per annum	75*
<u>Installation of Fire Hydrants on new main - standard chamber</u>		
Main not exceeding 90mm dia.	£ per annum	1497*
Main not exceeding 125mm dia.	£ per annum	1528*
Main not exceeding 180mm dia.	£ per annum	1583*
Main not exceeding 200mm dia.	£ per annum	1684*
<u>Installation of Fire Hydrants on existing main - standard chamber</u>		
Main not exceeding 90mm dia.	£ per annum	1197*
Main not exceeding 125mm dia.	£ per annum	1238*
Main not exceeding 180mm dia.	£ per annum	1383*
Main not exceeding 200mm dia.	£ per annum	1484*
Installations on Mains exceeding 200mm in diameter will be charged at cost.		
Provision of plan showing underground assets	£ per annum	15*

*VAT at standard rate is payable

**VAT at standard rate is payable in certain circumstances

Schedule 4

Payment options

Unmeasured

Payment type	Weekly	Fortnightly	Frequency 10 months	Single due 1 April	1 April & 1 October
DWP deductions ⁹	Y	N	N	N	N
Cash	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cheque	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Credit/debit card	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Direct debit	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Payzone (cash only)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Post Office (cash only)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Postal order	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Standing order	N	N	Y	N	N
Internet, telephone, TV, PC, online banking	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Customer's bank	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Any other bank (charge will apply)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Measured

Payment type	Weekly	Fortnightly	Frequency 12 months	On receipt of bill
DWP deductions ⁹	Y	N	N	N
Cash	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cheque	Y	Y	Y	Y
Credit/debit card	Y	Y	Y	Y
Direct debit	N	N	Y	Y
Payzone (cash only)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Post Office (cash only)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Postal order	Y	Y	Y	Y
Standing order	N	N	Y	N
Internet, telephone, TV, PC, online banking	Y	Y	Y	Y
Customer's bank	Y	Y	Y	Y
Any other bank (charge will apply)	Y	Y	Y	Y

⁹ The Jobcentre Plus deducts payments weekly from our mutual customers. This is their statutory ruling. Details of where payments can be made are included on customers' bills. Further advice is available from the Billing Team.