

## 2010 WATER & SEWER RATES

Effective date April 1, 2010

This rate adjustment reflects increases in cost of maintenance of water and sewer facilities as well as escalations in energy, fuel, chemical, and capital projects costs, and related financial costs. Revenue from this rate adjustment will also continue to fund all costs to provide quality drinking water, wastewater disposal and storm water drainage services. All expenses incurred in providing water and sewer services are supported exclusively by revenues generated from water and sewer rates.

For some customer classifications, the minimum charge is affected by the meter size. For all classes that include sewer, the consumption used to determine the appropriate sewer charge is the same as that for water.

### Single-Family Residential – TU 01, 02, & 03

Consumption	Meter Size (Inches)	Water Charges	Sewer Charges
0-1,000	5/8" through 3" meters	\$3.45	\$6.52
2,000		\$8.18	
3,000		\$8.18	
4,000		\$16.04	\$15.81
5,000		\$19.00	\$18.77
6,000		\$21.97	\$3.96 per 1,000 gallons + \$1.14 service fee
7,000-12,000		\$21.97 + \$2.92 per additional 1,000 gallons over 6,000	
Over 12,000		\$39.49 + \$5.28 per additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000.	

*Note: the \$1.14 fee will not appear as a separate line item on the bill.*

#### EXAMPLES:

**1,000 gallons  
(low-user rate)**

**\$ 3.45 Water**  
**\$ 6.52 Sewer**  
**\$ 9.97 Total/Month**

**7,000 gallons**

**\$ 24.89 Water**  
**\$ 28.86 Sewer (\$1.14 fee included)**  
**\$ 53.75 Total/Month**

**14,000 gallons**

**\$ 50.05 Water**  
**\$ 56.58 Sewer (\$1.14 fee included)**  
**\$ 106.63 Total/Month**

**Multi-Family – TU 14-19:**

- 14 (duplex – 2 units)
- 15 (tri-plex – 3 units)
- 16 (quad-plex – 4 units)
- 17 (master-metered townhomes – any number of units)
- 18 (apartments – 5+ units)
- 19 (trailer parks)

Consumption	Meter size (Inches)	Minimum Water Charge, Based On Meter Size	Sewer Charges
0-2000 gallons	5/8, 3/4	\$11.67	\$3.96 per 1,000 gallons +\$1.14 service charge
	1	\$14.40	
	1.5	\$18.77	
	2	\$23.27	
	3	\$43.02	
	4	\$65.26	
	6	\$121.20	
	8	\$177.01	
Over 2,000 gallons	+ \$2.57 per 1,000 additional gallons over minimum, regardless of meter size.		

**Light Commercial (5/8" Meter Size) – TU 21-39**

Consumption	Water Rate	Sewer Rate
0-2000 gallons	\$15.35	0-2000 gallons is \$11.16
3,000 gallons	\$15.35	Additional usage is \$3.97 per 1,000 gallons over 2,000
Over 3,000 gallons	+\$2.92 per 1,000 gallons over 3,000	

## Commercial (1" And Larger Meter Size) – TU 21-60

For Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Charge Is For (Gallons)	Minimum Charge For Water	Sewer Charges
1	0 - 3,000	\$18.06	For all meter sizes, minimum sewer charge is \$13.35 for 2,000 gallons or less.  Additional usage is \$5.07 per 1,000 gallons over minimum.
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$43.13	
2	0 - 16,000	\$65.38	
3	0 - 35,000	\$141.32	
4	0 - 60,000	\$237.47	
6	0 - 125,000	\$485.62	
8	0 - 180,000	\$704.09	
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$2.92	

## Transient Meters – TU 71

Consumption	Water Rate	Size	1"	2"	3"
All usage	+\$2.92 per 1,000 gallons	Rental Fee per Month	\$15	\$20	\$25

Please refer further questions to 713-371-1388 or fax to 713-371-1359.

**Lawn Meters – TU 72**

<b>For Meter Size (Inches)</b>	<b>Minimum Charge Is For (Gallons)</b>	<b>Minimum Charge For Water</b>
5/8	0 - 3,000	\$22.44
1	0 - 3,000	\$25.16
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$66.79
2	0 - 16,000	\$103.23
3	0 - 35,000	\$224.11
4	0 - 60,000	\$379.41
6	0 - 125,000	\$781.32
8	0 - 180,000	\$1129.88
<b>ALL METER SIZES</b>	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+ \$5.28

Customers may choose to close these accounts in winter, subject to the usual \$5.00 fee for re-opening them. This will avoid minimum charges if there is no consumption. Customers will remain responsible for all charges in any month water passes through the meter, even if the account is closed.

## OTHER CLASSES:

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### **Sewer Only Customer (Metered Water) – TU 61**

These customers take their water from non-City of Houston wells. Rates are set according to the property use, i.e.: residential, multi-family, or commercial usage.

### **Effluent Account – TU 62**

Effluent accounts are those that have metered sewer discharge. Any sewer-related questions should be referred to the Wastewater Branch at (281) 575-2800 or the customer can email [pretreatment@cityofhouston.net](mailto:pretreatment@cityofhouston.net).

### **Industrial & Remediation – TU 21-39, 63**

For Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Charge Is For (Gallons)	Minimum Charge For Water*	Sewer Charges
5/8	0 - 3,000	\$15.35	For all meter sizes, minimum sewer charge is \$13.41 for 2,000 gallons or less.  Additional usage over 2,000 gallons is \$5.09 per 1,000 gallons over minimum.  Additional surcharges for industrial waste as mandated by §47-143 also apply
1	0 - 3,000	\$18.06	
1.5	0 – 10,000	\$43.13	
2	0 – 16,000	\$65.38	
3	0 – 35,000	\$141.32	
4	0 – 60,000	\$237.47	
6	0 - 125,000	\$485.62	
8	0 - 180,000	\$704.09	
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$2.92	

\*Minimum charge for water, if present on account.

Industrial is only a sewer class/rate, but may be considered a sub-type of Commercial. There is no such thing as an “industrial or remedial water rate.” Non-remediation accounts (TU 21-39) usually serve a commercial facility, so water rates shown above are a combination of standard commercial and light commercial rates. Remediation accounts (TU 63) are temporary sewer accounts set up during environmental clean-up operations. These never have water charges.

**Additional surcharges for industrial sewer accounts are determined by a special formula.** Any questions on how these are calculated, or regarding prohibited discharges, should be referred to the Wastewater Operations Branch by calling (281) 575-2800 or by emailing [pretreatment@cityofhouston.net](mailto:pretreatment@cityofhouston.net).

**Resale – TU 73**

These customers purchase water from the City of Houston for resale.

<b>Meter Size (Inches)</b>	<b>Minimum Charge Is For (Gallons)</b>	<b>Minimum Charge For Water</b>
5/8, 3/4	0 - 3,000	\$17.02
1	0 - 3,000	\$19.74
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$48.70
2	0 - 16,000	\$74.27
3	0 - 35,000	\$160.77
4	0 - 60,000	\$270.83
6	0 - 125,000	\$555.11
8	0 - 180,000	\$804.14
<b>ALL METER SIZES</b>	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	<b>+\$3.48</b>

**Emergency Backup Service – TU 74**

Questions (other than regarding balances) about these accounts should be referred to 713-371-1388 or fax to 713-371-1359.

<b>Meter Size (Inches)</b>	<b>Minimum Charge Is for (Gallons)</b>	<b>Minimum Charge for Water</b>
5/8,3/4	0	\$6.47
1	0	\$9.20
1.5	0	\$13.57
2	0	\$18.06
3	0	\$37.83
4	0	\$60.05
6	0	\$116.00
8	0	\$171.83
<b>ALL METER SIZES</b>	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	<b>+\$4.78</b>

### **Un-Metered Fire Line Charge – TU 21-60, 75**

For Line Size (Inches)	Charge For Water		For Line Size (Inches)	Charge For Water
5/8	\$11.81		3	\$69.35
1	\$11.81		4	\$69.35
1.5	\$47.02		6	\$77.25
2	\$69.35		8+	\$85.14

**Charges for un-metered systems:** Un-metered fire lines are charged a flat fee every month, under the provisions of City of Houston Ordinances §47-63 and §47-64. These lines must be equipped with backflow preventers.

### **Metered Fire Line Charge Only – TU 21-60**

For Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Charge Is For (Gallons)	Minimum Charge For Water	Additional Charge For Water
5/8, 3/4	0 - 3,000	\$15.35	\$2.92 Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum
1	0 - 3,000	\$18.06	
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$43.13	
2+	0 - 16,000	\$65.38	

### **Un-Metered Sewer Only Customer – TU 81-82**

Special rates apply to sewer customers who do not receive water from the city of Houston *and* whose source is not metered. Rates have changed. These are monthly rates, but will continue to be billed on a bi-monthly basis.

Class	Monthly Fee
Single Family Residential	\$17.09
Duplex	\$33.03
Multi-family (3+ units)	\$17.09 per single family unit
Light Commercial	\$37.16 per unit (defined in §47-1002)
Commercial	\$46.49 per unit (defined in §47-1002)
Industrial	\$46.69 per unit (defined in §47-1002)

### **Contract Water (7099- Accounts) – TU 91**

For questions on these accounts, contact Contract Water at 713-371-1194.