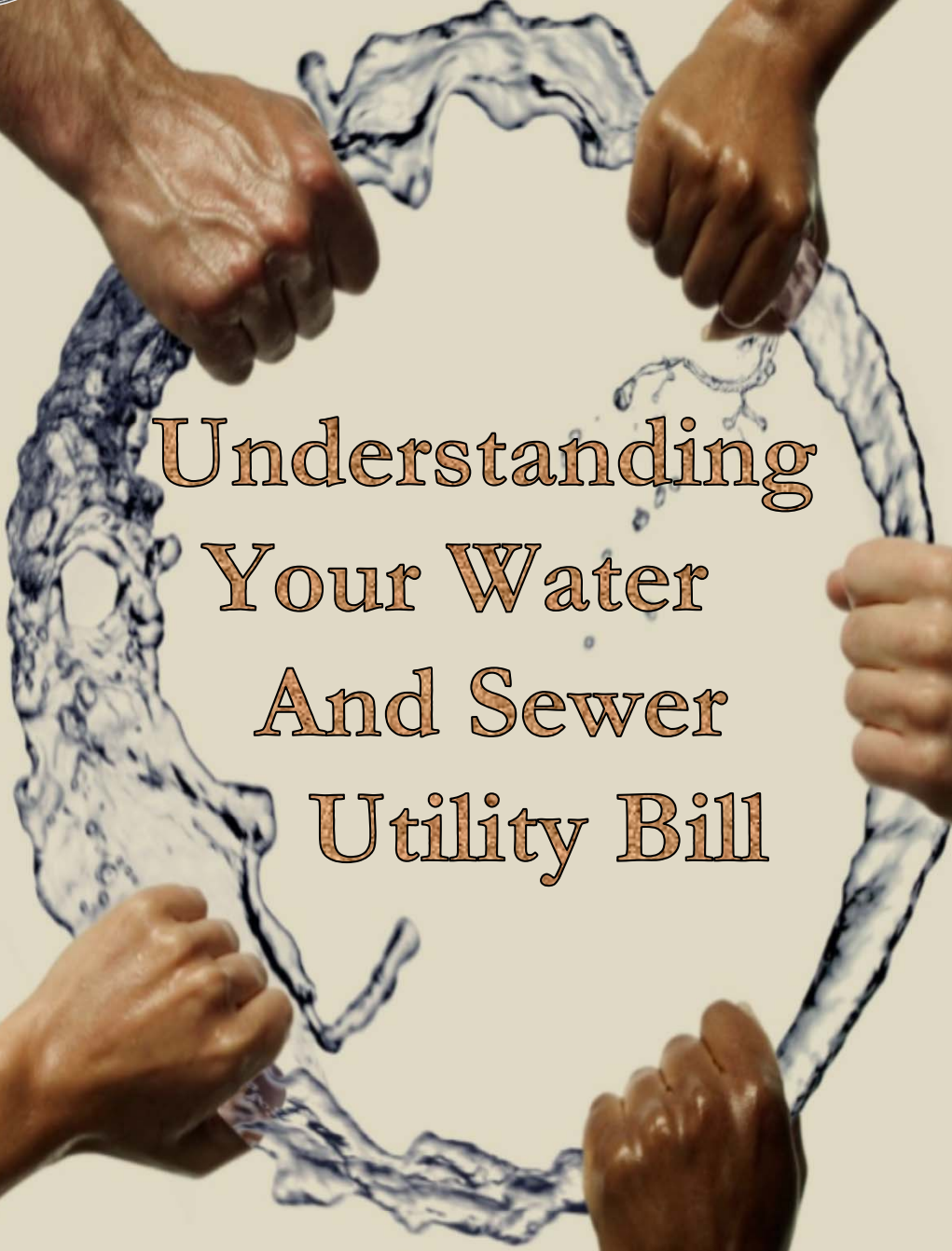




Caroline County Public Utilities



Understanding Your Water And Sewer Utility Bill

Adopted Rate Schedule
Effective August 1, 2018

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Your water/sewer bill is made up of several different components, based on the type of services you receive (water and/or sewer), season of the year (summer or winter) and the size of the service available for your home or business. Caroline County Public Utilities owns and operates a well system to provide you with potable water, and a regional wastewater treatment plant to treat the sewage. Rates for these services have been designed to recover the costs of both producing potable water and treating the wastewater at our sewer facilities, including distribution and collection systems, treatment facilities, and metering equipment. Administrative and clerical costs are also a part of providing service.

Billing Schedule

Water and sewer bills will be sent out on a monthly basis. Since all water and sewer services are used by the customer in advance of receiving the bill, bills are due and payable when rendered. The Utility Department will be reading your water meter on the 1st of every month or on the closest business day. The due date for your utility bill will be on the last day of the month.

Deposits

All New customers are required to pay in advance a refundable deposit of \$65.00 for each water and/or sewer service. An additional deposit will be required where service has been terminated for non-payment two (2) times within any 24-month period. The additional deposit shall be assessed equal to the average of the three (3) most recent bills.

Capacity Charge (Base Fee)

All customers receiving water and/or sewer services are charged a capacity charge. This is a fixed monthly fee, determined by the size of the water meter installed at your property. All single family residences are served by $\frac{3}{4}$ " meters, which are the smallest and least expensive available. Commercial meter size is determined by the volume of water expected to be used by the customer. This fee helps to fairly distribute service costs that are not related to the volume of water used, such as bill production, customer service, water service inspections, meter reading, maintenance and repairs, all to provide reliable services to our customers

Grace Periods & Penalties

A grace period for payment of all utility bills shall be 10 calendar days from the due date. The Caroline County code provides for the assessment of a penalty for late payment of water/sewer bills. A penalty of 10% of the total bill will be incurred if the bill is not paid in full after the grace period. Your water and/or sewer service will be disconnected if bills are delinquent for 30 days.

Fee for Restoration of Service due to Non-Payment of Bill

A fee of \$50.00 for the processing of the termination of services will automatically be applied to your account at 5:01 pm on the due date to help offset the cost of processing and working the disconnection and restoration of services. There are no after hour restoration of services for non-payment of your utility bill.

Winter Usage for Summer Billing (Residential Customers Only)

Sewer fees are billed using the water meter consumption due to the impracticality of metering sewer usage by an individual customer. This impacts the users who are using water for outdoor activities (i.e. watering landscape, washing vehicles, filling pools and sprinkler systems). This method allows us to average a user's water usage during the months of Dec., Jan., and Feb. and apply them to the summer usage billing for April, May, June, July, Aug and Sept. We then add a 25% increase to the winter usage calculation. The customer is then billed the lesser of the calculated winter average bill or actual usage for their sewer bill.

Account Service Charge

All New customers are required to pay in advance a one-time Account Service Charge (set-up fee) in the amount of \$15.00.

Irrigation Rates (Irrigation Meters Only)

Irrigation meter water Use Fees will be \$12.00 per 1000 gallons or portion thereof used plus a meter capacity charge of \$35.00 for a 5/8 inch meter, \$65.00 for one inch (1") meter, and \$100.00 for two inch (2") meter.

Return Check Fee

A return check fee of \$50.00 will be applied to your account if your check is returned from your financial establishment and your service will be disconnected immediately if your account is more than thirty days delinquent.

Meter Flow Calibration Test

This test procedure consist of checking the registration of the meter against the actual volume of water passing through the meter, as measured in an accurate volumetric tank. This test is performed in accordance with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards (C700 Series) as summarized in "Water Meters – Selection, Installation, Testing, and Maintenance" (AWWA M6 manual). A fee of \$50.00 will be charged to the customer when we are requested to perform this test and the meter is deemed accurate.

Dawn Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System

The users of this system are charged a flat fee on a per month basis. The fee for a single-family residential unit is \$28.35 per month. Commercial, industrial, public, and all other non-residential users: the fee shall be based on the number of equivalent residential connections multiplied by \$28.35 per month.

Residential Services - Tiered Water & Sewer Rates (Example is for 5/8" – 3/4" service)

Your utility bill has four tiers, increasing block water and sewer rate structure. Under this rate structure, water & sewer consumption up to 4,000 gallons per month is charged at the first tier rate (water \$1.52 & sewer \$9.55) per 1,000 gallons. If water & sewer consumption reaches 4,001 gallons per month, the customer enters the second tier, and the water & sewer used in excess of 4,000 gallons per month is charged at the second tier rate of (water \$1.83 & sewer \$9.85) per 1,000 gallons. If water consumption reaches 8,001 gallons per month, the customer enters the third tier, and the water & sewer use in excess of 8,000 gallons per month is charged at a rate of (water \$4.25 & sewer \$10.13) per 1,000 gallons. If water consumption reaches 10,001 gallons per month, the customer enters the fourth tier, and the water & sewer use in excess of 10,000 gallons per month is charged at a rate of (water \$4.86 & sewer \$11.00) per 1,000 gallons.

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RESIDENTIAL

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fees for 5/8" - 3/4" Meter	\$ 17.02	\$ 20.84
	Water: 0-4,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.52	\$ 9.55
	Water: 4,001 - 8,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.83	\$ 9.85
	Water: 8,001 - 10,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.25	\$ 10.13
	Water: Over 10,001 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.86	\$ 11.00
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 1.05	\$ 2.10
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

Commercial Services

Commercial 1 Rates

Water and wastewater annual usage less than 500,000 gallons per month.

Commercial II Rates

Water and wastewater annual average usage greater than 500,000 gallons per month but less than 2 million gallons per month.

Commercial III Rates

Water and wastewater annual average usage greater than 2 million gallons per month but less than 4 million gallons per month.

Commercial IV Rates

Water and wastewater annual average usage greater than 4 million gallons per month.

Commercial Services – Tiered Water and Sewer Rates (Example is for Commercial Rates for 5/8” – 3/4”)

Your utility bill has four tiers, increasing block water and sewer rate structure. Under this rate structure, water and sewer consumption up to 4,000 gallons per month is charged at the first tier rate (water \$1.52 & sewer \$9.55) per 1,000 gallons. If water and sewer consumption reaches 4,001 gallons per month, the customer enters the second tier, and the water and sewer used in excess of 4,000 gallons per month is charged at the second tier rate of (water \$1.83 & sewer \$9.85) per 1,000 gallons. If the water and sewer consumption reaches 8,001 gallons per month, the customer enters the third tier, and the water and sewer used in excess of 8,000 gallons per month is charged at a rate of (water \$4.25 & sewer \$ 10.13) per 1,000 gallons per month. If water & sewer consumption reaches 10,001 gallons per month, the customer enters the fourth tier, and the water and sewer used in excess of 10,000 gallons per month is charged at a rate of (water \$4.86 & sewer \$11.00) per 1,000 gallons.

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COMMERCIAL I

Water & Wastewater annual average usage less than 0.50 MG/Month

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fees for 5/8" - 3/4" Meter	\$ 28.94	\$ 30.87
	Water: 0-4,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.52	\$ 9.55
	Water: 4,001 - 8,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.83	\$ 9.85
	Water: 8,001 - 10,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.25	\$ 10.13
	Water: Over 10,001 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.86	\$ 11.00
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 2.10	\$ 4.20
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fees Charges for 1" Meter	\$ 42.55	\$ 52.09
	Water: 0 - 10,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.52	\$ 9.55
	Water: 10,001 - 20,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.83	\$ 9.85
	Water: 20,001 - 25,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.25	\$ 10.13
	Water: Over 25,001 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.86	\$ 11.00
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 4.20	\$ 8.40
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 1.5" Meter	\$ 76.58	\$ 93.77
	Water: 0 - 20,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.52	\$ 9.55
	Water: 20,001 - 37,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.83	\$ 9.85
	Water: 37,001 - 46,250 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.25	\$ 10.13
	Water: Over 46,251 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.86	\$ 11.00
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 6.30	\$ 12.60
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 2" Meter	\$ 121.55	\$ 151.43
	Water: 0 - 53,400 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.52	\$ 9.55
	Water: 53,401 - 92,500 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.83	\$ 9.85
	Water: 92,501 - 115,625 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.25	\$ 10.13
	Water: Over 115,626 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.86	\$ 11.00
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 8.40	\$ 16.80
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 3" Meter	\$ 183.54	\$ 224.58
	Water: 0 - 192,240 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.52	\$ 9.55
	Water: 192,241 - 309,875 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.83	\$ 9.85
	Water: 309,876 - 387,344 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.25	\$ 10.13
	Water: Over 387,345 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.86	\$ 11.00
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 10.50	\$ 21.00
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

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		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee Capacity Charges for 4" Meter	\$ 267.41	\$ 327.61
	Water: 0 - 948,385 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.52	\$ 9.55
	Water: 948,386 - 1,384,108 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.83	\$ 9.85
	Water: 1,384,109 - 1,730,135 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.25	\$ 10.13
	Water: Over 1,730,136 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.86	\$ 11.00
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 12.60	\$ 25.20
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 6" Meter	\$ 312.39	\$ 383.18
	Water: 0 - 1,461,024 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.52	\$ 9.55
	Water: 1,461,025 - 2,076,163 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.83	\$ 9.85
	Water: 2,076,164 - 2,595,203 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.25	\$ 10.13
	Water: Over 2,595,204 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.86	\$ 11.00
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 14.70	\$ 29.40
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

COMMERCIAL II
Water & Wastewater annual average usage greater than
0.50 MG/Month but less than 2 MG/Month

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fees Charges for 1" Meter	\$ 63.82	\$ 78.14
	Water: 0 - 10,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.60	\$ 10.03
	Water: 10,001 - 20,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.92	\$ 10.34
	Water: 20,001 - 25,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.46	\$ 10.64
	Water: Over 25,001 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.10	\$ 11.55
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 8.40	\$ 16.80
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 1.5" Meter	\$ 114.87	\$ 140.66
	Water: 0 - 20,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.60	\$ 10.03
	Water: 20,001 - 37,000 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.92	\$ 10.34
	Water: 37,001 - 46,250 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.46	\$ 10.64
	Water: Over 46,251 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.10	\$ 11.55
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 12.60	\$ 25.20
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 2" Meter	\$ 182.32	\$ 227.15
	Water: 0 - 53,400 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.60	\$ 10.03
	Water: 53,401 - 92,500 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.92	\$ 10.34
	Water: 92,501 - 115,625 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.46	\$ 10.64
	Water: Over 115,626 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.10	\$ 11.55
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 16.80	\$ 33.60
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

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		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 3" Meter	\$ 275.31	\$ 336.87
	Water: 0 - 192,240 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.60	\$ 10.03
	Water: 192,241 - 309,875 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.92	\$ 10.34
	Water: 309,876 - 387,344 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.46	\$ 10.64
	Water: Over 387,345 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.10	\$ 11.55
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 21.00	\$ 42.00
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee Capacity Charges for 4" Meter	\$ 401.12	\$ 491.42
	Water: 0 - 948,385 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.60	\$ 10.03
	Water: 948,386 - 1,384,108 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.92	\$ 10.34
	Water: 1,384,109 - 1,730,135 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.46	\$ 10.64
	Water: Over 1,730,136 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.10	\$ 11.55
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 25.20	\$ 50.40
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 6" Meter	\$ 468.58	\$ 574.77
	Water: 0 - 1,461,024 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.60	\$ 10.03
	Water: 1,461,025 - 2,076,163 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.92	\$ 10.34
	Water: 2,076,164 - 2,595,203 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.46	\$ 10.64
	Water: Over 2,595,204 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.10	\$ 11.55
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 29.40	\$ 58.80
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

COMMERCIAL III
Water & Wastewater annual average usage greater than
2 MG/Month but less than 4 MG/Month

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 2" Meter	\$ 243.10	\$ 302.86
	Water: 0 - 53,400 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.68	\$ 10.55
	Water: 53,401 - 92,500 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 2.02	\$ 10.86
	Water: 92,501 - 115,625 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.68	\$ 11.17
	Water: Over 115,626 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.36	\$ 12.13
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 25.20	\$ 50.40
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 3" Meter	\$ 367.08	\$ 449.16
	Water: 0 - 192,240 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.68	\$ 10.55
	Water: 192,241 - 309,875 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 2.02	\$ 10.86
	Water: 309,876 - 387,344 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.68	\$ 11.17
	Water: Over 387,345 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.36	\$ 12.13
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 31.50	\$ 63.00
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

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		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee Capacity Charges for 4" Meter	\$ 534.83	\$ 655.22
	Water: 0 - 948,385 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.68	\$ 10.55
	Water: 948,386 - 1,384,108 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 2.02	\$ 10.86
	Water: 1,384,109 - 1,730,135 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.68	\$ 11.17
	Water: Over 1,730,136 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.36	\$ 12.13
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 37.80	\$ 75.60
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 6" Meter	\$ 624.77	\$ 766.36
	Water: 0 - 1,461,024 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.68	\$ 10.55
	Water: 1,461,025 - 2,076,163 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 2.02	\$ 10.86
	Water: 2,076,164 - 2,595,203 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.68	\$ 11.17
	Water: Over 2,595,204 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.36	\$ 12.13
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 44.10	\$ 88.20
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

COMMERCIAL IV

Water & Wastewater annual average usage greater than 4MG/Month

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee Capacity Charges for 4" Meter	\$ 668.54	\$ 819.03
	Water: 0 - 948,385 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.74	\$ 11.06
	Water: 948,386 - 1,384,108 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 2.12	\$ 11.40
	Water: 1,384,109 - 1,730,135 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.91	\$ 11.73
	Water: Over 1,730,136 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.63	\$ 12.74
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 50.40	\$ 100.80
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

		Water	Sewer
Usage Rates	Base Fee for 6" Meter	\$ 780.95	\$ 957.98
	Water: 0 - 1,461,024 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 1.74	\$ 11.06
	Water: 1,461,025 - 2,076,163 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 2.12	\$ 11.40
	Water: 2,076,164 - 2,595,203 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 4.91	\$ 11.73
	Water: Over 2,595,204 gals, per 1,000 gals.	\$ 5.63	\$ 12.74
Capital Asset Fee (Debt Service)		\$ 58.80	\$ 117.60
Administrative Fee		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

Connection Fees

County System - Connection Fees shall be the greater of \$1,000 or the actual cost of connection plus 20% of the said cost to reimburse the County for its administrative expenses, not included in the cost but associated with the connection.

Dawn Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System - Connection Fees shall be the greater of \$8,000 or the actual cost of connection plus 20% of the said cost to reimburse the County for its administrative expenses, not included in the cost but associated with the connection.

Availability Fees

County System - A single-family residential unit Availability Fee shall be \$5,000 for water and \$6,000 for sewer. Commercial Availability Fees shall be calculated based on the commercial 5/8"-3/4" meter fee and using the multipliers as set forth below:

RESIDENTIAL

Meter Size	Water	Sewer	Multiplier
5/8"-3/4" meter	\$5,000	\$6,000	1

COMMERCIAL

Meter Size	Water	Sewer	Multiplier
5/8"-3/4" meter	\$8,000	\$8,500	1
1" meter	\$20,000	\$21,250	2.5
1 1/2" meter	\$40,000	\$42,500	2
2" meter	\$64,000	\$68,000	1.6
3" meter	\$128,000	\$136,000	2
4" meter	\$204,800	\$217,600	1.6

Non-Profit Organization (The term non-profit is defined in § 92-3 of the County Code)

Non-Profit Organization

Meter Size	Water	Sewer	Multiplier
5/8"-3/4" meter	\$3,500	\$4,500	1
1" meter	\$6,000	\$7,200	1.6
1 1/2" meter	\$12,000	\$14,400	2
2" meter	\$19,200	\$23,040	1.6
3" meter	\$38,400	\$46,080	2
4" meter	\$61,440	\$73,728	1.6

Dawn Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System - A single-family residential unit Availability Fee shall be \$3,200. Commercial, industrial, public, and all other non-residential users: the availability fee shall be based on the number of equivalent residential connections multiplied by \$3,200.

Disconnection of Service

Your water and sewer services are provided from the date of your application until the date you call to disconnect your service. It is your responsibility to notify the Public Utilities office when you are planning to move to prevent further charges being applied to your account.

Port Royal Townfield Water System

The users of this system are charged a flat fee on a per month basis. The fee for a single-family residential unit is \$40.00 per month.

Caroline Pines Capital Reserve Fee

The Capital Reserve Fee is for residents within the Caroline Pines Service District. This fee shall be kept separate and used for capital projects within the Caroline Pines Subdivision. The Capital Reserve Fees shall be \$20.24 per month.