

**General Water Service, Metered ..... Mg-1**

**Monthly Service Charge (by meter size):**

5/8-inch - \$14.58	3-inch - \$66.96
3/4-inch - \$14.58	4-inch - \$98.28
1-inch - \$20.52	6-inch - \$165.24
1 1/4-inch - \$26.46	8-inch - \$244.08
1 1/2-inch - \$32.40	10-inch - \$346.68
2-inch - \$43.20	12-inch - \$450.36

**Plus Volume Charge:**

- First 1,250 cubic feet used each month  
\$5.09 per 100 cubic feet
- Next 11,250 cubic feet used each month  
\$4.87 per 100 cubic feet
- Over 12,500 cubic feet used each month  
\$4.21 per 100 cubic feet

Note: One cubic foot is equal to 7.48052 gallons of water.

**BILLING:** Bills for water service are rendered monthly and become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. A late payment charge of 1 percent per month will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance. This late payment charge will be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid late payment charges. The late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than 20 days after the bill is issued. Unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next 10 days, service may be disconnected pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code ch. PSC 185.

**COMBINED METERING:** Volumetric meter readings will be combined for billing if the utility for its own convenience places more than one meter on a single water service lateral. Multiple meters placed for the purpose of identifying water not discharged into the sanitary sewer are not considered for utility convenience and shall not be combined for billing. This requirement does not preclude the utility from combining readings where metering configurations support such an approach. Volumetric readings from individually metered separate service laterals shall not be combined for billing purposes.

**General Water Service, Unmetered ..... Ug-1**

Service may be supplied temporarily on an unmetered basis where the utility cannot immediately install a water meter, including water used for construction. Unmetered service shall be billed the amount that would be charged to a metered residential customer using 400 cubic feet of water per month under Schedule Mg-1, including the service charge for a 5/8-inch meter. If the utility determines that actual usage exceeds 400 cubic feet of water per month, an additional charge for the estimated excess usage shall be

made according to the rates under Schedule Mg-1 This schedule applies only to customers with a 1-inch or smaller service connection. For customers with a larger service connection, the utility shall install a temporary meter and charges shall be based on the rates set forth under Schedule Mg-1.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Seasonal Service.....Sg-1**

Seasonal customers are general service customers who voluntarily request disconnection of water service and who resume service at the same location within 12 months of the disconnection, unless service has been provided to another customer at that location in the intervening period. The utility shall bill seasonal customers the applicable service charges under Schedule Mg-1 year-round, including the period of temporary disconnection. Seasonal service shall include customers taking service under Schedule Mg-1 or Schedule Ug-1.

Upon reconnection, the utility shall apply a charge under Schedule R-1 and require payment of any unpaid charges under this schedule.

**Billing:** Same as Schedule Mg-1, unless the utility and customer agree to an alternative payment schedule for the period of voluntary disconnection.

**Bulk Water ..... BW-1**

All bulk water supplied from the water system through hydrants or other connections shall be metered estimated by the utility. Utility personnel or party approved by the utility shall supervise the delivery of water. Bulk water sales are:

- A. Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for the purpose of extinguishing fires outside the utility's service area;
- B. Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for the purpose other than extinguishing fires, such as water used for irrigation or filling swimming pools; or,
- C. Water supplied from hydrants or other temporary connections for general service type applications, except that Schedule Ug-1 applies for water supplied for construction purposes.

A service charge of \$55.00 and a charge for the volume of water used will be billed to the party using the water. The volumetric charge shall be calculated using the highest volumetric rate for residential customers under Schedule Mg-1. In addition, for meters that are assigned to bulk water customers for more than 7 days, the applicable service charge in Schedule Mg-1 will apply after the first 7 days.

The water utility may require a reasonable deposit for the temporary use of its equipment under this and other rate schedules. The deposit(s) collected will be refunded upon return of the utility's equipment. Damaged or lost equipment will be repaired or replaced at the customer's expense.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Public Fire Protection Service..... F-1**

Public fire protection service includes the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purpose of extinguishing fires within the service area. This service shall also include water used for testing equipment and training personnel. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the Public Service Commission, shall apply.

Under Wis. Stat. § 196.03(3)(b), the municipality has chosen to have the utility bill the retail general service customers for public fire protection service.

**Monthly Public fire Protection Service Charges (by meter size):**

5/8-inch - \$13.66	3-inch - \$205.20
3/4-inch - \$13.66	4-inch - \$342.36
1-inch - \$34.56	6-inch - \$683.64
1 1/4-inch - \$50.76	8-inch - \$1,096.20
1 1/2-inch - \$69.12	10-inch - \$1,641.60
2-inch - \$110.16	12-inch - \$2,187.00

Customers who are provided service under Schedules Mg-1, Ug-1, or Sg-1, shall be subject to the charges according to the size of their primary meter.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Private Fire Protection Service, Unmetered Upf-1**

This service shall consist of permanent or continuous unmetered connections to the main for the purpose of supplying water to private fire protection systems such as automatic sprinkler systems, standpipes, and private hydrants. This service shall also include reasonable quantities of water used for testing check valves and other backflow preventions devices.

**Monthly Private Fire Protection Service Demand Charges:**

Size of connection	Charge
2-inch or smaller connection	\$ 10.50
3-inch connection	\$ 22.00
4-inch connection	\$ 37.00
6-inch connection	\$ 74.00
8-inch connection	\$119.00
10-inch connection	\$178.00
12-inch connection	\$237.00
14-inch connection	\$296.00
16-inch connection	\$355.00

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Reconnections Charges ..... R-1**

The utility shall assess a charge to reconnect a customer, which includes reinstalling a meter and turning on the valve at the curb stop, if necessary. A utility may not assess a charge for disconnecting a customer.

During normal business hours: \$55.00  
After normal business hours: \$80.00

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Other Charges.....OC-1**

Non-Sufficient Funds Charge: The utility shall assess a \$25.00 charge, when a payment rendered for utility service is returned for non-sufficient funds. This charge may not be in addition to, but may be inclusive of, other non-sufficient funds charges when the payment was for multiple services.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Water Lateral Installation Charge .... Cz-1**

The utility shall charge a customer for the actual cost of installing a water service lateral from the main through curb stop and box if these costs are not contributed as part of a subdivision development or otherwise recovered under Wis. Stats. Chapter 66.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

**Public Service ..... Mpa-1**

Metered Service

Water used by the City of Columbus on an intermittent basis for flushing sewers, street washing, flooding skating rinks, drinking fountains, etc., shall be metered and billed according to the rates set forth in Schedule Mg-1

Unmetered Service

Where it is impossible to meter the service, the utility shall estimate the volume of water used based on the pressure, size of opening, and the period of time the water is used. The estimated quantity shall be billed at the volumetric rates set forth in Schedule Mg-1, excluding any service charges.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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**WATER RATE SCHEDULE**



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