

Domestic water and wastewater charges and IGC

Prices are effective from 1 July 2020. For more information see clause 3.1 of the Customer Contract.

Water and wastewater charges

Water

Volumetric charges, per 1000 litres \$1.594, including GST

Wastewater

Customers who have water meters:

Fixed charge per meter: \$231 per year, including GST

Volumetric charge: \$2.772 per 1000 litres, including GST

Domestic wastewater volume is calculated at 78.5 per cent* of the incoming water volume, as measured by the water meter. This assumes that, on average, 78.5 per cent of the water that enters the home goes down the drain via showers, baths, washing machines, dishwashers, toilets, sinks, etc.

* *Apartments, charged at 95 per cent, are among the exceptions.*

Customers who do not have a metered water supply but are connected to the wastewater network:

Fixed charge: \$708 per year, including GST

Infrastructure growth charges (IGC)

Area	Infrastructure growth charges (per residential unit)**	
	<i>Excluding GST</i>	<i>Including GST</i>
Metropolitan ¹	\$12,320	\$14,168
Beachlands and Maraetai (wastewater only)	\$8,320	\$9,568
Helensville and Parakai	\$23,310	\$26,807
Kawakawa Bay (wastewater only)	\$29,150	\$33,523
Northeast sub-regional ²	\$18,290	\$21,034
Omaha/Matakana/Point Wells (wastewater only)	\$8,070	\$9,281
Owhanake ³ (wastewater only)	\$26,750	\$30,763
Southwest sub-regional ⁴	\$19,780	\$22,747
Wellsford	\$19,600	\$22,540

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Where a customer already has a wastewater connection and will not increase demand on the wastewater network, or where a wastewater connection is unavailable, an application for a water connection will be charged a water-only infrastructure growth charge.

No further connections are available in **Bombay, Kingseat, Muriwai, and Waiwera.**

¹The Metropolitan network area covers customers supplied by Watercare's contiguous water supply system and/or serviced by any of Watercare's wastewater treatment plants at Mangere, Rosedale, Army Bay or Pukekohe. It includes the Hibiscus Coast, Kumeu, Huapai, Riverhead, Paerata, Pukekohe and Bucklands.

²The Northeast sub-regional IGC applies to Warkworth, Snells Beach and Algies Bay, (currently serviced by the Warkworth and Snells Beach wastewater treatment plants). The Northeast sub-regional IGC replaced the Snells Beach IGC from 1 July 2018 and Warkworth IGC from 1 October 2018.

³The Owhanake (Waiheke) IGC is payable in the case of existing non-domestic connections, where that connection first becomes liable for the IGC (for example, where demand increases) under Watercare's Infrastructure Growth Charge terms and conditions included in our Customer Contract. Connections for new customers are available subject to completion of staged upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant.

⁴The Southwest sub-regional IGC applies to areas of Franklin where the wastewater treatment plant the property connects to is not the Pukekohe or Mangere wastewater treatment plant. The Southwest sub-regional IGC replaced the Clarks Beach IGC and Franklin IGC from 1 July 2018.

** For more information please visit www.watercare.co.nz and search for 'Infrastructure Growth Charges'. The IGC terms and conditions are on page 13 of our Customer Contract, which can be found by visiting www.watercare.co.nz and searching for 'Customer Contract'.

Other charges

New connections, development, administration and other charges

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All charges apply to domestic and non-domestic customers unless otherwise stated.

New connections and development charges

All property owners or developers applying for new connections to Watercare's networks are liable for our infrastructure growth charge (IGC). The IGC is applicable to all new developments connecting to our networks, or to existing non-domestic customers that increase demand for water and wastewater.

Application processing fees and site inspections (per hour, one hour minimum)

	Excluding GST	Including GST
Engineer	\$146.00	\$167.90
Technician	\$129.00	\$148.35

This fee applies in addition to the charges listed below.

New water meters (without backflow prevention, domestic only) including installation*

	Excluding GST	Including GST
20mm water meter onto existing service lead	\$420.00	\$483.00
20mm water meter and install new service lead	\$1,015.00	\$1,167.25

New water meters with a backflow prevention device (includes irrigation meters) including installation*

	Excluding GST	Including GST
20mm water meter and backflow device and install new service lead	\$1,351.00	\$1,553.65

Water meter relocation*

	Excluding GST	Including GST
15 to 25mm meter relocated within two metres of an existing service lead	\$364.00	\$418.60
15 to 25mm meter relocated more than two metres of an existing service lead	Price on application	

Water meter disconnection*

	Excluding GST	Including GST
15 to 25mm water meter disconnection	\$384.00	\$441.60

Subdivision and network extension connections

Connection of a water or wastewater network extension to the public network	Price on application	
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All other water connections (including non-standard connections)

All other water meter sizes, service lead installations, relocations and disconnections	Price on application
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*These are standard fees and additional charges may apply depending on the nature of the site. An example of a non-standard installation involves (but is not limited to) one or more of the following: a road crossing, traffic management, arborist services, other utility service providers or hindrance by above ground structures.

Wastewater

	Excluding GST	Including GST
Pressure wastewater collection boundary kit	Price on application	
CCTV inspection of wastewater line (per inspection)	\$357.00	\$410.55

Administration

	Excluding GST	Including GST
Additional copy of account	\$4.35	\$5.00
Account processing fee	\$17.39	\$20.00
Processing of refunds (first refund no charge)	\$21.74	\$25.00
Special meter reading fee	\$21.74	\$25.00
Rain tank meter application processing, per application	\$43.48	\$50.00
Debt collection fee (plus agency cost)	\$58.26	\$67.00
Legal collection fee (plus agency cost)	\$111.30	\$128.00
New product approval fee (non-domestic only)	Price on application	
Administration fee on any balance unpaid after the due date, per month or part of the month, minimum charge (otherwise 1% of overdue amount)	\$6.96	\$8.00

Other charges

Meter testing

	Excluding GST	Including GST
15 to 25mm (site test)	\$147.00	\$169.05
15 to 25mm (lab test)	\$338.00	\$388.70
Larger than 25mm	Price on application	
Aborted test	\$83.00	\$95.45

Wastewater audit

	Excluding GST	Including GST
Two-hour minimum initial charge	\$291.00	\$334.65
Hourly charge thereafter	\$146.00	\$167.90

Backflow prevention

	Excluding GST	Including GST
Annual backflow prevention device testing (per device, per visit):		
Business hours	\$123.00	\$141.45
After hours	\$223.00	\$256.45
Site inspections and surveying:		
Engineer – per hour	\$146.00	\$167.90
Technician – per hour	\$129.00	\$148.35
Repair of backflow prevention device due to normal wear and deterioration	Price on application	
New backflow prevention device for existing water meters, all sizes and hazard levels	Price on application	

Tanker filling stations (additional volumetric charges at the standard water rate apply)*

	Excluding GST	Including GST
Annual permit – fixed charge (per year)	\$1,616.00	\$1,858.40
Tanker filling station bond (reimbursable on the termination of the agreement)	\$1,025.00	n/a

*Watercare will review all charges relating to tanker filling stations in 2020. This review will involve consulting with affected stakeholders, including water tanker operators.

Invoicing and payment

We will send you a bill for your water, wastewater and other associated charges every month via email or post. Your bill will include a breakdown of how these charges are calculated. Charges associated with connections will be billed separately.

If you have trouble paying your bill please contact us. We will ensure that any customer unable to pay their bill can discuss options with us before we try to recover any outstanding payment.

Payment due date

Payment of your monthly bill is due within 21 days of the bill date. Payment of charges associated with connections is due within 14 days of the bill date. Please allow a minimum of two working days for the payment to appear on your account.

Fire hydrant use (additional volumetric charges at the standard water rate apply)*

	Excluding GST	Including GST
Standpipe hire – 65mm with meter and backflow (per year)	\$1,318.00	\$1,515.70
Standpipe hire – 25mm with meter and backflow (per year)	\$1,187.00	\$1,365.05

*Watercare will review all charges relating to standpipes in 2020. This review will involve consulting with affected stakeholders.

Trade-waste agreements

	Excluding GST	Including GST
Processing, monitoring and attendance (per hour)	\$146.00	\$167.90
Sampling (per sampling visit)	Price on application	
Analysis	Price on application	

Septage

	Excluding GST	Including GST
Septage charges (Rosedale and Pukekohe wastewater treatment plants) (per m ³)	\$32.00	\$36.80

General site inspections, surveying and other activities (per hour, one hour minimum)

	Excluding GST	Including GST
Engineer	\$146.00	\$167.90
Technician	\$129.00	\$148.35

Administration fees

Any balance unpaid after the due date may incur an administration fee of \$8.00 or 1% of the overdue amount, whichever is greater, per month or part of a month.

Terms

This leaflet is subject to any changes that we are entitled to make in accordance with our customer contract which is available upon request or can be viewed online at www.watercare.co.nz.