

Summary of Charges



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This guide provides a summary of the main charges we apply for non-domestic water and sewerage services. Full details of the charges and policy changes are published in the Scheme of Charges on our website.

This leaflet can be requested on audio cassette/CD, in large print and Braille.

For Non-Domestic Customers
2022/2023

Effective 1 April 2022



If You're on a Water Meter

Where a meter is fitted, water and sewerage charges are based on the amount of water you use. Sewerage is normally charged on the assumption that 95% of the water used returns to the sewer.

Measured charges have two elements: a standing charge based on the internal diameter of your supply pipe; and a variable charge based on the volume recorded by the meter. We will read the meter at least once per year.

Our **Measured Charges for 2022/2023** are summarised in the tables below:

Standing Charges

Supply Pipe Size	Water	Sewerage
Up to 20mm	£73	£90
21 to 25mm	£124	£151
26 to 40mm	£229	£278
41 to 50mm	£361	£437
51 to 75mm	£719	£864
76 to 100mm	£1,304	£1,565
Over 100mm	£1,854	£2,230

Variable Charge

	Water	Sewerage
Volumetric Charge per m ³	£1.173	£1.983

You can apply for a domestic allowance against measured water and sewerage charges if you pay rates.

Measured charges relate to services already provided and are billed at least twice per year with payment due on receipt unless agreed otherwise.

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Water is precious -use it wisely

Leaks Affecting Metered Bills

All water supplied through a meter for non-domestic purposes, whether consumed or lost through leakage, will be billed.

If a leak has occurred, you can apply to have the sewerage charges on your bill adjusted to take account of the water which leaked and did not reach the sewer.

Full details are published in our Scheme of Charges available on our website at www.niwater.com

We strongly recommend that you check your consumption regularly by reading the meter so that any leak which may occur is identified and repaired as early as possible.

If You're Not on a Water Meter

Unmeasured charges for water and sewerage consist of two elements – a standing charge applied to all unmeasured properties; and a variable charge based on the property valuation. The property valuation is the Net Annual Valuation assigned to the premises by Land and Property Services (website www.finance-ni.gov.uk/land-property-services-lps).

Our **Unmeasured Charges for 2022/2023** are shown in the table below:

	Unmeasured Water	Unmeasured Sewerage
Standing Charge	£33.31	£46.38
Variable Charge per each £1,000 Net Annual Value	£12.79	£17.46
Charge Cap	£500	£540

Where it has not been possible to install a meter due to engineering issues, we can establish if the property is eligible for an alternative assessed charge for water and sewerage. The assessed charge has two elements: a standing charge; and a variable charge based on the loading units attributed to the water using appliances on the property.

Our **Assessed Charges for 2022/2023** are shown in the following table:

	Assessed Water	Assessed Sewerage
Standing Charge	£66.62	£92.75
Variable Charge per Loading Unit	£6.31	£10.13

You can apply for a domestic allowance against Assessed Charges if you pay rates.

Unmeasured and Assessed charges are billed once per year in advance for services to be used during the coming year with payment due within 28 days unless agreed otherwise.

Trade Effluent Charges

You will be billed trade effluent charges if you are consented to discharge liquid waste, other than surface water and domestic waste, to our sewer.

The charge is determined by:

- The volume of effluent discharged
- The level of sewage treatment supplied
- The strength of effluent discharged

Trade effluent bills are calculated using a formula agreed between the water industry and the Confederation of British Industry (the Mogden Formula) with samples taken of the discharge where applicable.

The standard unit costs in the Mogden Formula for 2022/2023 are shown in the table below:

(R) Reception Charge (£/m ³)	0.2508
(V) Volumetric Charge (£/m ³)	0.2828
(B) Biological Charge (£/m ³)	0.1871
(S) Sludge Charge (£/m ³)	0.2183
Standard Strength Combined Charge (£/m ³)	0.9390
Standard Strength Chemical Oxygen Demand	260 mg/l
Standard Strength Suspended Solids	240 mg/l

Please read Section 5 of our Scheme of Charges 2022/23 for a full explanation of trade effluent charges.

Miscellaneous Charges

For details of all other charges, including payment charges, privately tankered waste charges, standpipe hire, connection charges, meter testing, developer services charges and septic tank desludging please view our Scheme of Charges 2022/2023 which can be found on **www.niwater.com** under the heading of 'Your bill and our charges'.

Value Added Tax

VAT will be added to water charges for customers who are defined to be within divisions 1-5 only of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) list. The same applies to our septic tank and cesspool emptying service for industrial users on SIC codes 1-5. All other charges for the reception, disposal and treatment of foul water, sewerage and trade effluent are zero-rated.

Code of Practice

A Code of Practice on Billing and Metering is available to view at **www.niwater.com**

Complaints

We are committed to giving you the service you expect, all day, every day. If you are disappointed with our service, we want to hear from you. This gives us the chance to put things right for you and make improvements so that other customers may benefit. A free leaflet is available from us, which details the procedure.

Customer Representation

If you are not happy with how we have dealt with your complaint or would like independent advice, contact the Consumer Council.

Phone		0800 121 6022 (calls to this number are free)
Textphone		028 9025 1600
Fax		028 9025 1663
Email		contact@consumercouncil.org.uk
Website		www.consumercouncil.org.uk

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Contact Us

For billing queries, fault reports, general enquiries, complaints and service requests you can contact us via our Social Media channels or Live Chat which are operated from 8am – 11pm 7 days a week:

 Facebook: Northern Ireland Water

 Twitter: @niwnews

 Live Chat: Visit www.niwater.com

You can use **Self Service** to:

- View the account balance;
- View bill and payment history;
- Pay a bill; and
- Manage account details, including paperless billing

To register for Self Service, please visit www.niwater.com and follow the steps.

If you wish to write to us, please either:

 email: waterline@niwater.com (for operational queries) or customer.billing@niwater.com (for billing queries) or

 post your letter to: Northern Ireland Water, PO Box 1026, Belfast, BT1 9DJ

For telephone enquiries (calls are charged at local rate) please contact:

 Billing enquiries telephone **03458 770030**

 If you have difficulties paying your bill please telephone Accounts Helpline **03458 770050**

Customers with hearing difficulties can use:

 **Text relay** through Waterline **03457 440088**

You can obtain more information on charging and the services we provide on our website.

 www.niwater.com

Our Regulator

The Utility Regulator protects customers' interests. It sets price limits and minimum standards of performance for us. For further information see:

 www.uregni.gov.uk