

# COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITIES



## RATES & FEES SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

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Columbus County Board  
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**Columbus County Public Utilities  
Rates and Fees Schedule  
Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

		Rates and Fees	Rates and Fees
		Effective 07/01/2021	Effective 07/01/2022
<b>1</b>	<b>WATER RATES &amp; FEES</b>		
	Water rates include both a base rate charge based on meter size and consumption charge based on metered consumption, billed monthly.		
	<b>A. Base Rate Charge by Meter Size</b>		
	No water is included in the base rate.		
	3/4" Meter Service	\$ 26.50	\$ 27.25
	1" Meter Service	\$ 32.00	\$ 33.00
	1.5" Meter Service	\$ 39.00	\$ 40.00
	2" Meter Service	\$ 51.00	\$ 53.00
	3" Meter Service	\$ 76.00	\$ 78.00
	4" Meter Service	\$ 103.00	\$ 105.00
	6" Meter Service	\$ 153.00	\$ 157.00
	8" Meter Service	\$ 202.00	\$ 207.00
	<b>B. Consumption Charges</b>		
	Consumption charges are per 1,000 gallons		
	0 - 2,999	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.20
	3,000 - 4,999	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.60
	5,000 - 20,999	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.85
	21,000 - 49,999	\$ 6.50	\$ 6.70
	50,000 +	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.70
	<b>C. Bulk Water Rates</b>		
	Bulk water rates are per 1,000 gallons		
	Industrial Bulk Rate	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.85
	Municipal Bulk Rate	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.85

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<b>D. Water Service Connection Fees</b>						
During construction costs						
	3/4" Meter Service	\$	250.00	\$	500.00	
	1" Meter Service	\$	600.00	\$	700.00	
	2" Meter Service	\$	2,650.00	\$	3,000.00	
After construction costs						
	3/4" Meter Service	(\$1,000.00)	\$	830.00	Cost + 15%	
	1" Meter Service	(\$1,400.00)	\$	1,200.00	Cost + 15%	
	2" Meter Service	(\$4,100.00)	\$	3,600.00	Cost + 15%	
<b>E. Security Deposits</b>						
	Property Owners		\$	50.00	\$	50.00
	Renters		\$	100.00	\$	100.00
<b>F. Customer Service Fee</b>						
	Over the Phone Credit Card Payments with CSR		\$	5.00	\$	5.00
<b>G. Rates for Hydrant Rentals</b>						
No water is included in the base rate.						
	3/4" Meter Service		\$	26.50	\$	27.25
<b>Consumption Charges</b>						
Consumption Charges are per 1,000 gallons						
	0 - 2,999		\$	4.10	\$	4.20
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<b>H. Damaged Equipment</b>			
	3/4" Meter Box	\$ 27.00	\$ 45.00
	1" Meter Box	\$ 48.00	\$ 93.00
	2" Meter Box	\$ 122.00	\$ 148.00
	3/4" Meter Box Lid	\$ 11.75	\$ 24.00
	1" Meter Box Lid	\$ 52.00	\$ 77.00
	2" Meter Box Lid	\$ 96.00	\$ 110.00
	3/4" Meter	\$ 130.00	\$ 132.00
	1" Meter	\$ 210.00	\$ 221.00
	2" Meter	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 1,850.00
	Battery Pack	\$ 160.00	\$ 165.00
	Cable	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00
	Adaptor Clip	\$ 0.86	\$ 1.00
	Antenna	\$ 30.00	\$ 32.00
	Locking Nut	\$ 6.80	\$ 7.00
	Insulated Sleeve	\$ 2.42	\$ 3.00
	Complete Housing	\$ -	\$ 43.00
<b>I. Late Fee Penalty</b>			
	Assessed on accounts with outstanding balances after monthly due date.	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
<b>J. Delinquent Account Penalty</b>			
	Assessed on accounts with outstanding balances when cut off is issued for termination of service.	\$ -	\$ 50.00
<b>K. Returned Check or Bank Draft Fee</b>			
Per Account: NSF, Closed Account, Stop Payment of Customer, Vendor Issued Check or Draft			
	Assessed on accounts with returned checks or drafts	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
<b>L. Disconnection Fee</b>			
	Property Owners	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	Assessed for permanent removal of water service.		
	Renters	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00



**Columbus County Public Utilities  
Labor & Equipment Charges  
Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023**

		Fiscal Year 2021-2022		Fiscal Year 2022-2023	
		Hourly		Hourly	
<b>Personnel</b>					
Director			\$ 35.00		\$ 35.00
Assistant Director			\$ -		\$ 28.00
Utility Field Operations Supervisor			\$ 21.00		\$ 21.00
Utility System Operator			\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
		Fiscal Year 2021-2022		Fiscal Year 2022-2023	
		Hourly		Hourly	
<b>Equipment</b>					
Backhoe/Mini Excavator			\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Dump Truck			\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
Service Truck			\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Rented Equipment			Cost + 10%		Cost + 10%
Parts & Supplies			Cost + 10%		Cost + 10%
		Fiscal Year 2021-2022		Fiscal Year 2022-2023	
		Hourly		Hourly	
<b>Other Fees</b>					
Meter Box Move, Labor			\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Meter Testing Fee			\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Service Call - Weekdays from 8 AM to 5 PM			\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Service Call - Weekends & After Hours			\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Service Call - Holidays			\$ -		\$ 75.00

**Columbus County Public Utilities  
Adoption of Fee Schedule  
Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023**

**Effective Dates:**

The Rates and Fees Schedule for the Columbus County Public Utilities Department will be effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, unless specific dates are listed in this schedule.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022

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Ray Leatherman, Finance Director

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Date:

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Ricky Bullard, Chairman

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Date:

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Amanda Prince, Clerk to the Board

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Date:

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*Lafaye Williams*  
*Deputy Clerk to the Board*