



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER

The Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County will consider the following proposals from Charlotte County Utilities to increase water and sewer utility usage rates, Miscellaneous charges, and Connection fees:

- Annual usage rate increase of 3.5% or the FPSC Index, whichever is higher
- Miscellaneous charges increase
- Connection Fee increase based upon consultant study

The proposed rate schedule is set forth below and the increases, if adopted, will become effective on or after March 1st, 2026. The increases, if adopted, will be effective for all customers in the Charlotte County Water and Sewer District, beginning with the customer bills assessed on or after April 1st, 2026 (for services provided during the prior month).

A public hearing on the proposed increases to the rates, fees and charges will be held at 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, on the 9th day of December, 2025 in Room 119 of the Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Interested parties may appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed increase in rates, fees, and charges.

Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule

Water

		Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after March 1,
	2025	2026
		3.50%
A. WATER		
1. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$25.87	\$26.77
1"	\$64.66	\$66.92
1 1/2"	\$129.31	\$133.84
2"	\$206.87	\$214.11
3"	\$413.75	\$428.23
4"	\$646.47	\$669.10
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
6,000-10,999	\$7.59	\$7.86
11,000-15,999	\$9.57	\$9.91
16,000-25,999	\$10.89	\$11.27
26,000 gallons and above	\$12.55	\$12.99
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
6,000-10,999	\$9.12	\$9.44
11,000-15,999	\$12.45	\$12.89
16,000-25,999	\$15.26	\$15.79
26,000 gallons and above	\$18.84	\$19.50
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02
2. MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$21.21	\$21.95
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
6,000-10,999	\$7.59	\$7.86
11,000-15,999	\$9.57	\$9.91
16,000-25,999	\$10.89	\$11.27
26,000 gallons and above	\$12.55	\$12.99
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
6,000-10,999	\$9.12	\$9.44
11,000-15,999	\$12.45	\$12.89
16,000-25,999	\$15.26	\$15.79
26,000 gallons and above	\$18.84	\$19.50
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02
3. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times number of units (no gallonage allowance):		
All Meter Sizes	\$18.09	\$18.73
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
4,000-7,999	\$7.59	\$7.86
8,000-11,999	\$9.57	\$9.91
12,000-15,999	\$10.89	\$11.27
16,000 gallons and above	\$12.55	\$12.99
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
4,000-7,999	\$9.12	\$9.44
8,000-11,999	\$12.45	\$12.89
12,000-15,999	\$15.26	\$15.79
16,000 gallons and above	\$18.84	\$19.50
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02
4. BULK SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times number of units (no gallonage allowance):		
All Meter Sizes	\$12.17	\$12.60
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.67	\$4.83
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02
5. GENERAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$25.87	\$26.77
1"	\$64.66	\$66.92
1 1/2"	\$129.31	\$133.84
2"	\$206.87	\$214.11
3"	\$413.75	\$428.23
4"	\$646.47	\$669.10

6"	\$1,292.92	\$1,338.18
8"	\$2,068.69	\$2,141.09
Gallorage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.61	\$6.84
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02
6. IRRIGATION SERVICE Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): <u>Meter Size</u> 5/8" x 3/4"	\$25.87	\$26.77
1"	\$64.66	\$66.92
1 1/2"	\$129.31	\$133.84
2"	\$206.87	\$214.11
3"	\$413.75	\$428.23
4"	\$646.47	\$669.10
6"	\$1,292.92	\$1,338.18
8"	\$2,068.69	\$2,141.09
Regular Gallorage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-15,999	\$9.57	\$9.91
16,000 and above	\$10.89	\$11.27
Emergency Gallorage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-15,999	\$12.45	\$12.89
16,000 and above	\$15.26	\$15.79
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02

Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule
Sewer

		Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after March 1,
	2025	2026
		3.50%
B. WASTEWATER		
1. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): All Meter Sizes	\$45.66	\$47.26
Gallorage Charge per 1,000 gallons (10,000-gallon maximum):	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
2. MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): All Meter Sizes	\$44.29	\$45.84
Gallorage Charge per 1,000 gallons (10,000-gallon maximum):	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
3. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times # units (no gallonage allowance): All Meter Sizes	\$36.55	\$37.82
Gallorage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
4. BULK SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times the number of units: All Meter Sizes	\$30.39	\$31.45
Gallorage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$5.19	\$5.37
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
5. GENERAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): <u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$45.66	\$47.26
1"	\$114.18	\$118.18
1 1/2"	\$228.38	\$236.37
2"	\$365.40	\$378.19
3"	\$730.82	\$756.40
4"	\$1,141.90	\$1,181.86
6"	\$2,283.84	\$2,363.77
8"	\$3,654.09	\$3,781.98
Gallorage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
6. WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS		
a. Individual Residences		
Based on maximum usage, Monthly Flat Rate of:	\$109.29	\$113.11
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
b. Multi-family		
Based on maximum usage, Monthly Flat Rate per unit of:	\$87.44	\$90.50
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
c. Bulk		
Monthly Flat Rate per unit of:	\$82.32	\$85.20
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
d. General Service		

Based on maximum usage per schedule of daily rated gallage for various occupancies pursuant to the Utility Uniform Extension Policy.		
Base Facility Charge	\$114.18	\$118.18
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
7. WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS, WATER SERVED BY ANOTHER UTILITY		
a. Individual Residences		
Base Facility Charge (no gallage allowance): All Meter Sizes	\$45.66	\$47.26
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons (10,000-gallon maximum):	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
b. Multi-family		
Base Facility Charge times the number of units: All Meter Sizes	\$36.55	\$37.82
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
c. Bulk Service		
Base Facility Charge times the number of units: All Meter Sizes	\$30.39	\$31.45
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$5.19	\$5.37
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
d. General Service		
Base Facility Charge (no gallage allowance): Meter Size 5/8" x 3/4"	\$45.66	\$47.26
1"	\$114.18	\$118.18
1 1/2"	\$228.38	\$236.37
2"	\$365.40	\$378.19
3"	\$730.82	\$756.40
4"	\$1,141.90	\$1,181.86
6"	\$2,283.84	\$2,363.77
8"	\$3,654.09	\$3,781.98
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
e. Per Contract		
Consumption Charge only - Bulk Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$5.19	\$5.37

Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule
Reclaimed Water

		Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after March 1,
	2025	2026
		3.50%
C. RECLAIMED WATER (REUSE)		
1. a. Pond Delivery		
Base Facility Charge:	\$3.47	\$3.59
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,000,000	\$0.27	\$0.28
3,000,001-9,000,000	\$0.20	\$0.21
9,000,001-30,000,000	\$0.17	\$0.18
30,000,001 and above	\$0.15	\$0.15
b. Direct Feed		
Base Facility Charge:	\$3.47	\$3.59
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,000,000	\$0.41	\$0.42
3,000,001-9,000,000	\$0.35	\$0.36
9,000,001-30,000,000	\$0.32	\$0.33
30,000,001 and above	\$0.27	\$0.28

Schedule A

Rates, Fees and Charges	Existing				Effective on or after March 1, 2026		
Connection Fees and Charges per ERC	Water or Irrigation	Sewer	Reclaimed Water		Water or Irrigation	Sewer	Reclaimed Water
Connection Fee	\$2,407	\$2,251	\$0		\$3,405	\$5,937	\$0
Distribution/Collection Fee							
	\$2,940	\$2,910	\$0		\$3,830	\$3,791	\$3,830
Low Pressure Sewer (LPS) Installation Charge							
Residential per each LPS Tank	N/A	\$4,800	N/A		N/A	\$6,253	N/A
Non-Residential per each LPS Tank	N/A	Actual Cost	N/A		N/A	Actual Cost	N/A
Vacuum Sewer Pit	N/A	\$4,800	N/A		N/A	\$6,253	N/A
Service Installation Charge							
3/4" Meter or less	\$1,070	N/A	\$1,070		\$1,394	N/A	\$1,394
1" Meter	\$1,945	N/A	\$1,945		\$2,529	N/A	\$2,529
1 ½" Meter	\$2,400	N/A	\$2,400		\$3,120	N/A	\$3,120
2" Meter	\$2,400	N/A	\$2,400		\$3,120	N/A	\$3,120
3" Meter and above	Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost		Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost
Up to 6" Service (Sewer only)	N/A	\$1,240	N/A		N/A	\$1,615	N/A
Additional Cost for Road Restoration	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost		Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Meter Installation Fee							
3/4" Meter or less	\$375	N/A	\$375		\$489	N/A	\$489
1" Meter	\$615	N/A	\$615		\$800	N/A	\$800
1 ½" Meter	\$990	N/A	\$990		\$1,287	N/A	\$1,287
2" Meter	\$1,515	N/A	\$1,515		\$1,970	N/A	\$1,970
3" Meter and above	Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost		Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost
Additional Cost for Road Restoration	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost		Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES

Fee and Charge Type	Existing Fee	Proposed Fees	Change
Account start-up			
Initiation of service fee	\$45	\$50	+\$5
Fire protection charges 5% increase Intent is to change from monthly to annually			
Less than 4” line	\$33.33 monthly (\$400 annually)	\$35 monthly (\$420 annually)	+ \$1.67 monthly + (\$20 annually)
4” line	\$66.67 monthly (\$800 annually)	\$70 monthly (\$840 annually)	+ \$3.33 monthly + (\$40 annually)
6” line	\$133.33 monthly (\$1,600 annually)	\$140 monthly (\$1,680 annually)	+ \$6.67 monthly + (\$80 annually)
8” line	\$214.17 monthly (\$2,570 annually)	\$225 monthly (\$2,700 annually)	+ \$10.83 monthly + (\$130 annually)
10” line	\$307.50 monthly (\$3,690 annually)	\$323 monthly (\$3,876 annually)	+ \$15.50 monthly + (\$186 annually)
Pretreatment fees			
Monthly fats, oils and grease (FOG) program fee	N/A	\$10	+\$10
Failure to provide pretreatment report	N/A	\$50	+\$50
Failure to perform pump out	N/A	\$150	+\$150
Inspection fee	N/A	\$50	+\$50
Re-inspection fee	N/A	\$50	+\$50
Septage services			
Septage waste discharge: in-county, per gallon	\$0.08	\$0.15	+\$0.07
Septage waste discharge: out-of-county, per gallon	\$0.10	\$0.15	+\$0.05
Grease waste discharge: in-county, per gallon	\$0.12	\$0.15	+\$0.03
Grease waste discharge: out-of-county, per gallon	\$0.14	\$0.15	+\$0.01
Other			
Field test meter – residential ¾” meter or less	\$75	\$95	+\$20
Field test meter – residential 1” meter	\$85	\$95	+\$10
Field test meter – residential 1 ½” meter	\$105	\$210	+\$105
Bench test meter ¾” meter or less	\$105	\$155	+\$50
1” meter or less	\$135	\$195	+\$60
Fire flow test – cost per test	\$50	\$280	+\$230
Force main/potable water pressure reading – cost per reading	N/A	\$160	+\$160
Lien search and account payoff fee	\$0	\$35	+\$35
Late fees and penalties			
Late payment charges (3 days past due)	3% of current bill	5% of current bill	+2%
Engineering and administrative fees			
Utility service availability report	\$0	\$5	+\$5