

APPROVED USAGE RATES
COLCHESTER SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION
2023 - 2024 FISCAL YEAR

Residential-Use Rates

	Annual increase:	1.70%	2.00%
Increase for April & July Billing due to late adoption of revised rates:		3.40%	4.00%

(thousands of gallons)	Existing <u>Water</u>	Existing <u>Sewer</u>	New <u>Water</u>	New <u>Sewer</u>
Serv Charge per qtr.	\$ 43.17	\$ -	\$ 44.64	\$ -
0 to 10	\$ 8.12	\$ 8.97	\$ 8.40	\$ 9.33
10 to 20	\$ 8.44	\$ 9.08	\$ 8.73	\$ 9.44
20 plus	\$ 10.80	\$ 9.38	\$ 11.17	\$ 9.76

Commercial-Use Rates

	Existing <u>Water Rate</u>	Existing <u>Sewer Rate</u>	New <u>Water Rate</u>	New <u>Sewer Rate</u>
Service charge, per quarter (Includes up to 20,000 Gal. use)				
3/4 in. meter	\$ 217.41	\$181.06	\$ 224.80	\$ 188.30
1 in. meter	\$ 218.65	\$181.06	\$ 226.08	\$ 188.30
1-1/2 in. meter	\$ 220.34	\$181.06	\$ 227.83	\$ 188.30
2 in. meter	\$ 224.96	\$181.06	\$ 232.61	\$ 188.30
3 in. meter	\$ 259.00	\$181.06	\$ 267.81	\$ 188.30
4 in. meter	\$ 271.61	\$181.06	\$ 280.84	\$ 188.30
6 in. meter	\$ 301.02	\$181.06	\$ 311.25	\$ 188.30
8 in. meter	\$ 334.66	\$181.06	\$ 346.04	\$ 188.30
Over 20,000 Gal. use	\$8.40 per 1,000 gals	\$9.06 per 1,000 gals	\$8.69 per 1,000 gals	\$9.42 per 1,000 gals

Private Fire Service:

	Existing <u>Water Rate</u>	New <u>Water Rate</u>
Up to 4 in.	\$24.13 per quarter	\$ 85.00 per quarter
4 in.	\$145.29 per quarter	\$ 308.02 per quarter
6 in.	\$422.36 per quarter	\$ 589.50 per quarter
8 in.	\$899.77 per quarter	\$ 1,179.06 per quarter
10 in.	\$1,618.22 per quarter	\$ 1,843.21 per quarter

**Town of Colchester
Sewer and Water Commission**

Approved Water and Sewer Connection Fees

(approved Colchester Sewer and Water Commission on 2-11-1999, revised and approved 3-19-24)
(approved Colchester Board of Selectmen on 3-11-1999, revised and approved 3-21-24)
(Updated to reflect approved Fire Sprinkler charges and material cost increases 3-21-24)

Approved Change Effective 4-1-2024

The listed connection fees will be charged in accordance with the Colchester Sewer and Water Commission "Sewer and Water Service Connection Policy". In accordance with the policy, sewer and water connection fees shall be assessed based on the size of the customer's meter or service size (whichever is less), as shown below:

Water and Sewer Service

<u>Water Meter Size (in.)</u>	<u>Water Branch Size (in.)</u>	<u>Exist Water Fee</u>	<u>Prop. Water Fee</u>	<u>Exist Sewer Fee</u>	<u>Prop. Sewer Fee</u>
¾ or less	1	\$ 3,650	\$4,000	\$ 1,500	\$2,500
1	1-1/2	\$ 8,750	\$9,000	\$ 3,750	\$4,240
1-1/2	2	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$ 7,100	\$7,500
2	4	\$31,970	\$32,000	\$14,200	\$14,500

Meters in excess of two (2) inches and/or connections, services, or branches, in excess of three (3) inches shall be reviewed and assessed individually based on demand capacity at the rate of \$11.45 per 1,000 gpd water and/or \$7.96 per 1,000 gpd sewer. However, in no case will the charges be less than those for a two (2) inch meter or three (3) inch service.

Fire Sprinkler Connections

Customers with separate fire service or fire service connections shall pay a separate quarterly fee for such service at the rates shown below:

<u>Fire Service Size (in.)</u>	<u>Quarterly Fee</u>
Less than 4 in.	\$ 85.00
4 in.	\$ 308.02
6 in.	\$ 589.50
8 in.	\$ 1,179.06
10 in.	\$ 1,843.21
12 in. or greater	to be reviewed and assessed individually

Existing Laterals

Laterals already in place and paid for by the Town (Commission), shall be charged to the property owner at an additional rate of \$1,000 for each water or sewer lateral above the connection fee at the time of connection.

Separation of Service

Active services existing at the time of adoption of this fee schedule, which are subsequently separated into multiple metered units, shall be charged a "Separation of Service" fee of \$200 per service (water or sewer) plus the cost of all Town-supplied labor and materials. Services which are constructed and separated subsequent to adoption of this fee schedule shall pay the applicable rate per meter (Section 4D of Sewer and Water Service Connection Policy) less any connection fees previously paid.

		per device tested while on site doing cross connection inspection Otherwise 1 hr service call rate is added to device testing fee
Device Testing	\$ 55.00	

Multiple units on one meter

Commerical Buildings	\$ 10.00	Note - new buildings require individual meters per billing cycle
Residential	\$ 10.00	per additional unit in building with only one meter

Lien/Caveat fee

Lien Recording	\$ 80.00
Caveat Recording	\$ 80.00
Release Recording	\$ 80.00

Profile of Water consumption

Free	One profile within a 12 month period
\$ 125.00	Additional profiles within a 12 month period

Delivered Water

	delivery truck
\$ 87.00	per truckload under 6,000 gallons

Misc Charges

Late fee	1.5%	per month
Returned Ck fee	\$ 35.00	
Fat Oil & Grease Permit	\$ 100.00	
Account Activation Fee	\$ 50.00	
Temporary Account fee	\$ 20.00	
Final reading invoice	\$ 25.00	
Hydrant Repairs	\$ 400.00	
Hydrant Raising	\$ 400.00	private customers hydrants
Fire Hydrant valve	\$ 10.00	per hydrant per year to Colchester (approx 400 hydrants)

Service Fees

Construction Fees

On site work

hourly rate \$ 125.00 7:00AM to 3:30PM - Monday-Friday except holidays
\$ 250.00 all other times

New Water Main Flush

This fee is for two Operators for two hours of work.
Water consumed is charged at \$9.00 per thousand gallons

Pressure and Leakage Test

A Water dept. employee witnesses the results and verifies the third party contractor

Chlorination of new water main

A Water dept. employee witnesses the results and verifies the third party contractor

Inspection of new water main

Pays for a Water dept. employee visit for on site inspection.

Water Construction Inspection Fee

Pays for an operator lateral inspection. Includes up to one hour of time. Additional time is billed in half hour increments at the current service call rate.

Pays for an operator lateral inspection. Includes up to one hour of time. Additional time is billed in half hour increments at the current service call rate.

Sewer Construction Inspection Fee

Office Processing:

Water Application Fee

Processing of the application.

Sewer Application Fee

Processing of the application.

Water Adbandonment Application Fee

Processing of the application.

Sewer Adbandonment Application Fee

Processing of the application.

Temporary Account fee

A landlord or property manager holds an account between tenants

Infrastructure connection

Sewer connection

This connection fee pays for the construction and maintenance of the sewer system infrastructure.

This connection fee pays for the construction and maintenance of the water system infrastructure.

Water connection

Other

Hydrant Meter

This is a deposit to cover expenses incurred to replace equipment. Water is also billed at \$9.00 per thousand gallons.

monthly rental

Rental fee charged monthly.

Materials:

Material costs are examined at the time of the order. They can change, depending on the market cost of copper.

Curb Box

black box that sticks up out of the ground

1" Corp

fitting that is drilled into the water main

Meter Setter

double check valve and a master valve that connects to the lateral

Cost per foot

copper prices are volatile

1" Tap

process of drilling the water main for the corp insert and lateral

2" tap

process of drilling the water main for the corp insert and lateral