

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT RATES
RATE SCHEDULE I
GENERAL METERED SERVICE
(Effective January 1, 2024)**

A. Applicability: Applicable to the use of water supplied through meter in the entire area serviced by the MUA.

B. Quarterly Billed Rates:

- (1) There shall be a fixed service charge per quarter for all uses within the areas served by the MUA as follows:

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Service Charge Per Quarter</u>
5/8 inch	\$58.25
3/4 inch	\$88.75
1 inch	\$160.50
1 1/2 inch	\$287.75
2 inches	\$461.00
3 inches	\$862.50
4 inches	\$1,433.75

- (2) There shall be a consumption charge of \$56.40 per thousand cubic feet of water used.
- (3) The State of New Jersey enacted Ch. 443 of the Laws of New Jersey concerning the periodic testing of public water supplies that established a water tax of \$0.75 per 1,000 cubic feet of water. This tax is reflected and included in the above rates.

C. Monthly Billed Rates:

- (1) There shall be a fixed service charge per month for all uses within the areas served by the MUA as follows:

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Service Charge Per Month</u>
5/8 inch	\$19.30
3/4 inch	\$29.65
1 inch	\$52.75

1 1/2 inch	\$96.25
2 inches	\$154.25
3 inches	\$287.25
4 inches	\$478.75

- (2) There shall be a consumption charge of \$7.54 per thousand gallons of water used.
- (3) The State of New Jersey enacted Ch. 443 of the Laws of New Jersey concerning the periodic testing of public water supplies that established a water tax of \$0.75 per 1,000 cubic feet of water. This tax is reflected and included in the above rates.

D. Discounted Rate:

Senior Citizens who satisfy the eligibility requirements for the Senior Discount Program established by the Borough in which the ratepayer resides and have no balances owed for their individual water bill accounts with the Authority, shall be entitled to the following discounted rate charges:

- (1) Fifteen percent (15%) reduction of the Standard Service Charge; and
- (2) Fifteen percent (15%) reduction of the Consumption Charge of the first one thousand cubic feet of water used.

The MUA will only issue the Senior Discount to ratepayers that are on the approved list provided by the Tax Clerk from their township confirming their eligibility in the Senior Discount Program.

This discount program will specifically not apply to vacation homes, investment properties or commercial properties.

E. Estimation of Consumption:

Whenever there is reasonable evidence that Water Meter readings are inaccurate for any reason, MUA may estimate the actual consumption during the period of inaccurate readings. If MUA replaces an inaccurate Water Meter with a new or reconditioned Water Meter, the average monthly consumption for the period of estimation shall be based upon the average monthly consumption for twelve months of which at least two months are measured by the new or reconditioned meter and the remaining months by the replaced meter during a period when MUA judges the replaced meter to have been reading accurately. If there was a change in use or other mitigating circumstance that prevents using the above procedure, MUA shall use any reasonable method for the particular circumstances to estimate the consumption for the period of inaccurate readings.

In the event a customer receives an estimated bill for consumption in two consecutive cycles and fails

to contact and/or provide access to the MUA to schedule an investigation into the reason for the estimated billing, the service shall be discontinued.

F. Bulk Wheeling Charges:

The charge for bulk wheeling of water shall be 1.30 times the Wholesale Water Rate as adopted by the Bulk Supplier. The rate shall be adjusted automatically and without further amendment of this section when the Wholesale Water Rate is adjusted by the Bulk Supplier. When the Bulk Supplier is the wheeling customer the Wheeling Charges may be collected by means of a credit being applied to the Bulk Supplier's monthly invoice to the MUA. If this method is used, then the amount of water invoiced shall be reduced by 1.30 times the amount of water wheeled. The Licensed Operator shall review the meter readings and certify the adjustment each month.

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RATE SCHEDULE II
PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE
(Effective January 1, 2024)

- A. Applicability: Applicable throughout the entire territory served by the MUA for service furnished exclusively to private fire protection facilities.
- B. Rates:
 - (1) For each 2 inch private fire protection line: \$37.50 per quarter.
 - (2) For each 4 inch private fire protection line: \$117.00 per quarter.
 - (3) For each 6 inch private fire protection line: \$234.00 per quarter.
 - (4) For each 8 inch private fire protection line: \$372.50 per quarter.
 - (5) For each 10 inch private fire protection line: \$464.75 per quarter.
 - (6) For each 12 inch private fire protection line: \$580.75 per quarter.
- C. No additional charge shall be made for sprinkler heads, fire hydrants or other fire-fighting facilities, which may be attached to a private fire service connection, and no charge shall be made for water used in extinguishing fires or for underwriters tests where service is furnished under this Article.
- D. The rate provided in this Article shall be available only for service connections used exclusively for the extinguishment of fires. If water is used for other purposes, then the regular applicable schedule of rates shall apply.
- E. The size of private fire service connection shall in no case exceed 12 inches in diameter.
- F. Certified residential health care facilities and rooming houses or boardinghouses which are required to install private sprinkler systems pursuant to P.L. 1971, c. 136 (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.) and P.L. 1979, c. 496 (N.J.S.A. 55:13B-1 et seq.) and regulations promulgated under these two statutes shall be exempt from payment of the private fire protection service charges. Such exemption shall not be granted until the appropriate state agency, either the Department of Community Affairs or the Department of Health, certifies to the utility and to the Board of Public Utilities that the particular residential health care facility or rooming house or boardinghouse meets the requirements of P.L. 1982, c. 154, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto and is thereby entitled to the exemption from the private fire sprinkler systems standby charge.
- G. Service taken under this Article is subject to special rules and regulations set forth in the application for special connection.
- H. All bills for private fire protection service furnished under this Article are to be rendered quarterly or, at the option of the MUA, monthly. Bills are due and payable when rendered.

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RATE SCHEDULE III
PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE
(Effective January 1, 2024)**

- A. Applicability: Applicable to municipalities for service to public fire hydrants.
- B. Rates: Each municipality serviced by the MUA shall pay a fire hydrant charge of \$701.50 per year for each fire hydrant.
- C. Terms: All bills for public fire protection services furnished and billed under this provision are to be rendered quarterly and bills are due and payable when rendered.

MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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RATE SCHEDULE IV
WATER SERVICE CHARGES
(Effective January 1, 2024)

1. In the event that a bill is not paid within thirty (30) days of billing, interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance, at the rate allowed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14B-41, that being at a rate of one percent (1%) per month until the date on which such charge, and the interest thereon, shall be fully paid to the MUA. The water service charge and penalty shall be a lien upon the premises served until paid and may be enforced as a lien for delinquent taxes is enforced, or otherwise be collected as provided by law.
2. A User shall install and maintain a backflow preventer acceptable to the MUA on the User side of the meter on its connection to the MUA water supply under the following circumstances: the User has an additional water supply, the service is intended primarily for irrigation or fire protection, or the User poses a cross-connection hazard as defined in Appendix A of N.J.A.C. 7:10-10.3 through 10.7, \$250 annually for an inspection and test by an Authority representative and for program administrative costs. An existing User shall pay this charge during the first calendar quarter. A new user shall pay this charge prior to the initial inspection and testing. The MUA shall charge a User so classified an additional \$150 for each retest required during the calendar year. The MUA shall charge a User subject to this section and to N.J.A.C. 7:10-10.3 through 10.7, \$30.00 quarterly for program administrative costs. A User so classified shall pay all other costs of maintaining its NJDEP Physical Connection Permit directly.
3. Each User applicant for permission to perform work which requires the opening of a street shall deposit at the time of making such application an amount of money estimated to be sufficient to cover the costs of replacing the pavement, and the excess, if any, beyond the cost of such replacement shall be refunded to said applicant.
4. Tapping Fee and Connection Fee

A. Tapping Fee

The MUA charge for the cost for it to install a new service line from main to the curb stop shall be fixed at the lump sum of \$5,000 for services sizes that are two (2) inches in diameter or less. In the event that the service line is larger, the MUA will not do the installation. It is not mandatory that the MUA perform the installation; however, in the event that the User chooses to have another contractor perform the installation, the MUA must be present for and inspect all work performed at an Inspection Fee cost of \$500.

B. Connection Fee

A separate fee in respect to each connection of any service unit, which includes new irrigation systems, within the MUA's water system is imposed upon the owner or occupant of each service being connected to the water system. The charge represents a fair contribution to the capital costs of the water system.

The Connection Fee is calculated in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21 and is recomputed at the end of each fiscal year of the MUA as required by law.

The 2024 Connection Fee is four thousand five hundred and sixty-seven dollars (\$4,567) per equivalent dwelling unit for the costs to the MUA. The water connection fee applies to all User applicants. The minimum connection fee shall be equal to that for one equivalent dwelling unit. An equivalent dwelling unit is defined as an average daily water demand of 320 gallons. The number of equivalent dwelling units shall be determined by dividing the average daily water demand determined for the service unit by the average daily demand for an equivalent dwelling unit defined in this section and rounding the result upward to the nearest whole number of equivalent dwelling units. The average daily demand for the service unit shall be determined in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:10-12.6 for nonresidential demands and N.J.A.C. 5:21-5.1 for residential demands. The MUA shall determine the average daily demand for the service unit by such means that are in its opinion fair and equitable in any case where the average daily demand cannot be reasonably established using N.J.A.C. 7:10-12.6 or N.J.A.C. 5:21-5.1. For each additional bedroom greater than the five covered under N.J.A.C. 7:10-12.6 or N.J.A.C. 5:21-5.1, the average daily demand for the service is increased by 75 gallons per additional bedroom.

C. Payment

The Tapping Fee (or Inspection Fee) and Connection Fee must be paid in full for all service units within a premises before water service is provided to any part of the premises. In the case of a development constructed in approved phases or stages, the MUA may consider additional options. Any such alterations in the timing of developer's payments shall be subject to approval by the Members of the MUA at a duly constituted meeting upon written request of the Developer setting forth nature of the project and the reasons for the requested payment plan.

D. Reductions to Tapping Fee and Connection Fee

Public housing authorities and non-profit organizations building affordable housing projects shall receive a fifty percent (50%) reduction of the Tapping Fee and/or Connection Fee as required by N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22.3.

A credit for a previously paid Tapping Fee and/or Connection may be applied to units damages by a catastrophic event as required and defined by N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22.4.

The equivalent of one (1) Connection Fee may be waived by the Members of the MUA in connection with an application by the Boroughs of Haledon or North Haledon for water service to a direct public project of either of those entities. Any such waiver shall be subject to approval by the Members of the MUA at a duly constituted meeting upon written request of the Boroughs of Haledon or North Haledon setting forth the nature of the public project and the reasons for the requested waiver.

No connection fee shall be charged to any premises previously lawfully connected to the water system unless (i) additional service units are to be connected to the system; (ii) there is a material change in the nature of the service to be provided such as the size of the service, number of service lines or similar items; or (iii) such premises has been abandoned and disconnected from the water system for a period of two years. A premise shall be deemed to be disconnected from the Water System if it is physically disconnected or if water service is discontinued without payments being made for twenty-four (24) consecutive months. In appropriate situations, the MUA may allow a credit to the number of service units previously connected to the system.

5. Miscellaneous Fees

A. Application/Escrow Fees

The MUA may impose an application and/or escrow fee which is due and payable upon the submission of any new service connection application. The MUA shall determine amount of these fees that are in its opinion fair and equitable in any case and the fees shall be set forth on the new service application.

B. Return Check Charge

A return check fee of \$35.00 shall be charged whenever a check is returned for insufficient funds. Returned checks of \$200 or more must be satisfied with a certified check, cash, or money order.

6. Meter Testing Fee

Upon a customer request, a water meter will be tested. The customers will have the following two (2) options for a meter test: (1) current meter will be removed, tested and reinstalled within a three (3) hour time period by MUA staff at no cost to the customer; however, access to the customer's premises will be needed at the beginning and the end of the time period to complete the reinstallation and the customer will not have water service while the meter removed unless a temporary meter is available to be installed while the meter is being tested; however, the availability of a temporary meter is not in any way guaranteed; or (2) current meter will be removed and a new meter installed permanently. The MUA will test the meter removed. If the removed meter's accuracy is outside the accuracy limits for a new or rebuilt meter found in the AWWA Standard for the type of meter being tested, no fee shall be charged. If the removed meter test results are within the accuracy limits found in the AWWA Standard, the customer shall pay a charge of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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RATE SCHEDULE V
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
(Effective January 1, 2024)**

In case service is shutoff at the curb box for any of the causes herein described, it shall not be turned on until the user has paid to the MUA a fee of \$157.50 for each turn-off and turn-on. If the curb box is found to be inaccessible, the user shall pay, in addition to the shutoff and turn-on fees, the cost of uncovering and restoring it to proper condition.

The user shall pay to the MUA a fee of \$35.25 for each requested final water reading. If the final water reading is requested in anticipation of a real estate transaction, the final water reading shall be the responsibility of the property owner/seller.

Winter Termination Program

The Winter Termination Program runs annually from November 15 through March 15 to prevent water service shutoffs during the period of the winter season. The MUA's policy is available for ALL residential customers and prevents water service shutoffs during the specified time period.

All customers are encouraged to establish a 12-month budget payment plan with the MUA and should make every effort to post payments during this time period. While service cannot be terminated during the winter moratorium, customers are responsible for the full amount of their water utility bill balance once the Winter Termination Program ends on March 15.