

Town of Circleville Water Policy

MONTHLY RATES: (as of April 13, 2023) Base Monthly Rates include 20,000 gallons, the base rate includes a \$3.00 solid waste fee, collected to pay for the town's dumpsters.

Home, Business Base Rate: \$31.00

Farm Tap Base Rate: \$21.00

Overages: (as of summer 2013) 20,001 + - 0.45 per 1,000

LATE PAYMENT POLICY: (5/8/2014)

1. If payment is late one month, the bill will have a \$5 late fee assessed. After being two months late, 12% interest will start to accrue until balance is paid off.
2. If no payment is received after the second month, it is referred to the board member in charge of the waterworks, who will be authorized to turn off the water and padlock the meter.
3. If water is shut off, payment in full plus a \$50 reconnect fee will be required to resume water usage.

NEW SERVICE HOOKUP: rate set at \$1,800 for ¾" meters, \$4,300 for 1" meters (5/14/2020), and \$8300 for 2" meters (meeting of 12/11/2024). The Town will purchase all meters, so they are uniform, and hire a contractor to install them. If the main water line needs to be extended, or cutting the road is needed, the town may charge extra to cover these additional costs on a case by case basis. (12/09/2008) There will be a \$50 connection fee for transferring water meters to new owners.

FEE TO RECONNECT WATER: Meters can be padlocked for two reasons: at the owner's request, or if a past due water bill is not paid. No one is charged for water while it is padlocked by the town. However, any past due payment will continue to accrue interest and a \$50 reconnect fee* is charged to turn back on a locked meter. (Reconnect fee from minutes on 05/08/2014)

METERS DEFINED: Farm tap meters are specifically meters that have service only to livestock. Any other meter will be deemed a residential meter.

METERS CANNOT BE MOVED FROM THEIR ORIGINAL LOCATION: There are very few exceptions to this. Meters can be moved out of driveways or other right-of-ways if approved by the waterworks. All costs associated with water service transfers, installation of new meters, or modifications to existing water connections shall be borne by the property owner. (12/11/2024)

DEPOSIT FOR TRANSFERRING WATER TO A RENTER: \$50 deposit is charged for transferring a water meter/bill into anyone's name but the property owners, done to cover renters), from minutes on 01/13/2009 (reduced from a fee to a deposit on 05/08/2014).

THE TOWN WILL BILL ONLY FOR PHYSICAL HOOKUPS. (08/10/2010) (As of Oct, 2010)

A MINIMUM OF ONE METER IS REQUIRED FOR EACH LOT THAT USES CULINARY WATER.

SINGLE OWNER, MULTI-HOME LOTS RECEIVE ONE WATER BILL PER METER. A Lot is defined as a parcel of land that has a unique tax number and description as recorded at the County Recorder's office. If a lot is later subdivided, a new meter is required for any building located on the new legal parcel.

CATASTROPHIC LEAK POLICY: (10/13/2009) - A catastrophic leak is defined as a sudden jump in water usage (100,000 gallons over the normal usage for that meter) caused by a leak on the customer's side of the water meter. The waterworks or town board may forgive a portion of the bill if a timely repair was made to fix a catastrophic leak. The portion that qualifies for forgiveness is the portion over 100,000 gallons above the average usage of that meter. If the leak is not fixed in a timely fashion, none of the bill qualifies for this exemption.

FIRE HYDRANTS: (2009) only vehicles approved by the Waterworks and/or Fire Department may use water from a fire hydrant. The waterworks sets the procedure and conditions for using public water from a fire hydrant. The waterworks may specify the method in which water may be taken from the hydrants, including usage of any special devices as defined by the water works.

SCHOOL OWNED BASEBALL PARK BEHIND THE COMMUNITY CENTER: (08/10/2010) The Town will not charge the school district for the water used on the park, if the waterworks controls the sprinkler settings used to maintain the park.

WATER CONNECTIONS: Any building permit requiring a new water connection shall require Town Water Authority approval prior to issuance of the building permit. A developer or property owner shall bear the cost to extend the water line to existing Town Infrastructure if necessary. (12/11/2024)