

Understanding My Water Bill

This bill from the Township contains two main items: water supply and sewer charges. The water that is supplied originates from the Delaware and Raritan Canal and is treated at the North Brunswick Water Treatment Plant located in Franklin Township. The water supply charge is calculated by measuring the amount of water that has passed through the meter and is delivered into a home or business during a period of time. Since sewer is not metered, the sewer charge is based on the amount of water used.

The bill contains the water meter number and usage data based on the meter reading for the account. Included should be the current and last meter reading and the dates that the reading was recorded along with the number of days in the billing period. This number can also be calculated by deducting the current meter reading from the previous bill's reading. There is an exception to this for the billing cycle when a new meter is installed going from cubic feet to gallons.

The current rate structure includes a "flat" facility charge that is assessed to all accounts based on the line size to recover costs for infrastructure and services and "supply" charges which vary monthly based on usage. All fees and charges that have not been paid within 30 days from the bill date shall accrue interest at the rate of 8% per annum for the first \$1,500 due and at the rate of 18% per annum for any amount over \$1,500 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66 et seq. Postmarks are not accepted.

For meter readings **after July 1, 2020**, the charge for new meters installed shall be calculated by multiplying the per gallon rate by the metered water consumption for the billing period, taking into account which tier of consumption range was used. Customers can view their account at www.northbrunswicknj.watersmart.com and a complete listing of the current fees can be found on the municipal website at www.northbrunswicknj.gov.

Monthly Rates Based On Water Consumption Range Rate per 1 Gallon (Gal)			
Effective date	0 to 3,000 Gal	3,001 to 9,000 Gal	More than 9,001 Gal
July 1, 2020	\$0.003915	\$0.007046	\$0.007829

Sewer Rates Based On Water Consumption Range Rate per 1 Gallon (Gal)			
Effective date	0 to 3,000 Gal	3,001 to 9,000 Gal	More than 9,001 Gal
July 1, 2020	\$0.006004	\$0.007462	\$0.008577

The following is the current monthly facility service charge rates in accordance with the size of the meter:

Meter Size Inches Service Line	Monthly Cost for Residential Meters	Monthly Cost for Commercial Meters
0.625"	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
0.75"	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
1"	\$ 4.00	\$ 7.00
1.5"	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.00
2"	\$ 13.00	\$ 16.00
3"	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.00
4"	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00
6"	\$ 57.00	\$ 63.00
8"	\$ 92.00	\$ 100.00
10"	\$ 125.00	\$ 135.00