

Sunnyslope County Water District

Summary of Rates & Fees

Sunnyslope County Water District is committed to providing the best quality service for the least possible cost. The District’s rate structure is designed to be sufficient to cover the cost of operations, maintenance, administration, emergency reserves, and capital improvement projects for the water and wastewater systems. As a public agency, the District does not make any profit.

Water Rates, Effective August 1, 2024, by Ordinance No. 82 approved Aug. 6, 2024

The District assesses a monthly service charge based on water meter size, plus a monthly consumption rate based on the amount of water consumed. Consumption is billed in full units of hundred cubic feet (HCF) where one HCF equals about 750 gallons. The monthly consumption rates for single-family residential customers use a progressive rate format in which the cost per HCF increases as more water is consumed. Non-single-family rate has no tiers, so customers are charged one rate per HCF regardless of consumption. Fire Service Charge is based on service size applies only to dedicated fire services, usually only for commercial or institutional customers.

Base Charge

Meter Size	Base Charge	Fire Service Charge
5/8” – 3/4”	\$36.21	-
1”	\$36.21	\$8.73
1 ½”	\$65.91	\$11.24
2”	\$101.55	\$18.09
3”	\$214.43	\$68.61
4”	\$380.77	\$87.33
6”	\$778.80	\$130.98
8”	\$1,669.92	\$180.90

Consumption Charge

Single Family Residential Customers			
Tier 1	0-10 HCF	(0-7,500 gallons)	\$ 3.77 per HCF
Tier 2	11-20 HCF	(7,500-15,000 gallons)	\$ 5.78 per HCF
Tier 3	Over 20 HCF	(over 15,000 gallons)	\$ 6.99 per HCF
Non-Single Family Customers			
No Tiers – All water billed at same rate			\$5.09 per HCF

Monthly Water Charges for Single Family Residence with a 1” meter at varying consumption

HCF	Gallons	Bill Amount	Common Situation
3	2,250	\$47.52	Single person with efficient appliances & no landscape
5	3,750	\$55.06	3-person family with efficient appliances & no landscape
7	5,250	\$62.60	4-person family with drought tolerant landscape
9	7,500	\$70.14	Median Average Water Bill
15	11,250	\$102.81	Summer for a 6,000-sf lot with standard landscape
20	15,000	\$131.71	Summer for a 8,000-sf lot with well-maintained landscape
25	18,750	\$166.66	Summer for ¼ acre lot with well-maintained landscape & pool
30	22,500	\$201.61	Summer for large lot with lush landscape

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Sewer Rates, Effective Beginning December 21, 2014:

The District currently charges residential sewer customers a monthly service charge plus a monthly volume charge based on the average amount of water consumed** for household purposes. Non-residential sewer customers are assessed a volume charge based on metered water usage. The sewer rates were approved by the Board of Directors on August 6, 2013, by Ordinance No. 74 and current rates took effect on December 21, 2014. The sewer rates were amended to put a cap on average winter water use in drought years by Ordinance No. 71, which took effect May 3, 2012.

<u>Customer Classification</u>	<u>Monthly Sewer Rates</u>
Single-Family Residential Dwelling (SFR)	\$ 95.93 plus \$ 5.64 per HCF **
Multiple-Family Residential Dwelling (MFR)	\$ 72.98 per unit, plus \$ 5.64 per HCF **
Cottages, Motels, Trailer Parks, Laundries, etc.	\$ 9.20 per HCF of metered water use
Commercial and Industrial	\$ 12.14 per HCF of metered water use

HCF – Hundreds of Cubic Feet (based on metered water usage)

** The consumption charge of \$5.64 per HCF for single- and multi-family dwellings is charged based on the average winter water usage for February and March and is updated each April. In drought years, as determined by the Board of Directors, customers whose average winter water usage increased by 4 or more HCF for February and March over the prior year, will have their increase capped at the prior year average plus 4 HCF.

Capacity Charges, Effective Beginning July 1, 2024

The water and sewer capacity charges (connection fees) were approved by the Board of Directors on August 6, 2013, by Ordinance No. 75. The current charges became effective July 1, 2024. The capacity charges are adjusted annually by reference to the Engineering News Record (ENR) index in accordance with District Code Section 3.40.030 and Section 4.30.020.

Water Capacity Charges ***

Meter Size	Water Meter Capacity Charge		Meter Installation Charge		Total New Meter Cost
1"	\$ 14,100	+	\$ 405	=	\$ 14,505
1 ½"	\$ 28,300	+	\$ 685	=	\$ 28,985
2"	\$ 45,250	+	\$ 880	=	\$ 46,130
3"	\$ 98,925	+	TBD	=	TBD
4"	\$ 178,100	+	TBD	=	TBD
6"	\$ 367,550	+	TBD	=	TBD
8"	\$ 678,475	+	TBD	=	TBD

“TBD” means “To Be Determined” and indicates that the Meter Installation Charge for large meters shall be determined at the time of the meter request. It shall be based upon the cost of the meter’s purchase, delivery, and an estimate of Sunnyslope’s labor cost for installation of the meter.

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Sewer Capacity Charges

Customer Classification	Sewer Capacity Charge	Inspection Fee	Total
Single-Family Residential	\$ 25,475	\$ 25	\$ 25,500
Multi-Family Residential	\$ 19,125 per unit	\$ 25 ea.	
2-Family Unit	\$ 38,250	\$ 50	\$ 38,300
3-Family Unit	\$ 57,375	\$ 75	\$ 57,450
Cottages, Motels, Trailer Parks, Laundries, etc	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD
Commercial and Industrial	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

TBD – Sewer capacity charges are to be determined by the District Engineer based on calculated wastewater generation and its equivalent dwelling units (EDU).

Miscellaneous Rates and Fees, Effective Beginning February 18, 2015:

The miscellaneous rates and fees were approved by the Board of Directors in February 2015, by Resolution No. 536, which took effect on February 18, 2015.

Deposits Required (Refundable after 3 years of good payment history):			
Total Deposit	Water Deposit	Sewer Customer of:	Sewer Deposit
\$ 400.00	\$ 125.00	Sunnyslope	\$ 275.00
\$ 300.00	\$ 125.00	City of Hollister	\$ 175.00
\$ 800.00	Fire Hydrant Deposit		
Delinquent Account Penalty:			
Late Fee of 10.0% (basic one-time penalty), PLUS 0.5% continuing penalty on unpaid balance			
Miscellaneous Fees:			
\$ 175.00	Call-Out Fee — Charged when District staff is called out to turn water on or off after normal working hours.		
\$ 50.00	Reconnection Fee — Charged when water service is shut-off for non-payment and must be paid before water service is re-started.		
\$ 30.00	Returned Check (or ACH) Fee — Charged when a payment is returned by the bank as uncollected for any reason.		
\$ 10.00	Administrative Collection Fee — Charged when a shut-off notice or door hanger delivery is processed on a past due account.		
\$ 50.00	Property Lien Filing Fee — Charged when the District files a lien for a balance due on a delinquent account.		