

# Water Rate Charges

On January 22, 2007, the Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD or District) Board of Directors adopted new water rates that were phased in over three years. This change in water rates was almost exclusively due to capital facility replacements, many of which had been deferred for a long time. These new rates further the goal of pay-as-you-go financing of ongoing capital replacement projects, which reduces the District's reliance on debt financing.

To learn more about the District's capital projects and to see current and completed capital projects, go to "Capital Improvements" at [sswd.org](http://sswd.org).

Below is an explanation of each water rate charge listed on the reverse side.

## Flat Service Charge or Meter Service Charge

These charges are allocated to pay the District's fixed operations and maintenance costs, such as building maintenance, utility bills, vehicle maintenance and water main repairs. The charge is based on the size of the water service line to the property or the size of the meter.

## Usage Charge

The usage charge is used for variable operations and maintenance costs, such as purchasing surface water, chemicals for water treatment and electricity for pumping groundwater.

- ◆ **Flat rate service:** This portion of the bill is calculated based on the square footage of the parcel, which is received from the Sacramento County Assessor's Office.
- ◆ **Metered rate service:** This portion of the bill is based on the amount of water that goes through the water meter.

## Capital Facilities Charge

The monies collected are to fund pay-as-you-go financing of ongoing capital improvement projects and for principal and interest on funds borrowed for past capital improvement projects (e.g. reservoirs, meter retrofits, well construction and rehabilitation, main replacements). The charge is based on the size of the water service line to the property or the size of the meter.

## Other charges that may appear on some bills:

### Multiple Unit Charge

A monthly charge on all flat rate multi-family accounts (e.g. duplex, triplex) is billed per additional dwelling unit.

### Private Fire Service Charge

A monthly charge for water service at un-metered connections to SSWD's water system that are equipped with a detector check assembly satisfactory to SSWD and the Department of Public Health (DPH) and which supplies water to privately-owned and maintained sprinklers used exclusively for fire fighting, irrespective of the quantity of water used and based on the connection size of the fire service assembly.

### Backflow Charge

This charge is to administer and monitor SSWD's backflow program. Monies collected are used to notify customers of testing and retesting, compiling results and submitting results to DPH.

**Questions? Call our Customer Service Team at 916.972.7171.**

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# Monthly Water Rate Charges (Effective 01/01/09)



<b>Flat Accounts</b>	<b>Usage Charge (\$/1,000 square foot)</b>	<b>\$ 0.91</b>
	<b>Flat Service Charge (single dwelling unit)</b>	
	3/4" connection	\$ 14.89
	1" connection	\$ 21.55
	1 1/2" connection	\$ 40.69
<b>Multiple Unit Charge (\$/Add'l Dwelling Unit)</b>		<b>\$ 8.03</b>

<b>Meter Accounts</b>	<b>Usage Charge (\$/100 cubic feet or ccf: 1 ccf = 748 gallons)</b>	
	Residential - 1st Tier (0-10 ccf)	\$ 0.80
	Residential - 2nd Tier (11+ ccf)	\$ 1.00
	Non-Residential - Tier 1 Off-Peak (Nov-Apr)	\$ 0.81
	Non-Residential - Tier 1 Peak (May-Oct)	\$ 1.01
	<b>Meter Service Charge</b>	
	5/8" meter	\$ 3.60
	3/4" meter	\$ 5.25
	1" meter	\$ 8.50
	1 1/2" meter	\$ 16.60
	2" meter	\$ 26.40
	3" meter	\$ 49.20
	4" meter	\$ 81.75
	6" meter	\$ 163.15
	8" meter	\$ 293.40
10" meter	\$ 472.50	
12" meter	\$ 700.40	

<b>Flat and Meter Accounts</b>	<b>Capital Facilities Charge</b>	
	5/8" meter	\$ 19.25
	3/4" meter or connection	\$ 28.70
	1" meter or connection	\$ 48.00
	1 1/2" meter or connection	\$ 95.65
	2" meter	\$ 153.10
	3" meter	\$ 287.30
	4" meter	\$ 478.95
	6" meter	\$ 957.60
	8" meter	\$ 1,723.80
	10" meter	\$ 2,777.45
12" meter	\$ 4,117.65	

<b>Other Charges, if Applicable</b>	<b>Private Fire Service Charge</b>	
	2-inch	\$ 13.65
	3-inch	\$ 25.60
	4-inch	\$ 41.65
	6-inch	\$ 82.90
	8-inch	\$ 146.65
	10-inch	\$ 229.15
	12-inch	\$ 255.35
<b>Backflow Charge (per connection)</b>		<b>\$ 4.00</b>

See reverse for explanation of water rate charges.