

Trinity County Waterworks District #1

Cost and Fee Schedule for Water and Sewer Services

Effective Date: August 19, 2025

Policy Reference: This fee schedule is established pursuant to Trinity County Waterworks District #1 Policy 04152025A (Water Meter Installation, Removal, and Deposits), the District's Water Ordinance, the California Water Code, and California Senate Bill 998 (Water Shutoff Protection Act). All fees and deposits are subject to change.

1. Deposit Fees for New Service

Deposits are required to secure water and/or sewer service for all new locations within the District, as per Policy 04152025A and Article 18 of the District's Water Ordinance.

- **Water Service Deposit:** \$100.00
 - Required for all applicants requesting water service within the District.
- **Sewer Service Deposit:** \$100.00
 - Required only if the residence is within the District's sewer service area and sewer services are available.
- **Total Deposit:**
 - \$200.00 (for both water and sewer services, if applicable).
 - \$100.00 (for water service only, if sewer service is not available).

2. Deposit Fee for Realtor Temporary service (90 Day)

Realtor Deposit/Prepayment will be used for a period of 90 days at a flat rate of \$60 a month and allow up to 500 cubic feet per month, as per Policy 04152025A

- **Realtor Temporary service:** \$180
 - **Deposit does not change based on sewer district status.**

3. Out of District Application Fees

- **Out of District Application Fee:** \$150.00
 - Required for new water service applications outside the District's service area.
- **Out of District Reapplication Fee:** \$25.00
 - Charged for reapplying for service outside the District's service area.

4. Water Meter Installation Fees

Fees for meter installation are required in advance, as per Policy 04152025A, Article 9, Section 9.1.

- **Standard Meter Installation Fee:** \$1,500.00
 - Fee for installation of a standard water meter, as determined by the District per Article 9, Sections 9.2 and 9.5.
- **Meter Relocation Fee:** Fee varies based on service connection.
 - Applicable when a customer requests meter relocation, subject to District approval.
 - Costs are the customer's responsibility unless relocation protects District property (Article 9, Section 9.4).

5. Water Service Fees

- **Minimum Charge:** \$31.00 per month
 - Includes the first 500 cubic feet of water usage at \$0.0025 per cubic foot.
- **Usage Rates:**
 - First 500 cubic feet: \$0.0025 per cubic foot (included in minimum charge).
 - Over 500 cubic feet: \$0.0275 per cubic foot.
- **Meter Usage Fees (Flat Rates):**
 - **1-Inch Meter:** \$5.00
 - **1-1/4-Inch Meter:** \$6.25

- **1-1/2-Inch Meter:** \$7.50
- **2-Inch Meter:** \$10.00
- **3-Inch Meter:** \$15.00
- **4-Inch Meter:** \$20.00
- **5-Inch Meter:** \$25.00
- **6-Inch Meter:** \$30.00
- **Irrigation Usage:**
 - Flat rate: \$12.70 for usage over 1,000 cubic feet.
 - Additional rate: \$0.0127 per cubic foot beyond 1,000 cubic feet.
- **Bulk Water Rates:**
 - In District: \$3.67 per 1,000 gallons.
 - Out of District: \$90.00 per 4,000 gallons.
- **Backflow Preventer Fee:** \$3.00 per 1-inch backflow preventer.

6. Sewer Service Fees

- **Sewer EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit):** \$28.00 per unit.
 - Applicable to residences within the District's sewer service area.
- **Sewage Dumping Fee for Septage Haulers:** \$0.012 per pound.
 - Charged for septage dumping at the Wastewater treatment plant.

7. Service Discontinuance Fees

- **Temporary Discontinuance for Nonpayment:**
 - **Notification Fee:** \$25.00
 - Charged for the 24-hour delivery of shutoff notice, as part of the written notice provided at least seven (7) days before shutoff, per California Senate Bill 998.
 - **Shut Off Fee for Non-Payment:** \$25.00
 - Charged when service is disconnected due to nonpayment.
 - **Payment Requirements to Prevent Shutoff:**
 - Customers must pay the most recent bill, including the notification fee, plus 15% of the past-due amount to avoid discontinuance (Policy 04152025A, Section 4.A).
 - **Reconnection Fee (Reinstalling):** \$200.00
 - Applicable when service is restored after temporary discontinuance.
- **Permanent Discontinuance:**
 - **Reinstallation Fee:** \$200.00
 - Charged to the property owner for reinstallation of a meter removed due to abandonment or by request (Policy 04152025A, Section 4.B).

8. Standby Service Fees

- **Standby Charge:** \$10.00 per billing cycle.
 - Applied in the next complete billing cycle following a customer's request for standby service.
 - Service is shut off and locked by the District on the requested date (weekdays, during regular business hours), and restored upon customer request (Policy 04152025A, Section 4.A).

9. Payment-Related Fees

- **Returned Bank Check/NSF Fee:** \$25.00
 - Charged for payments returned due to non-sufficient funds or other bounced payment issues.
- **Returned ACH Fee:** \$ 15.00
 - Charged for online returned ACH payment due to non-sufficient funds or other payment issues.
- **Multiple Credit Card Processing Fee:** \$7.00 (Policy 30-25)
 - Charged after first unsuccessful payment attempt or split payment on multiple cards via phone or in person with office personnel.
- **Late Fee:** 1.5% of the outstanding balance or \$1.00, whichever is greater.
 - Applied to overdue accounts.

10. Infrastructure-Related Fees

- **Tamper Fee: \$250.00**
 - Charged for tampering with District infrastructure, including meters or valves, per Policy 04152025A, Section 4.B.

Adopted: By the Board of Directors of Trinity County Waterworks District #1 on August 19, 2025.