

LAKENGREN WATER AUTHORITY
DEPOSIT, FEE AND CHARGE SCHEDULE
(Includes Rate Adjustments Effective 11/7/2024)

The deposits, fees and charges as set herein shall be paid as provided in the "Lakengren Water Authority Water and Sewer Regulations," which are referenced herein for further information.

SEWER FEES AND CHARGES:

A. Sewer Capacity (Connection) Fee: (Reference Section 409)

1. **Inside Lakengren Subdivision:** There shall be a Sewer Capacity (Connection) Fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
2. **Outside Lakengren Subdivision:** There shall be a Sewer Capacity (Connection) Fee of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00).

B. Sewer Service Charge: (Reference Section 415)

1. **Inside Lakengren Subdivision:** There shall be a Standard Minimum Monthly Service Charge. The standard minimum monthly service charge shall be thirty-four dollars and thirty-two cents (\$34.32) per month per single-family house.
2. **Outside Lakengren Subdivision:** There shall be a Standard Minimum Monthly Service Charge for all properties outside of Lakengren that are connected to the LWA Sewer System. The standard minimum monthly service charge shall be thirty-four dollars and thirty-two cents (\$34.32).

C. Contracts Requiring Special Consideration: Additionally, the LWA Board may approve contracts providing for sewer fees and charges other than those listed above, provided that good and valuable consideration is received by the LWA and that such contract terms are deemed by the Board to be in the best interests of the LWA.

D. Grinder Pumps

1. **Assembly:** Grinder pump assembly shall be six thousand dollars (\$6,000).
2. **Monthly Maintenance Fee:** All grinder pump customers shall pay a maintenance fee of seven dollars (\$7.00) per month.
3. **Electricity Credit:** Customers who supply electricity to grinder pumps located on their property and connected to the LWA Sewer System shall receive a Grinder Pump Electricity Credit in the amount of thirty cents (\$.30) per month if the grinder pump is

connected to one property, and sixty cents (\$.60) per month if the grinder pump is connected to two properties.

E. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Assessment and Surcharge

1. Inside Lakengren Subdivision: The total assessment on each semi-annual tax billing, including the Preble County Auditor’s collection fee of 3%, shall be eighty dollars and seventy-one cents (\$80.71). The amount of the assessment is the same for every parcel located in the Lakengren Water Authority, for a period of 30 years.
2. Outside Lakengren Subdivision: The total surcharge on each customer’s monthly billing will be thirteen dollars and six cents (\$13.06) per month for a period of 30 years. The surcharge is equal to the assessment charged to customers inside Lakengren, less the 3% collection fee charged by the Preble County Auditor.
3. Parcels that were combined to avoid multiple assessments: Any future subdivision of such parcels or provision of sewer services to more than one tap to such parcels previously combined, shall obligate such owner to pay for sewer services the sum of four thousand seven hundred one dollars and sixty cents (\$4,701.60) which represents the 30-year assessment total for each parcel, less the 3% collection fee. Payment must be made in full upon completion of application of services.
4. Properties owned by the Lakengren Property Owner’s Association that were not assessed: Any future sale of such parcels to a new property owner shall obligate such owner to pay for sewer services the sum of four thousand seven hundred one dollars and sixty cents (\$4,701.60) which represents the 30-year assessment total for each parcel, less the 3% collection fee, prior to any sewer tap being made on such parcels. Payment must be made in full upon completion of application of services.

WATER FEES AND CHARGES:

A. Water Capacity (Connection) Fee: (Reference 410) There shall be a Water Capacity Fee charged to the owner of any lot or plot of ground who wishes to connect to the LWA water system.

1. **Inside Lakengren:** Said Fee shall be calculated according to the following Water Connection Table:

Meter Size	Connection Fee
5/8" – 3/4"	\$1,000.00
1"	\$1,520.00
1 1/2"	\$2,300.00
2"	\$3,435.00

2. Outside Lakengren Subdivision: Connection Fees shall be determined on a case by case basis based on LWA cost.

B. Water Service Charge: (Reference Section 415)

1. ¾" Service Lines: The minimum metered monthly water service charge is for the first three thousand (3,000) gallons used.

a. Inside Lakengren: There shall be a standard minimum metered monthly water service charge of thirty-eight dollars and ninety-three cents (**\$38.93**).

b. Outside Lakengren: There shall be a standard minimum metered monthly water service charge of forty-two dollars and seventy-nine cents (**\$42.79**).

c. For the water service charge in excess of the minimum, the follow applies:

Gallons Used	Inside Lakengren	Outside Lakengren
4,000	\$39.93	\$43.79
5,000	\$40.93	\$44.79
6,000	\$41.93	\$45.79
7,000	\$44.93	\$48.79
8,000	\$47.93	\$51.79
9,000	\$50.93	\$54.79
10,000	\$53.93	\$57.79
11,000	\$56.93	\$60.79
12,000	\$59.93	\$63.79
13,000	\$62.93	\$66.79
14,000	\$65.93	\$69.79

d. For continued rates after 14,000 gallons, add three dollars (**\$3.00**) per thousand inside Lakengren and three dollars and fifty cents (**\$3.50**) per thousand outside Lakengren.

2. Greater than ¾" Service Line:

a. There shall be a standard minimum monthly service charge of fifty-three dollars (**\$53.00**).

b. Water meters shall be read in 10,000-gallon increments only. The charge per 10,000 gallons, after the first 10,000 gallon minimum, shall be thirty-one dollars (**\$31.00**) per additional 10,000 gallons used.

C. Availability Charge

- 1. Unimproved Lot Owners:** There shall be an availability charge of zero dollars (\$0.00) charged every three (3) months.
- 2. Inside Lakengren:** There shall be an availability charge of zero dollars (\$0.00) charged monthly.
- 3. Outside Lakengren:** There shall be an availability charge of zero dollars (\$0.00) charged monthly.

D. Monthly Service Disconnect Charge: There shall be a monthly service disconnect charge of eighteen dollars (\$18.00) to any water meter that has water service disconnected for any reason. This charge will apply when the monthly meter reading registers zero gallons used since the previous monthly meter reading.

E. Massive Water Leaks, Discounts, or Charges: (Reference Section 431) The total monthly bill, including sewer usage fee, for water loss must exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). A credit of 50% shall be applied only for the part of the bill exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Example: A customer bill is \$180, credit of 50% applies only to \$80 (\$180 - \$100 = \$80); final bill is \$140.

F. Damage to Meters: The Customer may be held responsible for repair charges, including labor and material, when the meter is damaged, specifically because of vandalism, and apparent and deliberate damage other than normal wear and tear. The minimum charge will be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

G. Testing of Meters: (Reference Section 309)

- 1.** If a Customer demands a meter to be tested for accuracy, the fee will be fifty dollars (\$50.00). The fee will be refunded if the meter is found to record more than the actual flow (subject to AWWA standards for meter accuracy).
- 2.** In the event a meter has been found to have been tampered with, removed from a service line, or unauthorized entry was made to the meter pit, the meter will be removed and tested for accuracy. The charge for this service will be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for 1" or less, and determined on a case by case basis for all other sizes.

H. Water Main Breaks

- 1.** If a Water Line is broken through neglect or failure to have the line located, the cost shall be for the time, material, plus minimums. Minimums for these are as follows:

Service Line to Meter	\$100.00
4"	\$200.00
6"	\$300.00

8"	\$400.00
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- If repair costs exceed the minimum, the Owner shall be charge the estimated cost of water at \$2.50/1000 gallons of water lost.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES

A. Plan Review Fees and Deposits: (Reference Section 607) The following fees and deposits shall apply:

- With the submission of construction drawings, site plans, utility plans or grading plans, there shall be paid to the LWA an initial deposit of three percent (3%) of the estimated cost of construction, but not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), for the Plan Review Fee.
- Prior to the commencement of construction, an initial deposit of six percent (6%) of the estimated cost of construction, but not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be paid to the LWA for construction observation.
- Additional deposits shall be paid as requested by the LWA as needed to cover the above stated items.
- Upon final acceptance of the construction by the LWA and receipt by the LWA of a written request from the person making the deposits, the LWA shall refund any unused portion of the amounts deposited. All funds not so requested within one year of the LWA's acceptance of the construction shall be placed in the LWA's general fund to be used at the sole discretion of the LWA.

B. Reconnection Fee: (Reference Section 425)The Reconnection Fee shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35) and shall be charged if a reconnection is required due to a disconnection for delinquency.

C. Unauthorized use and/or Violation of the Rules and Regulations: (Reference Section 199) There shall be a service charge to investigate, notify, or discontinue water service as a result of fraud or illegal diversion of water, including unauthorized commencement of services, or any other violation of the Rules and Regulations. The LWA shall levy a charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per the first offense and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the second offense, plus a charge for the water utilized and/or any costs to the LWA for damages caused by the unauthorized use and/or violation.

D. Return Check & ACH Charge: There shall be a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for any payments returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

BILLING PROCEDURES

- A. Late Charge Procedures:** Bills will be due on the date printed on the customer's statement, unless the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which case they are due on the next working day. Bills not paid by the due date are subject to a 10% late charge and shall be considered delinquent after thirty (30) days of nonpayment.