



How Tribes Charge for Water

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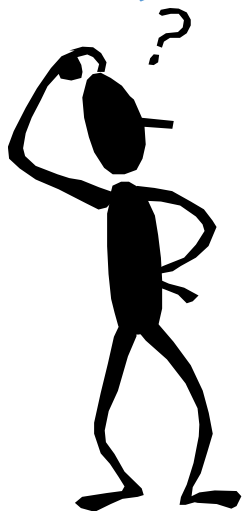
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Are our
rates right?



It depends...





Maybe something simple...

Base Rate & 1st 1000 Gallons (0-1000 gallons):	\$18.00
Additional Gallons (1001 and up):	\$ 6.00 per thousand gallons (or \$0.006 per gallon)

Or a little more involved...

Water Rates

(Effective February 2006)

Minimum (Up to 300 Gal)	\$23.00
Commercial Minimum	\$60.00
Next 2,000 Gal	\$2.87 per 1,000 Gal
Next 5,000 Gal	\$3.59 per 1,000 Gal
Next 10,000 Gal	\$4.31 per 1,000 Gal
Next 30,000 Gal	\$5.74 per 1,000 Gal
Next 50,000 Gal	\$7.18 per 1,000 Gal
Anything After	\$8.62 per 1,000 Gal



...Or something complicated

USER FEE SCHEDULE

Meter Size	Residential Flat Rate (monthly)	Small Business (monthly)	Small Commercial (monthly)	Large Commercial (\$/gal)	Public Authority (monthly)	Tap Fee	Dev Fee
Water							
5/8", 3/4"	\$ 15.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 50.00		\$ 15.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 1,899.00
1"						\$ 600.00	\$ 3,166.00
1 1/4"						Cost	\$ 4,748.50
1 1/2"						Cost	\$ 6,331.00
2"				\$ 0.010		Cost	\$ 10,130.00
2 1/2"				\$ 0.015		Cost	\$ 16,144.50
3"				\$ 0.015		Cost	\$ 22,159.00
4"				\$ 0.020		Cost	\$ 37,986.00
6"				\$ 0.020		Cost	\$ 61,000.00



Residential, Commercial, etc.

A. RESIDENTIAL RATES:

Flat Fee (1000 Gallons) (0—135 Cubic Feet) \$11.00

Rate Per Thousand/Gallons (135 Cubic Feet) 2.00

B. COMMERCIAL:

User Fee 15.00

Rate Per Thousand/Gallons (1—10,000 Gallons) (1—1351 Cubic Feet) 3.00

Rate Per Thousand/Gallons (10,001—20,000 Gallons) (1352—2703 Cubic Feet) 3.50

Rate Per Thousand/Gallons (20,001—100,000 Gallons) (2704—13514 Cubic Feet)
4.00

Rate Per Thousand/Gallons (>100,000 Gallons) (>13514 Cubic Feet) 5.00



Elder/Low Income Rates

LIFE SUPPORT/SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT PROGRAM **(RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE)**

Availability

Available to water customers of the Authority located along existing mains in the communities served by the Authority.

Applicability

Applicable to domestic water service billed under Rate Schedule WR-01 where the customer has otherwise qualified for the discounted rate as specified at Rule 26. The rate set forth herein shall supersede the discount at Rule 26. All provisions of the Residential Water Rate Schedule WR-01 will apply except as modified herein.



Elder/Low Income Rates

	Regular Residential Rates	Life Support Rates
Monthly Service Charge	\$9.89	\$1.00
First 3,000 gallons (per 1,000 gal)	\$3.91	\$3.16
All additional gallons (per 1,000 gal)	\$6.05	\$4.90



Special Commercial Category

Water and Sewer Commercial Usage Qualifications

Commercial Rate 1: 100 gallons – 5,000 gallons / month \$97.14 + \$5.00/1000 over

Commercial Rate 2: 5,001 gallons – 10,000 gallons / month \$495.05 +\$5.00/1000 over

Commercial Rate 3: 10,001 – 50,000 gallons / month \$1,217.02 +\$5.00/1000 over

Commercial Rate 4: 50,001 gallons and above / month \$6,047.00 +\$6.00/1000 over

Commercial Fishing Rate: 100 gallons – 5,000 gallons / month \$97.14 +\$5.00/1000 over
Sewer drain within processing area shall be required to have a screen to prevent fish scales and other debris entering the sewer main.



Tribal vs. Non-Tribal Customers

Ordinance Number 18

Per Ordinance Number 18, there shall be no fees for services to Tribal members. Other water rates are currently as follows:

Non Member Residential

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Water Service	\$25.00/month for the first 15000gallons and thereafter a rate of \$2.42 per 1000 gallons
Sewer Service	\$15.00/month
Reconnection after shutoff	\$50.00



Full Cost Recovery

Tribal Council in 2014 approved a resolution (#14-0226-043) for a five year plan.

Various departments were to become self-sufficient which included the Utility Department. Rates are set to ensure that we gradually become self-sustaining and alleviate any need to be funded with Tribal funds.

Current Rates are:

Rates are set in accordance with the current national standards from the American Water Works Association Section. Each Municipality has different water distribution and waste water collection and treatment systems so rates will vary from municipality to municipality.

Rates are set to cover operations and maintenance costs with a portion set aside to cover replacement costs for various equipment.



Full Cost Recovery

What does that help pay for? Operation and Maintenance costs, repair and replacement costs of equipment and pumps, EPA required sampling of the water distribution system, sampling of the waste water treatment systems, five tribal member employees.

A few of the responsibilities for the water system

- Monitor and readings on flow rates and equipment
- Flushing the water system
- Maintain fire hydrants
- Chlorine injection for disinfection of the water system
- Operate and maintain water storage
- Turn on / off water service
- Exercise valves
- Various compliance samples, example lead and copper
- Bacteriological sampling of the system



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