

Water Rates & Charges Fact Sheet

WATER CHARGES

Council's water charges have been developed in accordance with the State Government's Best Practice Guidelines and Section 501 of the Local Government Act.

Compliance with these Guidelines is an important criterion for eligibility for funding under The State Government's Country Towns Water Program. An access charge will apply to all properties (including vacant land) within 225m of a Council water pipe, whether connected or not.

The access charge for 2024/25 will vary depending on the size of the meter connected:

20mm	\$304.50
25mm	\$472.50
32mm	\$787.50
40mm	\$1,228.50
50mm	\$1,921.50
80mm	\$4,898.30
100mm	\$7,659.80
Unmetered Vacant & Strata Title Units	\$304.50
Unmetered CBD	\$1,055.30
Unmetered NR (Non-Rateable)	\$304.50

The access and consumption charges are calculated to cover the fixed and variable costs associated with the operation of the Water Network and Infrastructure Renewal programs.

Usage charges are based on a one step consumption tariff:

- Residential - \$2.10 per kl
- Commercial - \$2.10 per kl
- RAW - \$1.60 per KL
- Standpipe - \$5.30 per kl

Council conducts water meter readings four times during the year and accounts will be issued accordingly.

Usage and access charges are billed separately from your rate notice and water readings are undertaken four (4) times per year. From July 2017 water accounts are made up of two components, access charges and usages charges. These are shown separately on the back of accounts.



SEWER CHARGES

Council's sewer charges have been developed in accordance with the State Government's Best Practice Guidelines and Section 552(3) of the Local Government Act. Compliance with these Guidelines is an important criterion for eligibility for funding under The State Government's Country Towns Sewerage Program. A charge will apply to all properties (including vacant land) within 75m of a Council sewer main, whether connected or not.

RESIDENTIAL CHARGE

The charge for 2024/25 is \$775.00 which is based on an access for a 20mm water meter, an average residential water consumption, a discharge factor (proportion of water discharged into the sewer) and a user charge (cost to transport and treat the water).

RESIDENTIAL - MULTIPLES

The residential charge will be applied to each individual multi-residential lot (e.g. a building with multiple access, flats, semi-detached).

NON-RESIDENTIAL

The sewer service charge for non-residential is charged on the actual water consumption, size of the water service and factor based on the volume of waste water discharged into the system by the property and therefore will vary between properties. "Best Practice Guidelines" state that the charge for non-residential customers should not be less than the residential charge. Non-residential usage charges will appear on the water consumption notice.

Non Residential Access Charges for 2024/25 are:

20mm	\$436.00
25mm	\$684.00
32mm	\$1,113.00
40mm	\$1,749.00
50mm	\$2,729.00
80mm	\$6,982.00
100mm	\$10,909.00

Sewer Usage Charge - \$2.40 per kilolitre based on water consumption.

Raise to Minimum

***Please note under Best Practice a combination of access and usage must not be less than the residential charge. Therefore with regard to the 20mm and 25mm sewer access charge, if there has been no water consumed, then on the final water consumption bill for the year a charge will be applied to bring the combined amount up to the sewer residential access charge of \$775.00.*



TRUNDLE/TULLAMORE SEWER SCHEME

The sewer charge in Trundle and Tullamore is levied on both residential and business properties in accordance with Section 503(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

The charges for 2024/25 are:

Occupied land	\$775.00
Vacant land	\$436.00

LIQUID TRADE WASTE CHARGES

An annual trade waste fee will apply to all non-residential properties that discharge liquid trade waste into Council's sewer system.

A usage charge will apply to some businesses as determined by Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Guidelines 2009 and Parkes Shire Council's Liquid Trade Waste Policy.

The charges for 2024/25 are:

Trade Waste Category 1 & 2 Annual Fee	\$303.00
Trade Waste Category 1 & 2 Usage Charge	\$2.90 per kL
Trade Waste Category 3 Annual Fee	\$1,071.00
Trade Waste Category 3 Usage Charge	\$21.20 per kL

Trade Waste Usage is calculated from the water consumption, category classification (based on whether or not pre-treatment devices are in place) and a discharge factor which is determined by business type.