

# Fee Increases

Effective July 01, 2026

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## Operating Costs

SGWASA is a public Authority required by N.C. General Statutes to operate as a self-sustaining enterprise fund. This means the cost of operations must be covered by the revenues received from customer fees. SGWASA's sole source of operating revenue is from water and wastewater services provided to our customers. General operations include water treatment, water distribution, wastewater collection, wastewater treatment & discharge, administration, billing & collections, maintenance of the system infrastructure, and debt service. Like other utilities across North Carolina and the US, the costs to operate SGWASA have continued, and will continue to increase, due in part to increased costs for materials, supplies, operating costs, and the need to invest more money into fixing failed or failing infrastructure.

Meter Size	Approved Rates FY26-27		
	Water	Sanitary Sewer	Combined Water & Sanitary Sewer
<b>Base Rate:</b> 3/4" Meter Residential	\$15.91	\$29.94	\$45.85
<b>Volume Charges:</b> Residential <i>per 1,000 gals</i>			
Tier 1: 0-4000 gallons	\$ 8.38	\$14.45	\$22.83
Tier 2: >4000 gallons	\$12.57	\$14.45	\$27.02

## Fee Details

The adopted budget maintains current customer water and sewer rates for the upcoming fiscal year. As part of the adopted FY26/27 Rates, Fees, and Charges, SGWASA approved limited adjustments to delinquent account-related fees.

**Beginning July 1, 2026, the late payment fee will remain 1.5%; but the minimum late fee will increase from \$10 to \$15 and the minimum non-payment fee will increase from \$75 to \$100 per event, effective 07/01/2026.**

**Please note: This also applies to bills dated June 20, 2026 if not paid before 5:00 pm on July 5, 2026.**