

Utilities: Water & Sewer

Houston has the water and sewer capacity to meet the region's current and future needs.

Industrial 2018 Water and Sewer Monthly Rates			
Rate	Meter Size (inches)	Water Charge (\$)	Basic Sewer Charge (\$)
Basic Charge (0 Consumption)	5/8	5.60	16.65
	3/4	5.77	16.65
	1	6.94	16.65
	1.5	10.51	16.65
	2	12.37	16.65
	3	32.74	22.18
	4	44.62	25.35
	6	76.47	36.22
	8	199.68	87.97
	10+	199.68	106.92
Volume Charge	All	+ \$4.42 per 1,000 gallons	Up to 2,000 gallons at \$3.85 per 1,000 gallons All over 2,000 gallons at \$6.85 per 1,000 gallons

Source: City of Houston, rates are effective as of April 1, 2018

Note: Industrial rates include a monthly basic charge and volume charges for water and sewer. No consumption is included with the basic charge for water or sewer. Some customers are billed for sewer only, based on readings from non-City of Houston water meters.

Commercial 2018 Water and Sewer Monthly Rates			
Rate	Meter Size (inches)	Water Charge (\$)	Basic Sewer Charge (\$)
Basic Charge (0 Consumption)	5/8	5.60	9.85
	¾	5.77	9.85
	1	6.94	10.34
	1.5	10.51	12.00
	2	12.37	12.49
	3	32.74	22.38
	4	44.62	25.35
	6	76.47	36.22
	8	199.68	87.97
	10	199.68	106.92
Volume Charge	All	+ \$4.42 per 1,000 gallons	+ \$6.26 per 1,000 gallons

Source: City of Houston, rates are effective as of April 1, 2018

Note: Since 2011, consumption is no longer included with the basic charge. The volume charges are applied to all usage.

- The City of Houston provides a dependable supply of water to the area, with its service area being the incorporated city limits. In areas that are not yet city-served, state-regulated water districts (Municipal Utility Districts or M.U.D.s) operating on a franchise basis, serve specific areas or developments. The City of Houston's system is rated as a Superior Water Supply System by the State of Texas.

- The city operates 39 wastewater treatment plants, three wet weather facilities and 383 lift stations. It maintains 6,100 miles of sanitary sewer lines.
- Houston Public Works oversees the production and distribution of over 146 billion gallons of water per year and the treatment of over 90 billion gallons of wastewater per year.
- Water supply now available or under development will meet Houston's needs through 2050. The City of Houston owns water rights to more than 1.2 billion gallons per day of reliable surface water and more than 200 million gallons per day of available groundwater supplies. The City of Houston treats an average of 449 million gallons of water per day, most of which is used for industrial and manufacturing purposes.