

**WATER FEES – FISCAL YEAR 2026**  
**TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE**  
**WATER FEES and CHARGES**  
**Effective July 1, 2025**

**Authority**

As follows: Article XVIII “Water Regulations” Section 22A – The Town Manager shall establish water rates and fees following a public hearing on the same matter.

**FY 2026 COMMITMENTS & BILLING**

<b><u>Metered Quarterly Consumption</u></b>	<b><u>Charge per hcf (100 cubic feet)</u></b>
First 500 cubic feet	\$3.56
Next 3,500 cubic feet	\$4.16
Next 15,000 cubic feet	\$4.94
Next 81,000 cubic feet	\$5.91
Over 100,000 cubic feet	\$6.93
<b>Effective all bill issued after July 1, 2025</b>	

<b><u>Meter Size</u></b>	<b><u>Quarterly Base Charges</u></b>
5/8 inch	\$ 71.94
¾ inch	\$ 79.12
1 inch	\$ 100.73
1 ½ inch	\$ 129.44
2 inch	\$ 208.67
3 inch	\$ 791.36
4 inch	\$1,007.18
6 inch	\$1,510.77
8 inch	\$2,086.30

## SERVICE FEES SCHEDULE

<u>FEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1. Installation of Outside Meter Reader	\$NC	Install meter with outside reader
2. Return Check Fee	\$25.00 or 1% of check face value which- ever is larger	Insufficient Funds Charge
3. Curb Cock Shut Off Order Normal working hours	\$50.00	Scheduled turn off water service requested by customer
3a.Curb Cock Shut Off Order Normal working hours	\$75.00	Turn off water service delinquent account or for damages caused by customer
4. Curb Cock Shut Off or Turn on - after hours	\$90.00	
5. Curb Cock Turn On Fee	\$50.00	Following meter turn-off
6. Water Use Recheck Charge	\$N/C	Reread meter
7. New Account Charge	\$N/C	New Account activation of water service
8. Reinstallation of meter	\$N/C	
9. Illegal Water Use Charge	\$500.00 first offense \$1500.00 second offence	Use of water without application for service or other unauthorized use.
10. Remove Meter Charge	\$60	Remove meter - delinquent account or Damage caused by Customer
11. Turn Off at Main Charge	\$100.00	Turn off service at main or plug Customer request
12. Broken Meter Lock or Seal	\$300.00	Broken meter lock or seal
13. Relocate Meter		Move meter - same Premise at Customer's request - no plumbing involved except meter
Meter Size		
5/8" - 2"	\$150.00	
2" - 4"	\$500.00	
over 4"	\$1500.00	

14. Fire Hydrant Opening Permit	\$100.00	Cost of permit, installation of meter, hydrant monitoring, opening and closing of hydrant - normal working hours- during a 30-day period
14a. Water Sales - Fire Hydrants	Actual Use	Sale of Water from metered hydrants

15. Fees for Application of Water Service

WATER CONNECTION FEES

<u>New Service Line Size (inches)</u>	<u>Tie in Fee</u>	-
1"	\$ 2,500	
1-1/2"	\$ 3,000	
2"	\$ 5,000	
4"	\$ 7,500	
6"	\$ 10,000	
8"	\$ 12,500	
10"	\$ 20,000	
12"	\$ 25,000	

Costs do not include expenditures for tapping sleeve and valve.  
Customer to be responsible for actual cost of tapping sleeve and valve.

16. Meter Test at Customer Request		
Statutory Period		\$NC
Outside Statutory Period		
1" or smaller		\$ 100 Test Meter at Town Meter Shop
1-1/2" or 2"		\$ 150
3" or larger		\$Actual cost to Town
17. Inspection Fees		
Inspection	\$2.50/LF of water main installed	Fee paid by developers for inspection of the installation of the system
18. Cross Connection Device Test/Retest per device	\$50.00/device	Check test/retest device
19. Cross Connection Survey	\$75.00/hr.	Locate and classify cross connections as per CMR 22.22
20. Sale of Blueprints per drawing	\$ 10.00	Sale by Water Department

21.	Sale of Maps per map	\$ 10.00	Sale by Water Department
22.	Repair of damaged water mains	Actual Cost incurred by Town to repair damaged pipe	
23.	Plan Review Fee per unit	\$5.00	Fee for Water Department
24.	Standby Fire Protection (fire lines) per day	Actual Cost	
25.	Testing Connections & Inspections after regular working hours	\$ 115.00/hr.	Actual cost to Town including overtime
26.	Damage to or Replacement of Fire Hydrant Meter	Actual Cost	Fine to Customer
27.	Replacement of Damaged Meter	Actual cost	Charge for meter and materials.
27a.	Service charge to Replace damaged meter (regular working hours)	\$60.00/hr.	Charge with 1 hour minimum.
27b.	Service charge to Replace damaged meter (after regular working hours)	\$115.00/hr.	Charge with 1 hour minimum.
28.	Service Line Thawing	\$250.00	Includes turn service off & on, Thaw service line from T handle to meter.
29.	Fire Protection Service Charge		
	Pipe Size		Quarterly Service Charge
	1 inch		\$ 47.29
	2 inch		\$ 89.32
	4 inch		\$175.93
	6 inch		\$306.69
	8 inch		\$461.99
	10 inch or greater		\$692.99
30.	Lien Fee	\$25.00	Fee to levy delinquent water charges to Real Estate tax bill
31.	Final Water Charge	\$50.00	Fee to perform individual reading and

Billing for transfer, sale of property,  
or other purpose

32. Miscellaneous Service \$70.00/hr.

Any service work per hour not  
Covered by specific charges

33. Miscellaneous Services \$155.00/hr.  
- after normal working hours

Any service work per hour not  
covered by specific charges (min 2 hr)