

BUFFALO WATER BOARD
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 01, 2024

BUFFALO WATER BOARD
SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES
PART OF 21 NYCRR SECTION 10085.16
EFFECTIVE FOR ALL WATER AND SERVICES USED
ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 01, 2024.

The following annual rates and related fees and charges (in United States Dollars) shall be charged for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified, and other services provided by the Buffalo Water Board.

The water rates for all homeowners who by virtue of their age are eligible for the real estate property tax exemption pursuant to Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, are set forth separately.

All rates, fees and charges for water and services supplied which are not enumerated in this section shall be subject to special rates, fees and charges to be fixed by the City of Buffalo Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets (the “Commissioner”), subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water Board.

Adjustment of the Schedule. This schedule of rates, fees and charges shall be subject to adjustment, as the Buffalo Water Board may determine, in its discretion, from time to time. Each year the Buffalo Water Board shall consider, as of July 1, any increases, but not decreases, based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index Northeast Urban – Class-size B/C, not seasonally adjusted, (hereinafter referred to as the Index) specified in Series Identification: CUURX100SA0LE, CUUSX100SA0LE, or comparable adjustment Index, as may be selected by the Buffalo Water Board. In the event of such increases, the Buffalo Water Board shall calculate the adjustment for each succeeding fiscal year, using the Index value determined as of June of the preceding fiscal year, which shall be subtracted from the Index value, determined as of June of the current fiscal year. The change in the Index value, if positive, but not negative, shall be multiplied by the stated percentage applied to all of the rates, fees and charges set forth herein. The product of such multiplication shall be used to adjust this schedule of rates fees and charges, together with such other factors as the Buffalo Water Board may determine prudent and appropriate, in the Buffalo Water Board’s sole discretion, and in compliance with applicable law.

Residential Consumer Affordable Water Program. Any person who is an occupant of premises served by the Buffalo Water Board, and who qualifies pursuant to the annual income limits and family size schedule set by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), may apply to the Buffalo Water Board, by use of such applications, and procedures as may be established, and modified, from time to time by the Commissioner. Upon certification by the Commissioner that the applicant is qualified as (1) a low income consumer,

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such person shall be entitled to receive a credit not to exceed \$106.00 per year, or \$26.50 per quarter, which will be applied against the capacity charge set forth herein, or (2) a very low income consumer, such person shall be entitled to receive a credit not to exceed \$144.00 per year, or \$36.00 per quarter which will be applied against the capacity charge set forth herein. Such credit shall be applied by the Buffalo Water Board, and shall be stated in the invoices and/or receipts issued by the Buffalo Water Board for water service to such low income consumer or very low income consumer, respectively. The annual income limits are subject to change each year, or whenever the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development announces any modification of such annual income limits, whereupon such change shall become immediately effective and applicable to the Buffalo Water Board and all residential consumers, without any further notice. The current Annual Income Limits are provided below.

Section 8 – Income Limits: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html#year2024>

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NON-METERED RATES

Regular Rates
Yearly Dwelling Rates:

<u>1 story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$165.94
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$186.75
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$228.05
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$269.55
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$290.08
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$310.95
<u>1.5 Story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$186.75
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$228.05
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$269.55
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$290.08
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$310.95
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$352.24
<u>2 Story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$228.05
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$269.55
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$290.08
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$310.95
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$352.24
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$393.41
<u>2.5 Story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$269.55
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$290.08
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$310.95
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$352.24
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$393.41
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$434.76
<u>3 story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$290.08
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$310.95
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$352.24
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$393.41
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$434.76
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$455.51
<u>4 story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$310.95
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$352.24
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$393.41
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$434.76
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$455.51
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$475.98
<u>5 story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$352.24
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$393.41
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$434.76
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$455.51
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$475.98
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$518.63

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NON-METERED RATES (continued)

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rate
Yearly Dwelling Rates:**

<u>1 story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$107.37
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$119.65
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$146.38
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$172.54
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$185.68
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$199.16
<u>1.5 Story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$119.65
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$146.38
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$172.54
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$185.68
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$199.16
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$225.42
<u>2 Story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$146.38
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$172.54
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$185.68
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$199.16
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$225.42
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$251.81
<u>2.5 Story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$172.54
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$185.68
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$199.16
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$225.42
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$251.81
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$278.37
<u>3 story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$185.68
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$199.16
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$225.42
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$251.81
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$278.37
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$291.62
<u>4 story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$199.16
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$225.42
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$251.81
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$278.37
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$291.62
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$304.75
<u>5 story</u>	Under 25 feet	\$225.42
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$251.81
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$278.37
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$291.62
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$304.75
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$331.45

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NON-METERED RATES (continued)

Regular Rates

When more than 1 family in house	\$165.94
Bathtubs	\$41.86

Qualified Senior Citizen Rate

When more than 1 family in house	\$107.37
Bathtubs	\$26.96

Shower baths

Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	\$41.86
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rate

\$26.96

Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub

Water Closets

Regular Rates

First self-closing valve	\$83.31
Each additional self-closing valve	\$63.58
Evasive closets	\$124.71
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$620.42
Urinals in private dwellings	\$83.31

Qualified Senior Citizen Rate

First self-closing valve	\$53.57
Each additional self-closing valve	\$40.83
Evasive closets	\$83.31
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$397.05
Urinals in private dwellings	\$53.57

Lawn Sprinklers

Regular Rates

\$206.80

Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose

Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

\$132.33

Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose

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NON-METERED RATES (continued)

Swimming Pools

Regular Rates

Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$103.61
Pools larger than above, per season	\$206.80

Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$66.16
Pools larger than above, per season	\$159.28

Garage and Automobiles

Regular Rates

Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	\$83.00
Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	\$41.48

Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	\$53.06
Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	\$26.56

Boarders and Roomers

Regular Rates

In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	\$31.68
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	\$20.24
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NON-METERED RATES (continued)

Boilers and Heating

Regular Rates

Private dwelling, water system per season	\$41.48
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Private dwelling, water system per season	\$26.56
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Regular Rates

Private dwelling, steam system per season	\$41.48
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Private dwelling, steam system per season	\$26.56
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Closets

Regular Rates

In tenements used by more than one family - per family	\$83.08
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

In tenements used by more than one family - per family	\$53.57
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Offices

Regular Rates

With Water fixtures	\$183.39
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Without water fixtures	\$83.08
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

With Water fixtures	\$106.22
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Without water fixtures	\$53.57
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NON-METERED RATES (continued)

Sprinkling Connections

Regular Rates

For lawns over 5,000 sq.ft. per sq.yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.63
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$2.45
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$3.44
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$62.10
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$86.02

Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

For lawns over 5,000 sq.ft. per sq.yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.45
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$1.62
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$2.33
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$39.90
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$55.87

Fire Sprinkler Connections (Billed Quarterly)

Regular Rates

Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per year	
4" and under connection	\$555.53
6" – 8" connection	\$1,111.05
10 – 12" connection	\$4,666.42
>12" connection	\$6,333.00

\$17.74

Capacity Charge (Billed Quarterly)

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METER RATES

Monthly Consumption Rates

<u>Monthly Blocks</u>	<u>\$/ 1,000 cu.ft.</u>
First 0 – 10,000 Cu. Ft.	\$27.00
>10,000 Cu. Ft.	\$29.69

Monthly Capacity Charge - Each premises connected to a meter shall be subject to and pay a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
5/8"	\$19.67
3/4"	\$29.50
1"	\$49.17
1-1/2"	\$98.34
2"	\$157.35
3"	\$314.70
4"	\$491.72
6"	\$983.45
8"	\$1,573.51
10"	\$4,130.47

Quarterly Consumption Rates

<u>Quarterly Blocks</u>	<u>\$/ 1,000 cu.ft.</u>
First 30,000 Cu.Ft.	\$27.00
>30,000 Cu.Ft.	\$29.69

Quarterly Capacity Charge - Each premises connected to a meter shall be subject to and pay a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
5/8"	\$59.01
3/4"	\$88.51
1"	\$147.52
1-1/2"	\$295.03
2"	\$472.05
3"	\$944.11
4"	\$1,475.17
6"	\$2,950.34
8"	\$4,720.54
10"	\$12,391.42

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METER RATES

Qualified Senior Citizen Consumption Rates

<u>Quarterly Blocks</u>	<u>\$/ 1,000 cu.ft.</u>
First 30,000 Cu.Ft.	\$16.20
>30,000 Cu.Ft.	\$14.58

Qualified Senior Citizen Quarterly Capacity Charge - Each premises connected to a meter shall be subject to and pay a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
5/8"	\$35.40
3/4"	\$53.11
1"	\$88.51
1-1/2"	\$177.02
2"	\$283.23

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MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

The following miscellaneous rates, fees and charges shall be charged per year for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified.

The water rates for all homeowners who by virtue of their age are eligible for the real estate property tax exemption pursuant to Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, are set forth separately.

All water supplied which is not enumerated in this section shall be subject to special rates, to be fixed by the Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets, subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water Board.

Water Rates

Additional trip by tapper because pipe is not ready. Billed directly to the plumber if the pipe is not ready for the tap at the time.	\$235.00
Turn On Service Fee for any reason	\$45.00
Turn Off Service Fee for any reason	\$45.00
Turn On 4" or larger supply valve	\$180.00 RT / \$275.00 OT
Turn Off 4" larger supply valve	\$180.00 RT / \$275.00 OT
Theft of Service Turn Off Fee	\$200.00
Failure of consumer to keep scheduled appointment. Consumer must cancel 24 hours before appointment.	\$55.00
Shut off and turn on water Service for repairs, 1 trip charge (wait less than 15 minutes)	\$76.86 / \$206.40 OT
Shut off and turn on water Supply Valve 4" or larger for repairs, 1 trip charge (wait less than 15 minutes)	\$224.68 RT / \$384.31 OT

Hydrant permits for use of water

Daily rate per hydrant	\$315.18
Weekly rate per hydrant	\$945.55
Monthly rate per hydrant	\$1,891.10
Seasonal (4/15 - 11/15)	\$7,564.41
Pumping out charge (11/16 - 4/14)	\$179.85
Additional charge to thaw hydrant if required	\$179.85
Failure to have hydrant permit fee	\$2,365.00
Failure to comply with hydrant permit conditions	\$236.50 per violation
Failure to get service work inspected charge	\$236.50 per location
Unauthorized operation of a curb stop or supply charge	\$236.50 per occurrence

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MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

Connection and Disconnection Fees

All billings for disconnection and reconnections will be billed as follows:

Disconnection fee to pull meter and turn off water off – 2” meter or less	\$163.60
Disconnection fee to pull meter and turn off water off – 3” meter or less	\$208.91
Connection fee to reinstall meter & turn on – 2” meter or less	\$108.94 + material cost +20
Connection fee to reinstall meter & turn on – 3”-4” meter	\$193.02 + Meter & Material Cost + 20%
Connection fee to reinstall meter & turn on – 6” meter or larger	\$433.60 + Meter & Material Cost + 20%

Charges for Plugs and Taps

Termination Fee	\$511.19
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**Tapping charges - With or Without Meter
Tap Sizes**

1x1-1/4” and under	\$ 532.13 + material cost +20% admin
1-1/4” and above	\$ 1034.69 + material cost + 20% admin

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The following are the charges for Smith Patents Installation & Removal:

<u>Main Pipe Size</u>	<u>New Installation/ Replace Existing</u>	<u>Removal</u>
Under 10"	\$1,404.43	\$1,404.43 +material cost +20% admin.
10" and above	\$1,989.82	\$1,989.82 +material cost +20% admin.

Meter Labor Repair Charges

2" meter and less	\$63.09 + meter & material cost + 20%
3" meter	\$199.03 + meter & material cost + 20%
4" meter	\$199.03 + meter & material cost + 20%
6" meter	\$199.03 + meter & material cost + 20%
8" meter	\$433.96 + meter & material cost + 20%
10" meter	\$433.96 + meter & material cost + 20%

Water Meters

Meter	Material Cost + 20% Admin.
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MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

Hourly Rate for Billing Purposes (Labor)

The real cost of any City employee that the Commissioner deems necessary or appropriate to perform labor at any property or for any person serviced by the Buffalo Water Board, shall be calculated using the then current hourly rate of such employee plus forty percent (40%) of such hourly rate to cover for fringe benefits of such employee. Such employee job titles include, but are not limited to, Caulker Supervisor, Caulker, Machine Operator-Water, Heavy Equipment Operator-Water, Truck Driver, Senior Water Service Worker, Water Service Worker and Water Meter Mechanic Supervisor I.

Hourly Rate for Billing Purposes (Materials)

The real cost of any materials that the Commissioner deems necessary or appropriate to perform any services or work at any premises serviced by the Buffalo Water Board, shall be calculated using the actual material cost plus 20% for handling and processing.

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Charges for Use of Equipment:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate per Hour</u>
Service repair trucks	Includes 2-way radio, valve turner, crane, tools, pumps	\$68.38
Compressor trucks	Includes 2-way radio, pavement breaker, pumps, diesel engine, tools, 185 Cu.Ft.	\$92.40
Portable compressor	Includes pavement breaker, pumps 3-wheel trailer, 185 cu./ft./min.	\$21.26
6-wheel flat deck	2 WD diesel	\$95.89
Large crane truck	6-wheel, 15-ton telescoping	\$260.26
6-wheel 4x4 with Vactor	Includes 2-way radio Vac tools and keys	\$113.50
3/4-ton pickup trucks	Includes 2-way radio	\$23.10
3/4 Van	Includes 2-way radio	\$23.10

DUMP TRUCKS - Includes 2-way Radio:

<u>Wheel</u>	<u>Door</u>	<u>Yard</u>	<u>Diesel/Gas</u>	<u>Rate per Hour</u>
4-wheel	4WD	1-2	Gas	\$50.82
6-wheel	4WD	2-3	Gas	\$71.16
6-wheel	2WD	8-10	Diesel	\$71.16
10-wheel	2WD	14-18	Diesel	\$138.61

BACKHOES:

Includes 2-way radio, boom extension, diesel engines and buckets

<u>Wheel/Drive</u>	<u>Bucket 4 & 1</u>	<u>Diesel/Gas</u>	<u>Rate per Hour</u>
4-wheel 2WD	7/8 Cu.Yd.		
	1 Cu.Yd. heaped	Diesel	\$76.86
Excavator 10,000 lbs. with Trailer and Truck		Diesel	\$76.86
Excavator 20,000 lbs. with Trailer and Truck		Diesel	\$100.51

Concrete Replacement:

Plus cost of gravel to fill excavation.

\$/Sq.Ft
Material cost
+20% admin.

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MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

<u>Warning Barricades and Lights:</u>	<u>Rate per Day</u>
Regular:	Material cost +20% admin.
Standard Double	Material cost +20% admin.
Double High Intensity	Material cost +20% admin.
	<u>\$/Sq.Ft.</u>
<u>Street Asphalt Cut</u>	Material cost +20% admin.

Includes new concrete base, binder, and asphalt, plus cost of gravel to fill excavation

Plumbers' Bond

All plumbers shall execute and deliver a bond in the total sum of \$25,000, or a greater amount the Commissioner determines to be appropriate, under the circumstances, and property conditions, to indemnify and hold harmless the Buffalo Water Board and the city from all claims, damages, and losses suffered by the Buffalo Water Board in accordance with 21 NYCRR section 10085.6(c).

Convenience Payment Fee

All persons who pay any rates, fees and charges by credit card or debit card through the City of Buffalo website will be charged a \$2.00 fee for each transaction, and all persons who pay any rates, fees and charges on the City of Buffalo website by check/ACH from their bank accounts will be charged \$2.00 for each such transaction. These fees will be added automatically to each transaction to defray the cost of such transaction.