

# Yorkshire Water Services Limited Charges 2025/2026



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# Yorkshire Water Services Limited 2025/2026 Charges Scheme Board Assurance Statement

**In making this Assurance Statement, the Board has considered the requirements set out by Ofwat in its Charges Scheme rules, published in October 2021, and confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, having made all due inquiries and based on sources of evidence that:**

- a) the Company complies with its legal obligations relating to the charges set out in its Charges Scheme;
- b) the Board has assessed the effects of the new charges on customers' bills for a range of different customer types, and approves the impact assessments and handling strategies developed in instances where bill increases for particular customer types exceed 5%;
- c) the Company has appropriate systems and processes in place to make sure that the information contained in the charges scheme and additional information is accurate; and
- d) the Company has consulted the Consumer Council for Water (CCW) in a timely and effective manner on its charges scheme.

The Board would like to state that our final charges have been updated to align with the revenue allowances within the Ofwat Final Determination for PR24, as published by Ofwat on the 19 December 2024.

Whilst we have not made any significant changes to methodology or introduced any new tariffs from 2024/2025, we have seen significant increases within our bill impact assessment driven by the increased investment in 2025–2030 based on the Ofwat Final Determination for PR24. We have included the table below to show the ranges of increase across our assessment in our combined and single service customer bills. The detailed bill impact assessment is included within section 6 of our Charges Scheme Board Assurance Statement:

Bill impact against 2024/2025 charges	Charges Scheme - HH Final Charges	
	FD - Min	FD - Max
Combined bill - Yorkshire	28.9%	34.9%
Combined bill - York	31.2%	36.8%
Water - Yorkshire	20.1%	26.6%
Water - York	21.7%	29.9%
Sewerage - Yorkshire	35.0%	44.0%

The increases from 2024/2025 are mainly due to the impact of the step up in allowed revenues within the Ofwat Final Determination for PR24, as published by Ofwat on the 19 December 2024. This increase in revenue reflects the large increase in required investment to deliver the regulatory

requirements through the next Price Review, 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2030.

We set out below an over view of the 28.6% increase in revenue allowances from 2024/2025 (£1,292m) to 2025/2026 (£1,662m) to illustrate this:

£m	Water	Waste	Wholesale total	% variance in wholesale revenue	Retail	Total	% variance in total revenue
<b>2024/2025 Revenue allowances</b>	570	653	<b>1,223</b>		70	<b>1,292</b>	
<b>Reversal of 2022/2023 performance impacts:</b>							
Outcome delivery incentive in period adjustment for 2022/2023 performance	32	5	<b>37</b>	3.0%	(3)	<b>35</b>	2.7%
Revenue forecasting incentive adjustment for over recovery in 2022/2023	14	(3)	<b>11</b>	0.9%	–	<b>11</b>	0.9%
<b>Reversal of 2024/2025 household retail revenue sacrifice:</b>							
PR19 Revenue sacrifice – 2024/2025 Company contribution towards customer support tariffs	–	–	–	0.0%	2	<b>2</b>	0.2%
Additional Company contribution – 2024/2025 – to help support customers further due to cost of living impact	–	–	–	0.0%	4	–	0.0%
<b>Inflation – November 2024 3.54%</b>	22	20	<b>42</b>	3.4%	–	<b>42</b>	3.2%
<b>2025/2026 changes in allowed revenue contained within FD 24:</b>							
Changes in allowed revenue from the impact of price review (large increase in investment obligations)	10	212	<b>222</b>	18.2%	44	<b>267</b>	20.6%
PR19 reconciliation impact – this includes 2023/2024 performance impacts, cost sharing, indexation true ups etc.	15	(8)	<b>7</b>	0.5%	–	<b>7</b>	0.5%
FD24 impact of increase in size of industry innovation fund and the new industry water efficiency fund	3	2	<b>5</b>	0.4%	–	<b>5</b>	0.4%
<b>2025/2026 – PR24 Revenue sacrifice for Company contribution towards customer support tariffs</b>	–	–	–	0.0%	(3)	<b>(3)</b>	0.0%
<b>2025/2026 Revenue allowances</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>28.6%</b>

Another driver of the increase in bill impact is the additional willingness to pay cross subsidy, as a result of our customers pledging to increase willingness to pay from £6 to £24 to contribute to increased customer support through our WaterSupport social tariff.

Recognising the impact of bill increases to vulnerable customers, we are increasing the overall support provided through WaterSupport to £39m which will help around 102,000 customers (an increase of 33,000 from 2024/2025).

This includes our commitment to continue with our company contribution, and we have increased our annual revenue sacrifice from £2m to £2.5m over the rest of the current regulatory period (AMP8).

With regards to the impact on our published household average bills we have seen the following movements from £467 in 2024/2025 to £602 in 2025/2026:

### Average household bill £/cust – movement analysis from 2024/2025

<b>2024/2025 published average household bill</b>	<b>467</b>
<b>Reversal of 2022/2023 performance impacts:</b>	
Outcome delivery incentive in period adjustment for 2022/2023 performance.	12
Revenue forecasting incentive adjustment for over recovery in 2022/2023.	4
<b>Reversal of 2024/2025 household retail revenue sacrifice:</b>	
PR19 Revenue sacrifice – 2024/2025 Company contribution towards customer support tariffs.	1
Additional Company contribution – 2024/2025 – to help support customers further due to cost of living impact.	2
<b>Inflation – CPIH November 2024 @3.54%</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2025/2026 changes in allowed revenue contained within Final Determination 24:</b>	
Changes in allowed revenue from the impact of price review (large increase in investment obligations).	101
PR19 reconciliation impact – this includes 2023/2024 performance impacts, cost sharing, indexation true ups etc.	2
FD24 impact of increase in size of industry innovation fund and the new industry water efficiency fund.	2
<b>2025/2026 – PR24 Revenue sacrifice for Company contribution towards customer support tariffs</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>2025/2026 – increase in allocation from non-household due to reduction in non-household consumption</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2025/2026 – reduction in average household bill due to increase in household customer numbers from 2024/2025</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>2025/2026 average HH bill</b>	<b>602</b>

The table above highlights that the main increase in average bill is due to the impact of the increase in regulated revenue allowances included within the Ofwat Final Determination for PR24, as published by Ofwat on the 19 December 2024. The Final Determination includes a large enhancement investment programme to meet regulatory and environmental obligations over the next five year asset management period. This increase accounts for £101 of the total £135 increase on average bills. The other elements of the average bill increase are inflation (£15) and the reversal of revenue penalties in place in 2024/2025 (£16).

**The Board owns and is accountable for the development of the final Wholesale Charges document. The final Wholesale Charges document and this supporting assurance statement was approved collectively by the Board in January 2025.**

**Signed by Yorkshire Water Services Limited Board of Directors**



**Vanda Murray**  
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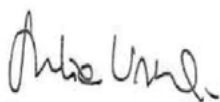
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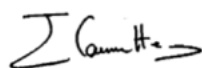
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# Purpose of this document

**This document sets out the charges and charging policies for household customers for the charging period 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 of Yorkshire Water Services Limited (Yorkshire Water) made under the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991. The charges for household customers include both wholesale and retail elements.**

Yorkshire Water exited the non-household retail market in October 2019 and therefore this document includes a summary of non-household wholesale charges for Retailers operating in the Yorkshire Water area. Full details can be found within our Wholesale Charges 2025/2026 document as published on our website: [yorkshirewater.com/business/wholesale-charges](https://yorkshirewater.com/business/wholesale-charges)

We have followed Ofwat's guidance on the publication of charges per the 'Charging Scheme Rules' updated and issued October 2021.

# Introduction

**This Scheme is made by Yorkshire Water Services Limited in pursuance and for the purpose of Section 143 and 143A of the Water Industry Act 1991 and the Instrument of Appointment. This Scheme, as from time to time amended and subject to its revocation by any further charges scheme, fixes the charges to be made for the following services performed, facilities provided, or rights made available by Yorkshire Water Services Limited:**

- (1) the supply of water in pipes,
- (2) standard sewerage and sewage treatment and disposal services,
- (3) the provision of sewers by virtue of the duty under section 101A(1) of the Water Industry Act 1991,
- (4) the control, reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent,
- (5) a public sewer as defined in section 3.7,
- (8) standard charges.

To the extent that this Scheme is inconsistent with any agreement binding upon Yorkshire Water Services Limited the agreement will prevail.

The charges contained in this book are made under the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991 and incorporates the Charges Scheme for the customers previously supplied by The York Waterworks Limited (formerly Plc). All previous Schemes of Yorkshire Water Services Limited and The York Waterworks Limited are hereby revoked.

The charges for customers who are liable for York Waterworks charges shall be no more than would have been if the York Waterworks appointment had remained in place.

The WaterSupport and WaterSure schemes shall be subject to any amendment to the Water Industry Regulations 1999 – (Charges) (Vulnerable Groups).

In order to respond to the needs of our customers the WaterSupport charge may be revised for new applications and those customers found to be eligible after an annual review.



## VAT chargeable

All charges are subject to the addition of any VAT chargeable.

## Persons chargeable

In accordance with Section 144 of the Water Industry Act 1991, all charges are payable by the occupier of the premises to which the services are provided, except where provision to the contrary is made by any agreement to which Yorkshire Water is a party. Where there is more than one occupier then such occupiers shall be jointly and severally liable.

## Water supply to fire services

The Charges are subject to the provisions of Section 147 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

In accordance with Section 147 of the Water Industry Act no volumetric water charges will be applied to the proportion of water supplied to supply points which are used for fire-fighting, extinguishing fires, the testing of fire-fighting apparatus or fire-fighting training purposes. For more information please contact us.

## Update

We have made the following changes to this document from last year;

- We have removed tankered domestic charges from this charges scheme. Details for this service can be found [yorkshirewater.com/business/liquid-waste-disposal/](https://yorkshirewater.com/business/liquid-waste-disposal/)

## The structure of the document

The document has been segmented into the following sections;

- Household information
- Household charges
- Other charges
- Useful customer information
- Interpretations
- Non-household wholesale charges.

## Household information

Customer contact information, help paying your bill and water saving advice.

## Household charges

This section includes all information in relation to household charges the conditions of supply and charging policies.

## Other charges

The special annual supply agreement is applied to unmeasured field supplies, farm taps and other agricultural water points, and any other unmeasured supplies to premises which are not classifiable as a property.

## Useful customer information

Payment options and methods. Other publications.

## Interpretations

This section explains terminology contained within the document.

## Non-household

This section sets out a summary of non-household wholesale charges for Retailers operating in the Yorkshire Water area. Full details can be found within our Wholesale Charges 2025/2026 document as published on our website: [yorkshirewater.com/business/wholesale-charges](https://yorkshirewater.com/business/wholesale-charges)

## Other charges publications

**Board Assurance Statement 2025/2026**  
[yorkshirewater.com/our-charges](https://yorkshirewater.com/our-charges)

### Wholesale charges 2025/2026

Sets out our wholesale water and sewerage charges and policies for Retailers. [yorkshirewater.com/business/wholesale-charges](https://yorkshirewater.com/business/wholesale-charges)

### New connection services charging arrangements 2025/2026

Sets out the charges and charging policies for water supply and sewerage connections and developer services. [yorkshirewater.com/developers/developer-charges](https://yorkshirewater.com/developers/developer-charges)

### Water quality in my area

Found on our website it is a quick, reliable, up-to-date service showing you where we're working in your area and what it means for you. It will tell you all about the quality of your water, any incidents that have occurred in your area and all the latest investment happening around you. [yorkshirewater.com/waterquality](https://yorkshirewater.com/waterquality)

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# 1. Household customer information

## 1.1 Contact information

### Free ways to contact us:

#### Free callback service via our website

No waiting around on hold, fill out a simple form and one of our advisors will call you back as soon as possible.

**Tweet us** [@YWHelp](#)

**Contact us on** [Facebook](#)

### Other ways to contact us:

#### Telephone

**0345 1 24 24 24**

Our contact centre is open for billing enquiries Monday to Friday 8am–6pm and Saturday 9am–5pm. For water and sewerage enquiries we're open Monday to Saturday 6.30am–10pm and Sunday 7.30am–10pm. We're open 24 hours a day for emergency calls.

#### 24 Hour automated services

**0345 1 247 247**

(meter readings and payments)

#### Report a Leak

**0800 57 35 53**

#### Bogus caller checks on identity card

**0800 1 38 78 78**

#### Write to us

Yorkshire Water, PO Box 52,  
Bradford, BD3 7YD

## 1.2 Help with your bill?

Sometimes people can worry about being able to pay their bills. If you're in that situation right now, don't worry we're here to help.

There are lots of ways we can help to make your bill more affordable. Call us on **0345 1 24 24 24**. Our contact centre is open for billing enquiries Monday to Friday 8am–6pm and Saturday 9am–5pm. Alternatively, visit our website [yorkshirewater.com/bill-account/help-paying-your-bill/](https://yorkshirewater.com/bill-account/help-paying-your-bill/) for help and advice on what scheme you may benefit from or how to apply.

Here's a bit more information on the schemes available:

### WaterSure

WaterSure can help if you;

- Have a meter
- Receive income-based support and have either
- A medical condition, or
- Three or more children under the age of 19.

If eligible your quarterly bills will be capped. We will still read your meter but you won't be charged on the amount you use.

### WaterSupport

Our WaterSupport Scheme helps customers on lower incomes pay their water charges.

All you need to do is provide details of your household income, please have this information ready when calling.

### Community Trust

The Yorkshire Water Community Trust helps customers who have arrears with Yorkshire Water and one other priority debt. A priority debt is:

- Rent
- Mortgage
- Council Tax
- Gas
- Electricity
- HMRC Income Tax

The Trust is managed by an independent board of trustees, successful applicants will receive an award towards Yorkshire Water arrears. You can apply for an award once, every two financial years.

### Resolve

Our Resolve Scheme can help if you're struggling to catch up on previous bills. The aim is for you to be debt-free so you can continue with your on-going charges at an affordable amount.

We'll agree regular payments with you for a minimum of 12 months. As you make your payments, awards towards your arrears will be added to your account. This will be done every 3 months.

To qualify you must be on a low income or non-deductible benefit and have arrears that are over 12 months old.

### Water Direct Scheme

If you receive a deductible income-based benefit, you may be eligible for our Water Direct Scheme. What is a deductible income-based benefit?

This includes:

- Universal Credits
- Jobseekers Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit

It makes it easier for you, as we'll take payments directly from your benefits.

If you have at least £70.00 arrears we can arrange for the Department for Works and Pensions to deduct a fixed amount from your benefit. You won't have to make payments yourself and it will stop any recovery action on your arrears.

We understand you may not just be struggling with your Yorkshire Water charges. You can also get free independent advice from StepChange, National Debt Line or your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

## 1.3 The Priority Services Register

### It's free and makes life easier in many ways:

- We make understanding bills and water meters simpler
- Offer help with paying your bill
- Provide a temporary water supply if yours is interrupted
- Protect you from bogus callers.

### This is available to everyone but may be of most use if you have, for example:

- Limited mobility, or can't leave your home
- A serious illness, a mental health condition or are a dialysis patient
- Have sight, speech or hearing difficulties
- Have learning difficulties or dementia
- Are a new parent or with children under 5
- Difficulties paying your bill.

For more information or if you or someone you know would benefit from signing up to our Priority Services Register, please contact us. Request a free call back via our website [yorkshirewater.com/priority-services](https://yorkshirewater.com/priority-services) or call us for free on **0800 1 38 78 78**

## 1.4 Empty and occupied properties

Charges are payable by the occupier where the premises are connected to water or sewerage services. This premises do not need to be furnished to be considered occupied. Occupiers may be jointly and severably liable for those charges.

Charges remain payable in full unless a request is made to Yorkshire Water to disconnect the water supply. There is no charge to have the supply disconnected.

Should a request be received to reconnect the supply at a later date, a charge is payable.

Where water is being used in small quantities, such as for refurbishment or low occupation, occupiers of unmeasured properties may wish to opt for a meter to pay a charge that is cost reflective of the water consumed.

## 1.5 Household bill corrections

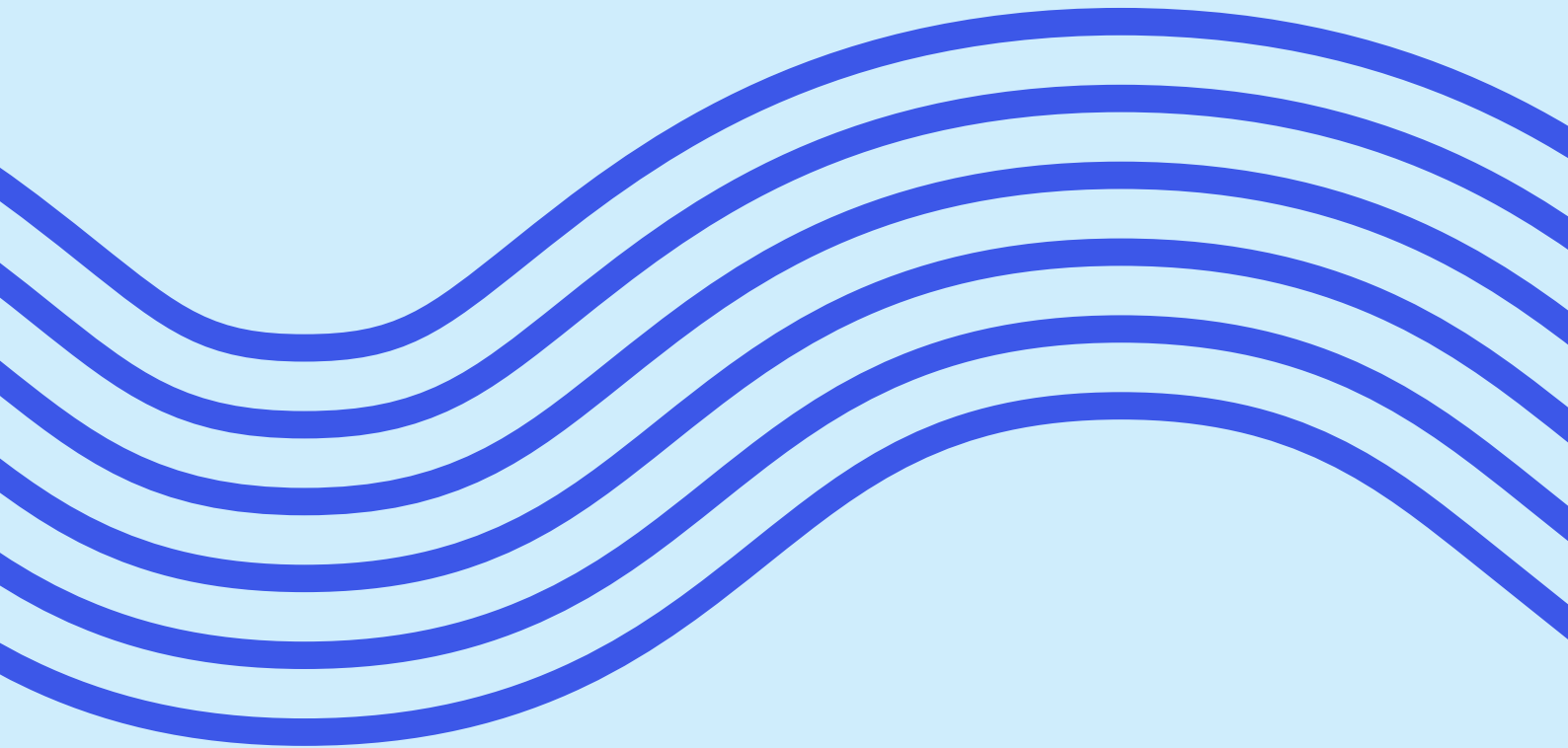
While we strive to ensure that all bills for charges are correct, in the case of error we reserve the right to make retrospective adjustments. This will always happen if the adjustment is in the customer's favour. We will not make retrospective adjustments in our favour if there is clear evidence, other than the incorrect bills, that undercharging has been due to a failure or error on our part. If you have a query about your bill we are here to help, please contact us.

## 1.6 Water saving advice

Here at Yorkshire Water, we believe that everyone has a responsibility when it comes to water saving. Saving water starts at home, whether you're in the kitchen, bathroom or outside in the garden.

For more information visit [yorkshirewater.com/save-water](https://yorkshirewater.com/save-water)

# 2. Household charges



## 2.1 Summary of household charges 2025/2026

### Household water supply charges Yorkshire Water (Excluding York Waterworks)

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Unmeasured household</b>		
Standing charge	£	86.57
Rateable value charge	p/£RV	243.06
Minimum charge	£	169.21
<b>Measured household</b>		
Standing charge	£	50.54
Volumetric charge	p/m <sup>3</sup>	211.95
<b>Assessed charges</b>		
Empty Property	£/annum	51.52
Single person household	£/annum	157.49
Other household premises	£/annum	229.55
Semi-detached house	£/annum	259.23
Detached house	£/annum	307.97

### Household water supply charges York Waterworks

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Unmeasured household</b>		
Standing charge	£	73.90
Rateable value charge	p/£RV	138.82
<b>Measured household</b>		
Standing charge	£	50.54
Volumetric charge	p/m <sup>3</sup>	120.06
<b>Assessed charges</b>		
Empty property	£/annum	49.68
Single person household	£/annum	125.32
Other household premises	£/annum	160.13
Semi-detached house	£/annum	181.74
Detached house	£/annum	212.96



## Household sewerage supply charges

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Unmeasured household</b>		
Standing charge	£	31.67
Standing charge surface water	£	78.07
HWD - RV variable	p/£RV	26.76
Foul - RV variable	p/£RV	267.32
Rateable value charge	p/£RV	294.08
HWD - RV variable	p/£RV	14.72
Foul - RV variable	p/£RV	147.03
Rateable value charge – septic tanks	p/£RV	161.75
<b>Measured household</b>		
Standing charge	£	29.19
Standing charge – surface water	£	78.07
Volumetric charge – HWD charge	p/m <sup>3</sup>	24.65
Volumetric charge – Foul charge	p/m <sup>3</sup>	246.20
Volumetric charge – Total	p/m <sup>3</sup>	270.85

## Household sewerage supply charges

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Assessed charges</b>		
HWD - Empty property	£/annum	2.97
Foul - Empty property	£/annum	29.62
SWD - Empty property	£/annum	78.07
Empty property	£/annum	110.66
HWD - Single person household	£/annum	14.67
Foul - Single person household	£/annum	146.58
SWD - Single person household	£/annum	78.07
Single person household	£/annum	239.32
HWD - Other household premises	£/annum	22.63
Foul - Other household premises	£/annum	226.10
SWD - Other household premises	£/annum	78.07
Other household premises	£/annum	326.80
HWD - Semi-detached house	£/annum	25.91
Foul - Semi-detached house	£/annum	258.84
SWD - Semi-detached house	£/annum	78.07
Semi- detached house	£/annum	362.82
HWD - Detached house	£/annum	31.30
Foul - Detached house	£/annum	312.64
SWD - Detached house	£/annum	78.07
Detached house	£/annum	422.01

# **3. Charges – conditions of supply and charging policies**

## 3.1 The unmeasured water supply charge

### A. Chargeable supplies

- (1) The unmeasured water supply charge is applied to every piped supply of water to or used in eligible premises and which is not charged on a measured basis. Where a period of occupation of premises is less than the full year, charges shall be apportioned on a daily basis.
- (2) Where water is supplied separately for a house within the curtilage of premises otherwise used for non-domestic purposes and which has a separate supply for those purposes. The house shall be treated as if it were a separate property. Where applicable the rateable value of that house shall be assessed by Yorkshire Water on an appropriate part of the hereditament.
- (3) Where water is supplied by a common pipe for premises or parts of premises in the occupation of different persons they will be charged an unmeasured water supply charge for the supply to each as if supplied by a separate pipe.
- (4) Where water is supplied to two or more hereditaments on an unmeasured basis and such hereditaments merge to form a single hereditament the customer may opt to pay for the newly formed single hereditament on the basis of the total sum of the rateable values for the separate hereditaments or on a metered basis.
- (5) Where the unmeasured water supply charge would otherwise be payable for the use of a supply for a house having no piped supply within its own boundary it will not be payable where such use is either of a piped supply elsewhere to a house or of a metered piped supply elsewhere.
- (6) Domestic meter option scheme – under this scheme where Yorkshire Water determines that it is impractical or unreasonably expensive to install a meter at a domestic premise the customer may opt to pay an annual assessed charge for the supply of water. Please see our website for more details. [yorkshirewater.com/bill-account/water-meters/request-a-meter/](http://yorkshirewater.com/bill-account/water-meters/request-a-meter/)
- (7) Upon the change of occupier of a house in which a meter is fitted but which is subject to the unmeasured water supply charge the new occupier shall be charged metered charges, unless any person who was in occupation of the house before the change of customer remains in occupation. Provided no unmeasured charges have yet been demanded from the person who has become the new customer.
- (8) Where the hereditament has undergone a material physical change or material change of use, Yorkshire Water may assess or adopt a value equivalent to a rateable value, subject at the option of the customer to assessment by an individual arbitrator, whose appointment shall be agreed by Yorkshire Water and the customer and who shall have the power to award costs within his award.
- (9) WaterSupport is our social tariff, your bill is capped at one of the 3 available bands.
 

Key characteristics;

  - WaterSupport is available where the net household income is relatively low and the bill amount higher than the social tariff values;
  - the threshold for income eligibility is subject to change and takes in to consideration household composition;
  - eligible to customers who are currently billed on a measured or unmeasured basis;
  - you can apply at anytime throughout the year;
  - customer eligibility will be reviewed and will require the customer to provide information relating to eligibility when requested. Failure to do so will result in the customer reverting to the previous basis of charge;

If metered, the charges will be applied from the beginning of the quarter in which the application is successful or the date of occupation if later.

If unmetered, the charges will be applied from the date the application is received.

Yorkshire Water will review actual consumption for metered customers at the end of the year. If charges would have been lower than those paid through WaterSupport the customer shall then be re-billed.

Applying is easy call us on **0345 124 24 24** and we'll be able to advise if this is the best tariff for you.

- (10) Field supplies will be charged via the special annual supply agreement. This is applied to unmeasured field supplies, farm taps and other agricultural water points, and any other unmeasured supplies to premises which are not classifiable as a property.

## B. Payment

The Unmeasured Water Supply Charge is due for the full year in advance on 1 April 2025. However;

- (1) If one half of the year's Charge (together with any arrears) is paid by a date to be settled by Yorkshire Water the balance need not be paid until the following 1 October.
- (2) If the customer has given an undertaking to pay the Charge by up to eight equal monthly instalments by direct debit on an agreed date between 1st and 28th of a month or specifically the last day of the month and continuing on the corresponding day of each of the seven succeeding months and no arrears are due from a previous year the full balance for the time being need not be paid so long as those instalments are duly paid.
- (3) If the customer has given an undertaking to pay the Charge by up to eight equal monthly instalments other than by direct debit by the 10th day or the 25th day of each of those months and no arrears are due from a previous year the full balance for the time being need not be paid so long as those instalments are duly paid.

- (4) If the customer has given an undertaking to pay the Charge by up to ten equal monthly instalments by direct debit on the 1st day of each of those months and no arrears are due from a previous year the full balance for the time being need not be paid so long as those instalments are duly paid.

- (5) Where the liability for the Charge starts after the beginning of the year, the apportioned Charge is due for the remainder of the year in advance on the day liability first occurs. However, if the day liability first occurs is prior to 1 October in that year and if the due proportion of half a full year's Charge is paid on demand the other half need not be paid until 1 October.

- (6) Yorkshire Water may apply a different charging period dependent upon the period of occupation of the premises in question.

- (7) Special payment arrangements can be agreed in other circumstances.

- (8) Yorkshire Water reserves the right to apportion the Charge in the event of bankruptcy or any other form of debt arrangement including but not limited to individual voluntary arrangements and debt relief orders.

## C. Charges

For the year commencing 1 April 2025 the charge for unmetered customers is the sum of the standing charge and poundage item calculated based on the rateable value of the property. The unmetered water supply charge (excluding that for a lock-up garage) is subject to a minimum charge. The minimum charge does not apply to York charges.

Where an assessed charge is based upon the premises being an empty property or a single person household, it is the customer's responsibility to inform Yorkshire Water immediately if this is no longer the case.

## Unmeasured water supply charges Yorkshire Water (Excluding York Waterworks)

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Unmeasured household</b>		
Standing charge	£	86.57
Rateable value charge	p/£RV	243.06
Minimum charge	£	169.21
<b>Assessed charges</b>		
Empty Property	£/annum	51.52
Single person household	£/annum	157.49
Other household premises	£/annum	229.55
Semi-detached house	£/annum	259.23
Detached house	£/annum	307.97

## Unmeasured water supply charges York Waterworks

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Unmeasured household</b>		
Standing charge	£	73.90
Rateable value charge	p/£RV	138.82
<b>Assessed charges</b>		
Empty property	£/annum	49.68
Single person household	£/annum	125.32
Other household premises	£/annum	160.13
Semi-detached house	£/annum	181.74
Detached house	£/annum	212.96

\*These charges do not apply to lock-up garages.

Customers may be required to provide Yorkshire Water with reasonable evidence to support the basis of the assessed charge as an empty property or a single person household, e.g. council tax single person or empty property discount.

Where an occupier(s) vacates a premises, which is charged on an assessed charge basis according to the property type (as described in the table above) or as a single person household, and the premises becomes empty, they will be charged at the assessed charge empty property rate until such time as the premises is reoccupied. Once reoccupied, the charge will revert to the property type or the single person household rate as applicable.

The water charges for WaterSure and WaterSupport are set out below.

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Yorkshire Water (excluding York Waterworks)</b>		
WaterSupport water charge - Band 1	£/annum	116.00
WaterSupport water charge - Band 2	£/annum	152.00
WaterSupport water charge - Band 3	£/annum	175.00
WaterSure water charge	£/annum	260.89
WaterSure water charge - discount	£/annum	(48.89)
WaterSure water charge - final	£/annum	212.00
<b>York Waterworks</b>		
WaterSupport water charge - Band 1	£/annum	116.00
WaterSupport water charge - Band 2	£/annum	152.00
WaterSupport water charge - Band 3	£/annum	175.00
WaterSure water charge	£/annum	188.56
WaterSure water charge - discount	£/annum	(42.56)
WaterSure water charge - final	£/annum	146.00

In response to our customer research and affordability modelling it was recognised that our customers required variable bill reductions to make their bill affordable based on their individual circumstances. As such, we have designed WaterSupport to provide three varying levels of discount in line with customer household income. This will ensure that tariff reductions are aligned with customer affordability needs to achieve our ambition of affordable bills for all.

In addition, by providing varying bands of our social tariff we are able to distribute the funding for this scheme more proportionately and effectively to help our customers.

## 3.2 The sewerage charge on an unmeasured basis

### A. Chargeable services

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the sewerage charge is payable on an unmeasured basis in respect of the period of occupation. This will be calculated daily if less than a full year.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the unmeasured sewerage charge is payable where there is no water supply and no foul effluent connection to sewer, but which are connected either directly or through an intermediate sewer or drain to a public sewer for surface water drainage.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme a reduced rate will be applied for the period of occupation where any property is drained via a private septic tank, and then put to an intermediate sewer or drain. For customers paying the reduced rate Yorkshire Water shall, on request, empty the septic tank once per year.
- (4) Yorkshire Water shall have the power to apply the sewerage charge on the unmeasured basis to any hereditament which has the benefit of a measured supply of water or access to facilities where there is a measured supply of water if the customer of that measured supply of water does not agree with Yorkshire Water to accept liability for measured sewerage charges for such hereditament.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme where a customer has elected to pay the annual assessed water charge, the annual assessed sewerage charge is also payable.
- (6) Where the customer can demonstrate to Yorkshire Water's satisfaction that there is no direct or indirect surface water or groundwater drainage to a public sewer, a refund of the charge will be due. Any rebate will be up to a maximum of six years, or from the occupation date if you have lived at the property less than six years.

- (7) WaterSupport is our social tariff, your bill is capped at one of the 3 available bands.

Key characteristics;

- WaterSupport is available where the net household income is relatively low and the bill amount higher than the social tariff values;
- the threshold for income eligibility is subject to change and takes in to consideration household composition;
- eligible to customers who are currently billed on a measured or unmeasured basis;
- you can apply at anytime throughout the year;
- customer eligibility will be reviewed and will require the customer to provide information relating to eligibility when requested. Failure to do so will result in the customer reverting to the previous basis of charge;

If metered, the charges will be applied from the beginning of the quarter in which the application is successful or the date of occupation if later.

If unmetered, the charges will be applied from the date the application is received.

Yorkshire Water will review actual consumption for metered customers at the end of the year. If charges would have been lower than those paid through WaterSupport the customer shall then be re-billed.

Applying is easy call us on **0345 1 24 24 24** and we'll be able to advise if this is the best tariff for you.



## B. Payment

The Sewerage Charge on an unmeasured basis is due for the full year in advance on 1 April 2025. However:

- (1) If one half of the year's Charge (together with any arrears) is paid by a date to be settled by Yorkshire Water the balance need not be paid until the following 1 October.
- (2) If the customer has given an undertaking to pay the Charge by up to eight equal monthly instalments by direct debit on an agreed date between 1st and 28th of a month or specifically the last day of the month and continuing on the corresponding day of each of the seven succeeding months and no arrears are due from a previous year the full balance for the time being need not be paid so long as those instalments are duly paid.
- (3) If the customer has given an undertaking to pay the Charge by up to eight equal instalments other than by direct debit by the 10th day or the 25th day of each of those months and no arrears are due from a previous year the full balance for the time being need not be paid so long as those instalments are duly paid.
- (4) If the customer has given an undertaking to pay the Charge by up to ten equal monthly instalments by direct debit on the 1st day of each of those months and no arrears are due from a previous year the full balance for the time being need not be paid so long as those instalments are duly paid.
- (5) Where the liability for the Charge starts after the beginning of the year, the apportioned Charge is due for the remainder of the year in advance on the day the liability first occurs. However, if the day liability first occurs is prior to 1 October in that year and if the due proportion of half a full year's Charge is paid on demand the other half need not be paid until 1 October.
- (6) Yorkshire Water may apply a different charging period dependent upon the period of occupation of the premises in question.
- (7) Special payment arrangements can be agreed in other circumstances.
- (8) Yorkshire Water reserves the right to apportion the Charge in the event of bankruptcy or any other form of debt arrangement including but not limited to individual voluntary arrangements and debt relief orders.

## C. Charges

- (1) A standing item and a rateable value charge per pound of the rateable value of the hereditament.
- (2) The assessed charges in the table below are due annually for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

## Unmeasured sewerage supply charges

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Unmeasured household</b>		
Standing charge*	£/annum	31.67
Standing charge surface water	£/annum	78.07
Rateable value charge – HWD charge	p/£RV	26.76
Rateable value charge – Foul charge	p/£RV	267.32
Rateable value charge – Total	p/£RV	294.08
Rateable value charge – Septic tanks HWD charge	p/£RV	14.72
Rateable value charge – Septic tanks Foul charge	p/£RV	147.03
Rateable value charge – Septic tanks Total	p/£RV	161.75
<b>Assessed charges</b>		
HWD – Empty property	£/annum	2.97
Foul – Empty property	£/annum	29.62
SWD – Empty property	£/annum	78.07
Empty property	£/annum	110.66
Single person household – HWD charge	£/annum	14.67
Single person household – Foul charge	£/annum	146.58
Single person household – SWD charge	£/annum	78.07
Single person household – Total	£/annum	239.32
Other household premises – HWD charge	£/annum	22.63
Other household premises – Foul charge	£/annum	226.10
Other household premises – SWD charge	£/annum	78.07
Other household premises – Total	£/annum	326.80
Semi-detached house – HWD charge	£/annum	25.91
Semi-detached house – Foul charge	£/annum	258.84
Semi-detached house – SWD charge	£/annum	78.07
Semi-detached house – Total	£/annum	362.82
Detached house – HWD charge	£/annum	31.30
Detached house – Foul charge	£/annum	312.64
Detached house – SWD charge	£/annum	78.07
Detached house – Total	£/annum	422.01

\*These charges do not apply to lock-up garages.

- (a) Where an assessed charge is based upon the premises being an empty property or a single person household, it is the customer’s responsibility to inform Yorkshire Water immediately if this is no longer the case.
- (b) Customers may be required to provide Yorkshire Water with reasonable evidence to support the basis of the assessed charge as a single person household, e.g. council tax single person or empty property discount.
- (c) Where an occupier(s) vacates a premises, which is charged on an assessed charge basis according to the property type (as described in the table above) or as a single person household, and the premises becomes empty, they will be charged at the assessed charge empty property rate until such time as the premises is reoccupied. Once reoccupied, the charge will revert to the property type or the single person household rate as applicable.

The charges for WaterSupport or WaterSure shall be as set out below.

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Yorkshire Water</b>		
WaterSupport sewerage charge - Band 1	£/annum	154.00
WaterSupport sewerage charge - Band 2	£/annum	202.00
WaterSupport sewerage charge - Band 3	£/annum	234.00
WaterSure sewerage charge	£/annum	344.14
WaterSure sewerage charge - discount	£/annum	(65.14)
WaterSure sewerage charge - final	£/annum	279.00

Where a household is not connected for surface water the bill value is adjusted.

In response to our customer research and affordability modelling it was recognised that our customers required variable bill reductions to make their bill affordable based on their individual circumstances. As such, we have designed WaterSupport to provide three varying levels of discount in line with customer household income. This will ensure that tariff reductions are aligned with customer affordability needs to achieve our ambition of affordable bills for all.

In addition, by providing varying bands of our social tariff we are able to distribute the funding for this scheme more proportionately and effectively to help our customers.

## 3.3 The measured water supply charge

### A. Chargeable supplies

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the metered water supply charge is applied to every metered piped supply of water where the installation, type and size of the meter in question has been approved or accepted by Yorkshire Water.
- (2) An apportionment shall be made daily in respect of meter readings after 1 April 2025. The Charge will be payable in respect of the whole of any period of occupation of premises. Where a period of occupation of premises is less than the full year, charges shall be apportioned daily.
- (3) Unless and until the installation, type and size of the meter in question is approved or accepted by Yorkshire Water, one of the following bases of charging appropriate to the circumstances shall be applied by Yorkshire Water;
  - (a) unmeasured basis;
  - (b) an assessed charge;
  - (c) fixed water supply charge.
- (4) Where two or more metered supplies feed the same premises occupied by the same customer, the standing item charge will be made separately for each supply unless;
  - (a) the supplies in question are field supplies;
  - or
  - (b) such arrangement is for Yorkshire Water's own convenience.
- (5) The volume item is applied to all consumption including water lost by leakage, waste or otherwise (with the exception only of water used in accordance with Section 147 of the Water Industry Act 1991), subject to Yorkshire Water's Code of Practice on leakage for domestic customers and the Water (Meters) Regulations 1988.
- (6) Where a premise receives a metered piped supply of water and one or more piped supplies of water to those premises are either unmeasured or the meter is damaged then the charge will be raised on either;
  - (a) unmeasured basis;
  - (b) assessed;
  - (c) fixed water charge.
- (7) Yorkshire Water shall have the power to estimate the consumption in respect of any metered piped supply of water provided that the meter shall be read at least once in any metered supply charging year (unless circumstances outside the company's control prevent such a reading from being obtained). A customer has the right to provide his own reading upon receipt of an estimated bill.
- (8) Where the premises are served by a metered supply of water the customer shall not have the right to be charged on an unmeasured basis. In addition, it is the policy of Yorkshire Water to require customers with sprinklers or swimming pools or other conditions prescribed by regulations made under the Water Industry Act 1991 to pay for the supply based on the metered water supply charge. Subject to the requirements of this latter policy where the hereditament is used in part only as a house and in part for non-domestic purposes (mixed use) and the maximum anticipated consumption of the water used during any non-domestic activity at the hereditament is assessed by Yorkshire Water to be 30 cubic metres or less per annum then the supply shall be treated as if to domestic premises and shall remain to be charged on an unmeasured basis.
- (9) Assessed volumetric charges are applied within the illegal connection process where a property cannot be metered, or cannot be metered within a reasonable cost, or for the period before a meter can be fitted.

Where a new water supply is created by any person in contravention of the policy referred to in the previous paragraph and/or Yorkshire Water's conditions of connection resulting in no meter being provided, then a charge shall be levied in relation to such piped supply on the metered basis by reference to a volume that is assessed by Yorkshire Water unless and until a meter is installed, the type and size of which is approved or accepted by Yorkshire Water.

The charge is based on the number of occupants at the property using an average volume per person and the applicable current years rates.

## The metered water supply charge 2025/2026

### Assessed volumetric charge

Number of occupants	Unit	Water charge Yorkshire Water £	Water charge York Water £	Sewerage charge £
1	£/annum	157.50	125.32	239.32
2	£/annum	283.69	182.61	390.30
3	£/annum	347.27	218.62	467.49
4	£/annum	421.45	260.65	557.55
5	£/annum	506.23	308.67	660.47
6	£/annum	580.42	350.69	750.53

### (10) Domestic Meter Option

(a) Customers of any unmeasured supply of water to domestic premises may opt for a meter free of initial charge providing a meter can be fitted at reasonable expense.

(i) Reasonable expense will include;

- the provision of a meter,
- the cost of installation in Yorkshire Water's preferred location or another cost-effective location if the preferred location was not practical,
- the cost of reinstatement unless such cost is unduly excessive,
- an out-reader for internal installations if Yorkshire Water considers one is necessary.

(ii) Unreasonable expense will include but is not restricted to;

- the cost of separating the customer's supply pipe when it is shared with other customers.
- the cost of installing additional meters if the customer is supplied by more than one supply.
- the cost of substantial alterations to existing plumbing to enable the meter to be installed.

(b) Yorkshire Water shall provide details of its domestic meter option scheme upon request.

(c) Yorkshire Water will fit a free meter within 3 months provided the incurred expense is reasonable. If installation takes longer than 3 months, measured charges will be apportioned back to a date 3 months from the date of receipt of the measured charges notice.

(d) Meters will be fitted in the most suitable location to record all water supplied to the property. The process order is;

- (i) existing meter chamber – screw in
- (ii) inside near internal stop-tap on riser
- (iii) external on private property
- (iv) external on footpath.

(e) Customers can request an alternative location providing it is acceptable to Yorkshire Water and the customer meets any additional costs incurred.

**Note:** The additional costs incurred by customers requesting an alternative location under the domestic meter option scheme will be cost reflective. The actual costs of re-siting an existing meter will depend upon many factors. These include whether the meter is being relocated internally or externally, any excavation and back-filling required, cost of materials and the cost of a replacement meter if the existing meter is less than 10 years old.

For customers with additional needs, Yorkshire Water shall take additional meter readings so customers may keep a quarterly check on their consumption. For such customers, where there is a clear benefit to the customer in re-siting the meter Yorkshire Water shall consider contributing to the cost.

(f) Yorkshire Water will consider the installation of a second meter for flats providing the cost is not disproportionate. Yorkshire Water will also consider single meter/joint billing agreements in multi-occupied premises where one person is willing to undertake receipt and payment of the bill.

(g) When Yorkshire Water determines that it is not reasonably practicable to fit a meter or if it would involve unreasonable expense the customer will be offered a charge for water supply on an assessed basis. The assessed charges are set out in the summary of charges.

(h) Should Yorkshire Water refuse to install a meter free of charge, the customer has right of appeal to the regulator Ofwat.

(i) The meter shall remain the property of Yorkshire Water.

(j) Customers will be entitled to revert to unmeasured charging at any time before the end of the period of 24 months beginning with the day on which measured charges commenced, provided written notice is received by Yorkshire Water (which may be given up to 28 days following receipt of their final bill for the 24 months from the date measured charges commenced) and either the conditions in (i) below or the conditions in (ii) below are satisfied in relation to the premises in respect of which a measured charges notice has been given, and such other conditions as may be prescribed by Regulations are also satisfied in relation to the premises.

(k) The conditions referred to above are;

(i) that the person who gave the measured charges notice had not given any previous measured charges notice in relation to the premises,

and

(ii) that person remains the customer in respect of the premises;

(iii) that the person who gave the measured charges notice has, since the notice was given, ceased to be the customer in respect of the premises,

(iv) that neither that person nor the person who has become the customer had given any previous measured charges notice in relation to the premises, and

(v) that any person who was in occupation when the measured charges notice was given remains in occupation.

Yorkshire Water shall as soon as reasonably practicable revert the charges to the unmeasured basis of charging for customers exercising their right of reversion which shall in any event be no later than 24 months from the date measured charges commenced.

Customers will be liable for measured charges until the final meter reading taken by or on behalf of Yorkshire Water and will only revert to unmeasured charges after the end of the period up to that final meter reading.

The meter shall remain in position and following any change in occupier of the premises they shall be charged on a metered basis.

- (l) where a tenant purports to give a measured charges notice to Yorkshire Water but;
  - (i) the tenancy in question is a fixed term tenancy for a term of less than six months (for this purpose “fixed term tenancy” means any tenancy other than a periodic tenancy); and
  - (ii) the landlord has not consented to and does not agree to the installation of a meter for use in determining the charges which may be fixed in relation to water supplied to the premises comprised in the tenancy the customer shall be charged for any period for which the metered water supply charge has been applied in reliance upon the measured charges notice by a reference to the charging basis that applied prior to the service of the measured charges notice to Yorkshire Water until such time as a meter is validly installed for use in determining the charges which may be fixed in relation to the water supplied to the premises in question.

**Note:** For the avoidance of doubt, where a tenancy does not fall within sub-section 3.3.A.(10)(l)(i) above, the landlord is not required to give consent to the installation of a meter. The landlord can, however, request a meter be fitted in a preferred location providing it is acceptable to Yorkshire Water and the landlord meets any additional costs incurred.

- (m) Field supplies will be charged via The special annual supply agreement. This is applied to unmeasured field supplies, farm taps and other agricultural water points, and any other unmeasured supplies to premises which are not classifiable as a property.

## (11) WaterSure

- (a) A metered water supply charge tariff for eligible groups (referred to in this part of the Scheme as WaterSure) will take the form of a charge capped at the average charge levied to customers in domestic premises for water services. The charge will be as set out in summary of main charges.
- (b) WaterSure offers assistance in relation to any premises for any customer who;
  - (i) falls within any class of persons specified in (c) below; and
  - (ii) satisfies the conditions in (d) below.
- (c) A customer falls within a class of persons mentioned in (b)(i) above if he or another person residing with him in the premises (“the qualifying person”) is entitled to receive any of the benefits or tax credits listed in (e) below and either;
  - (i) the qualifying person is entitled to receive child benefit for three or more children under the age of 19 and in full time education who reside in the premises; or
  - (ii) the customer or another person residing with him in the premises, whether or not the same person as the qualifying person;
    - (a) is diagnosed as suffering from any of the medical conditions listed in (f) below and as a result of that condition is obliged to use a significant additional volume of water; or
    - (b) subject to Note (cc) in (g) below is diagnosed as suffering from a medical condition other than one listed in (f) below and as a result of that condition is obliged to use a significant additional volume of water.

- (d) The conditions in this sub-paragraph are that;
- (i) the premises are subject to the metered water supply charge
  - (ii) the customer and any other qualifying person each occupies the whole or part of the premises as his only or principal home;
  - (iii) in the case of premises which are not used solely as a person's home, the other use is not the principal use of the premises;
  - (iv) water supplied to the premises is not used for;
    - (a) watering a garden, other than by hand, by means of any apparatus; or
    - (b) automatically replenishing a pond, or a swimming pool, with a capacity greater than 10,000 litres; and
    - (c) where the customer has satisfied Yorkshire Water of their eligibility.
- (e) The benefits and tax credits mentioned in (c) above are;
- (i) housing benefit;
  - (ii) income support;
  - (iii) income-related employment and support allowance;
  - (iv) income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
  - (v) state pension credit;
  - (vi) child tax credit, if it includes an amount in respect of the individual element of child tax credit (i.e. except families in receipt of the family element only);
  - (vii) working tax credit;
  - (viii) universal credit; and
  - (ix) such other benefits and tax credits as specified by the Government or Governmental department as being qualifying benefits and tax credits for the purpose of WaterSure.
- (f) The medical conditions mentioned in (c) b) above are;
- (i) desquamation (flaky skin loss);
  - (ii) weeping skin disease (eczema, psoriasis, varicose ulceration);
  - (iii) incontinence;
  - (iv) abdominal stoma;
  - (v) Crohn's disease;
  - (vi) ulcerative colitis; and
  - (vii) renal failure requiring home dialysis.
  - (viii) a condition which means you have to use additional water.
- Note** – (vii) does not apply where a contribution to the cost of the water consumed in the process of dialysis during the billing period is made by the health authority.
- (g) Customers who decide to opt for WaterSure will be required to provide Yorkshire Water with evidence to support their claim in the following manner:
- (i) Evidence required from customers:
 

A copy of the benefit award notice confirming the qualifying person's entitlement to receive one of the benefits or tax credits listed above.
  - (ii) Evidence required from customers in respect of (c)a) above:
 

A copy of the benefit award notice confirming the qualifying person's entitlement to receive child benefit for three or more children under the age of 19 who reside in the premises in question.
  - (iii) Evidence required from customers falling within (c)b) above:
    - (a) Details about the medical condition which makes them eligible for assistance.

and

    - (b) How the condition contributes to significantly increased water consumption.



**Notes:**

- (aa) Yorkshire Water may at its discretion contact appropriate third parties to confirm a customer is eligible for WaterSure.
- (bb) A customer who misleads Yorkshire Water as to his or her entitlement might commit the criminal offence of obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception, contrary to Section 16(1) of the Theft Act 1968.
- (cc) Certificates from registered medical practitioners will be accepted as evidence from customers falling within (c) b(ii) above. Any such certificate must be signed by the registered medical practitioner and shall contain the following particulars:
  - (a) the name of the person in respect of whom the diagnosis is made (“the patient”);
  - (b) the diagnosis of the patient’s medical condition which obliges the patient to use a significant additional volume of water;
  - (c) the date on which the certificate is given; and
  - (d) the name and address of the registered medical practitioner.
- (h) Customers may apply for WaterSure at any time during the year. Eligibility commences with the relevant billing period that the customer applies for the tariff and shall continue for a period of 12 months from when eligibility commences. There shall be no retrospective adjustment for previous periods. The following year’s tariffs will be applied to the due proportion of the eligibility period of 12 months extending beyond 31 March into the following year.

**Note:** Customers wishing to apply for WaterSure will need to complete and return an application form. For more information about WaterSure or to request an application form please visit [yorkshirewater.com/support](http://yorkshirewater.com/support) or call **0345 124 24 24**.

- (i) An eligible customer is required to reapply to Yorkshire Water every twelve months for application of WaterSure. We shall send a reminder to customers to reapply when their eligibility ends. The customer is responsible for informing Yorkshire Water when he or she is no longer eligible for the tariff.

Where the customer ceases to be eligible part way through the period of entitlement which would otherwise apply under paragraph (h) above, the period of entitlement shall end at the end of the billing period in which the customer ceases to be eligible for the WaterSure tariff.

- (j) Yorkshire Water shall review actual consumption at the end of the year of charge and the customer shall be re-billed on the basis of actual consumption if charges would have been lower than those paid on WaterSure.

- (12) WaterSupport is our social tariff, your bill is capped at one of the 3 available bands.

Key characteristics;

- WaterSupport is available where the net household income is relatively low and the bill amount higher than the social tariff values;
- the threshold for income eligibility is subject to change and takes in to consideration household composition;
- eligible to customers who are currently billed on a measured or unmeasured basis;
- you can apply at anytime throughout the year;
- customer eligibility will be reviewed and will require the customer to provide information relating to eligibility when requested. Failure to do so will result in the customer reverting to the previous basis of charge;

If metered, the charges will be applied from the beginning of the quarter in which the application is successful or the date of occupation if later.

If unmetered, the charges will be applied from the date the application is received.

Yorkshire Water will review actual consumption for metered customers at the end of the year. If charges would have been lower than those paid through WaterSupport the customer shall then be re-billed.

Applying is easy call us on **0345 124 24 24** and we’ll be able to advise if this is the best tariff for you.

## B. Payment

The measured water supply charge is payable;

- (i) as to the volume item on demand when the volume supplied for any period has been ascertained, assessed or estimated, and
- (ii) as to the standing item in equal instalments upon demand.

Customers shall be billed quarterly and the time between bills varies, depending on the date we read the meter or estimate a reading. However:

- (1) If the customer has given an undertaking to pay the Charge through the Yorkshire Water Budget Plan with twelve equal monthly instalments on an agreed date between 1st and 28th of a month or specifically the last day of the month and continuing on the corresponding day of each of the eleven succeeding months on each of those months, the full balance for the time being need not be paid so long as those instalments are duly paid.
- (2) Yorkshire Water may apply a different charging period dependent upon the period of occupation of the premises in question.
- (3) Special payment arrangements can be agreed in other circumstances.

## C. The summary of charges

The Charge consists of the sum of the standing charge and the volume item per m<sup>3</sup>.

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Summary of water charges 2025/2026 Yorkshire Water (Excluding York Waterworks)</b>		
WaterSupport water charge – Band 1	£/annum	116.00
WaterSupport water charge – Band 2	£/annum	152.00
WaterSupport water charge – Band 3	£/annum	175.00
WaterSure water charge	£/annum	260.89
WaterSure water charge – discount	£/annum	(48.89)
WaterSure water charge – final	£/annum	212.00
<b>Summary of water charges 2025/2026 York Waterworks</b>		
WaterSupport water charge – Band 1	£/annum	116.00
WaterSupport water charge – Band 2	£/annum	152.00
WaterSupport water charge – Band 3	£/annum	175.00
WaterSure water charge	£/annum	188.56
WaterSure water charge – discount	£/annum	(42.56)
WaterSure water charge – final	£/annum	146.00

**Notes:**

- (i) For the purposes of assessing the volume range the Charge shall be applied to the total consumption at any separately metered individual set of premises in common ownership which is in receipt of a metered supply of water to those premises and which is not currently subject to a separate agreement with respect to payment of water supply charges.
- (1) Where,
  - (i) the customer of a supply from one or more meters has the benefit of the use of an alternative source of water which is not delivered under the terms of a common carriage agreement and which is interchangeable with a Yorkshire Water supply; and
  - (ii) the customer occupies a single site and in respect of which consumes in excess of 50MI/year and
  - (iii) in any year the customer
    - (a) wishes to have the facility to substitute a Yorkshire Water supply for all or part of the alternative source, or
    - (b) uses that facility; and

where the use of the facility referred to under (iii) (b) is made without prior notification to Yorkshire Water of the wish to access the same then the customer shall be deemed to have given notice of its wish to have the facility open to it in future years unless the customer is disconnected from Yorkshire Water's supply network.

## 3.4 The sewerage charge on a metered basis

### A. Chargeable Services

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the sewerage charges are payable on a metered basis where;
  - (i) a metered supply of water from Yorkshire Water or any other water undertaker has been recorded;
  - (ii) where the volume of a supply from any other source is provided to Yorkshire Water's satisfaction;
  - (iii) where water is charged on an assessed basis.
- (2) The sewerage charge is not made on a metered basis where the quantity of the water supplied for two or more properties is measured by a single meter. An unmeasured basis of charging will be applied to each property based on rateable value or a fixed basis by agreement.
- (3) A reduced volume percentage will be applied for the period of occupation where a private septic tank is drained, and then put to an intermediate sewer or drain. For Retailers paying the reduced rate Yorkshire Water shall, on request, empty the septic tank once per year.
- (4) Where the customer can demonstrate to Yorkshire Water's satisfaction that there is no direct or indirect surface water or groundwater drainage to a public sewer a refund of the charge will be due. Any rebate will be up to a maximum of six years, or from the occupation date if you have lived at the property less than six years.

(5) WaterSure

(a) A Sewerage Charge on a metered basis tariff for those eligible (referred to in this part of the Scheme as WaterSure) will take the form of a charge capped at the average charge levied to customers in household premises for sewerage services. The charge will be as set out in the summary of charges.

(b) WaterSure offers assistance in relation to any premises for any customer who;

(i) falls within any class of persons specified in (c) below; and

(ii) satisfies the conditions in (d) below.

(c) A customer falls within a class of persons mentioned in (b)i) above if he or another person residing with him in the premises ("the qualifying person") is entitled to receive any of the benefits or tax credits listed in (e) below and either;

(i) the qualifying person is entitled to receive child benefit for three or more children under the age of 19 and in full time education who reside in the premises; or

(ii) the customer or another person residing with him in the premises, whether or not the same person as the qualifying person;

(a) is diagnosed as suffering from any of the medical conditions listed in (f) below and as a result of that condition is obliged to use a significant additional volume of water; or

(b) subject to Note cc) in (g) below is diagnosed as suffering from a medical condition other than one listed in (f) below and as a result of that condition is obliged to use a significant additional volume of water.

(d) The conditions in this sub-paragraph are that;

(i) the premises are subject to the Sewerage Charge on a Metered Basis;

(ii) the customer and any other qualifying person each occupies the whole or part of the premises as his only or principal home;

(iii) in the case of premises which are not used solely as a person's home, the other use is not the principal use of the premises;

(iv) water supplied to the premises is not used for;

(a) watering a garden, other than by hand, by means of any apparatus; or

(b) automatically replenishing a pond, or a swimming pool, with a capacity greater than 10,000 litres; and

(v) the customer has applied for assistance and established his entitlement to it in accordance with (g) below.

(e) The benefits and tax credits mentioned in (c) above are;

(i) housing benefit;

(ii) income support;

(iii) income-related employment and support allowance;

(iv) income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;

(v) state pension credit;

(vi) child tax credit, if it includes an amount in respect of the individual element of child tax credit (i.e. except families in receipt of the family element only);

(vii) working tax credit;

(viii) universal credit; and

(ix) such other benefits and tax credits as specified by the Government or Governmental department as being qualifying benefits and tax credits for the purpose of WaterSure.

(f) The medical conditions mentioned in (c) b) above are;

(i) desquamation (flaky skin loss);

(ii) weeping skin disease (eczema, psoriasis, varicose ulceration);

(iii) incontinence;

(iv) abdominal stoma;

(v) Crohn's disease;

- (vi) ulcerative colitis; and
- (vii) renal failure requiring home dialysis,
- (viii) a condition which means you have to use additional water.

**Note** – g) does not apply where a contribution to the cost of the water consumed in the process of dialysis during the billing period is made by the health authority.

(g) Customers who decide to opt for WaterSure will be required to provide Yorkshire Water with evidence to support their claim in the following manner:

- (i) Evidence required from customers:  
A copy of the benefit award notice confirming the qualifying person's entitlement to receive one of the benefits or tax credits benefit list is shown above.
- (ii) Evidence required from customers in respect of (c)a) above: A copy of the benefit award notice confirming the qualifying person's entitlement to receive child benefit for three or more children under the age of 19 who reside in the premises in question.
- (iii) Evidence required from customers falling within (c)b) above:

(a) Details about the medical condition which makes them eligible for assistance,

and,

(b) How the condition contributes to significantly increased water consumption.

**Note**

- (aa) Yorkshire Water may at its discretion contact appropriate third parties to confirm a customer is eligible for WaterSure.
- (bb) A customer who misleads Yorkshire Water as to his or her entitlement might commit the criminal offence of obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception, contrary to Section 16(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

(cc) Certificates from registered medical practitioners will be accepted as evidence of customers falling within those who have medical grounds. Any such certificate must be signed by the registered medical practitioner and shall contain the following particulars:

- (i) the name of the person in respect of whom the diagnosis is made ("the patient");
- (ii) the diagnosis of the patient's medical condition which obliges the patient to use a significant additional volume of water;
- (iii) the date on which the certificate is given; and
- (iv) the name and address of the registered medical practitioner.

(h) Customers may apply for WaterSure at any time during the year. Eligibility commences with the relevant billing period that the customer applies for the tariff and shall continue for a period of 12 months from when eligibility commences. There shall be no retrospective adjustment for previous periods. The following year's tariffs will be applied to the due proportion of the eligibility period of 12 months extending beyond 31 March into the following year.

**Note:** Customers wishing to apply for WaterSure will need to complete and return an application form. For more information about WaterSure or to request an application form please visit [yorkshirewater.com/bill-account/help-paying-your-bill](http://yorkshirewater.com/bill-account/help-paying-your-bill) or call **0345 1 24 24 24**.

(i) An eligible customer is required to reapply to Yorkshire Water every twelve months for application of WaterSure. We shall send a reminder to customers to reapply when their eligibility ends. The customer is responsible for informing Yorkshire Water when he or she is no longer eligible for the tariff. Where the customer ceases to be eligible part way through the period of entitlement which would otherwise apply under paragraph (h) above, the period of entitlement shall end at the end of the billing period in which the customer ceases to be eligible for the WaterSure tariff.

(j) Yorkshire Water shall review actual consumption at the end of the year of charge and the customer shall be re-billed on the basis of actual consumption if charges would have been lower than those paid on WaterSure.

- (6) WaterSupport is our social tariff, your bill is capped at one of the 3 available bands.

Key characteristics;

- WaterSupport is available where the net household income is relatively low and the bill amount higher than the social tariff values;
- the threshold for income eligibility is subject to change and takes in to consideration household composition;
- eligible to customers who are currently billed on a measured or unmeasured basis;
- you can apply at anytime throughout the year;
- customer eligibility will be reviewed and will require the customer to provide information relating to eligibility when requested. Failure to do so will result in the customer reverting to the previous basis of charge;

If metered, the charges will be applied from the beginning of the quarter in which the application is successful or the date of occupation if later.

If unmetered, the charges will be applied from the date the application is received.

Yorkshire Water will review actual consumption for metered customers at the end of the year. If charges would have been lower than those paid through WaterSupport the customer shall then be re-billed.

Applying is easy call us on **0345 124 24 24** and we'll be able to advise if this is the best tariff for you.

## B. Payment

The Sewerage Charge on a metered basis is payable;

- (i) As to the volume item on demand when the relevant volume for any period has been ascertained, assessed or estimated, and
- (ii) As to the standing item in equal instalments upon demand.

Customers shall be billed quarterly and the time between bills varies, depending on the date we read the meter or estimate a reading. However:

- (1) If the customer has given an undertaking to pay the Charge through the Yorkshire Water Budget Plan with twelve equal monthly instalments on an agreed date between 1st and 28th of a month or specifically the last day of the month and continuing on the corresponding day of each of the eleven succeeding months on each of those months, the full balance for the time being need not be paid so long as those instalments are duly paid.
- (2) Where you have given an undertaking to pay the metered water supply charge through the Yorkshire Water Budget Plan, you may also be eligible to pay the sewerage charge on a metered basis by budget plan.
- (3) Yorkshire Water may apply a different charging period dependent upon the period of occupation of the premises in question.
- (4) Special payment arrangements can be agreed in other circumstances.

## C. The summary of charges

### Sewerage charge on a metered basis

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Measured household</b>		
Standing charge	£	29.19
Standing charge – surface water	£	78.07
Volumetric charge – HWD charge	p/m <sup>3</sup>	24.65
Volumetric charge – Foul charge	p/m <sup>3</sup>	246.20
Volumetric charge – Total	p/m <sup>3</sup>	270.85

\*These charges do not apply to lock-up garages.

#### Notes:

For the purposes of assessing the volume range the Charge shall be applied to the total discharge at any separately metered individual set of premises in common ownership which is in receipt of a metered supply of water to those premises and which is not currently subject to a separate agreement with respect to payment of sewerage charges.

- (1) The volume item is calculated at a rate settled for this purpose for all premises for the period 1 April to 31 March in the relevant charging year and applied to 95% of the volume of water received in that period, unless;
  - (a) Yorkshire Water assesses that in relation to a particular class of premises or any individual premises that a figure in excess of 95% of the water received at the premises is being returned to sewer on an average long-term basis in which circumstances the volume item shall be applied to an increased total volume percentage representing that average long-term return; or
  - (b) Yorkshire Water assesses or the consumer can show to Yorkshire Water's satisfaction that in relation to a particular class of premises or any individual premises that a figure less than 95% of the water received at the premises is being returned to sewer on an average long-term basis in which circumstances the volume item shall be applied to a reduced total volume percentage representing that average long-term return.

**Note:** Such increase or reduction to the standard volume percentage applied for Metered Sewerage Charge purposes will apply to the whole of the period but shall not apply to earlier years except;

- i) Where a consumer receives the first measured account after the completion of a charging year the increase or reduction to the volume will apply from the date of occupation or meter installation and approval if that was in an earlier year; or
  - ii) Where a consumer makes a written application for a reduction to the standard volume percentage and this is accepted by Yorkshire Water the reduction will apply from the date of receipt of the application if that was in an earlier year.
- (2) Where discharging via a septic tank the 95% assumption of volume return to sewer will be reduced to 70%.
  - (3) Where the customer can demonstrate to Yorkshire Water's satisfaction no surface water or groundwater drains from that property;
    - (i) directly or indirectly to a public sewer,
    - (ii) or from any common area belonging to that property.

The charge shall cease to be payable from 1st April in the year in which the claim is made. The maximum rebate that will be given will be six years plus the current years charges, or from your occupation date if you have lived at the property less than six years.

- (4) The volume item applies to the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 and an apportionment shall be made on a daily basis in respect of meter readings after 1 April 2025.
- (5) The charge for WaterSure shall be as set out in the table below.
- (6) The charge for WaterSupport shall be as set out in the table below.

Description	Units	2025/2026 household charges
<b>Yorkshire Water</b>		
WaterSupport sewerage charge - Band 1	£/annum	154.00
WaterSupport sewerage charge - Band 2	£/annum	202.00
WaterSupport sewerage charge - Band 3	£/annum	234.00
WaterSure sewerage charge	£/annum	344.14
WaterSure sewerage charge - discount	£/annum	(65.14)
WaterSure sewerage charge - final	£/annum	279.00

Where a household is not connected for surface water the bill value is adjusted.

- (7) Any customer wishing to aggregate their premises with another set of premises for the purposes of this paragraph must operate the contiguous premises as a single user with a self-contained internal private distribution system and each customer must accept joint and several liability for charges.



# 4. Other charges



## 4.1 The special annual water supply charge

### A. Chargeable Supplies

- (1) The special annual water supply charge shall be applied to:
- (i) unmeasured field supplies,
  - (ii) unmeasured supplies to farm taps and other agricultural water points,
  - (iii) any other unmeasured supplies to premises which are not classifiable as a hereditament.

(2) The Charge will be payable in respect of the whole of any period of use of the supply in question. Where a period of use is less than the full year, charges shall be apportioned on a daily basis.

(3) Where the water is supplied by a common pipe to premises in the occupation of different persons they will be charged a special annual water charge for the supply to each as if supplied by a separate pipe.

### B. Payment

The Special Annual Water Supply Charge is payable in advance in equal half yearly instalments on 1 April 2025 and 1 October 2025.

### C. Charges

## The Special Annual Water Supply Charge

Description	Units	2025/2026 Charges
Special annual water supply charge	£/annum	169.21

# 5. Other information

## 5.1 Payment options and methods

### Household payment options

The following payment methods are available to:

- Metered customers who are billed quarterly, half yearly or who pay by monthly budget plan.
- Unmeasured customers who pay half yearly, monthly instalments or fortnightly if special payment arrangements have been agreed.

### Direct Debit

The easiest way to pay your bill is by Direct Debit. You can pay in full, half yearly, monthly or fortnightly. Where possible we offer a choice of payment dates. Call us on **0345 1 24 24 24** or visit [yorkshirewater.com](http://yorkshirewater.com)

The arrangement carries forward from year to year. You can cancel the arrangement at any time by contacting your Bank or Building Society. Please also notify us.

### Debit or credit card

Visit our secure internet service at [yorkshirewater.com/payment](http://yorkshirewater.com/payment) or phone on **0345 1 24 24 24** or our automated service on **0345 1 247 247** (24hrs). You'll need your customer reference number and card. Please note that we do not accept American Express.

### At a Post Office

You can pay your bill monthly using our payment card at a PayPoint or Post Office. We'll send you a Yorkshire Water payment card which you can use to pay by cash or debit card (some places may charge a fee for using a debit card).

If you would like pay by Yorkshire Water payment card, you can switch to this payment option using our online form.

### PayPoint

You can pay your bill monthly using our payment card at a PayPoint or Post Office. We'll send you a Yorkshire Water payment card which you can use to pay by cash or debit card (some places may charge a fee for using a debit card).

If you would like pay by Yorkshire Water payment card, you can switch to this payment option using our online form.

### At a bank

Sign and date the correct payment slip and hand in the whole bill with your payment. Please make cheques payable to "Yorkshire Water" and write your customer reference number on the back. Please also ensure you submit one cheque for each payment slip, otherwise the bank may not be able to accept your payment.

### By post

Please make cheques (or postal order) payable to "Yorkshire Water" and write your customer reference number on the back. Tear off the correct payment slip and send it with your payment to: Yorkshire Water, PO Box 52, Bradford BD3 7YD. Please do not send cash or postdated cheques.

### Standing Order

Please advise your bank to pay Head Office Collection sort code 57-49-55, bank account number, 1111 1111 and ask them to quote your customer reference number.

### Water Direct

If you are on Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance and your account is in arrears, payments may be taken out of your benefit. Please contact us for help.

### Other payment options

Unmeasured customers may also pay in 10 instalments by Direct Debit only, on the first of each month, April to January inclusive.

Metered customers and unmeasured customers may also pay weekly by Direct Debit payable on Mondays only if special payment arrangements have been agreed.

## Exceptions

Customers who pay their Water Services Charges in with their rent to private landlords or a Local Authority should contact their landlord for details of payment options.

## 5.2 Other publications

Copies of the following publications may be obtained from us at:

**PO Box 52, Bradford BD3 7YD.**

Codes of practice household customers;

- Extra help for those who need it most
- Charges, bills and payments
- How we put things right
- Customer Charter
- Payment difficulties
- Leakage from customers' supplies
- Responsibility for pipework
- Sewerage and waste water
- Water meters
- Water supply services
- What you need to know – terms and conditions of metered water supply
- Business Charter
- Land entry principles
- What to do if your home is flooded with sewage?

## General advice and information

Considering a water meter?

Information and advice on high metered water usage and the testing of household Water meters

Water Conservation

Your Water Quality – Drinking Water Quality Standards Explained

River News

Flooding

Flooding from Public Sewer

How we use your personal data and why

Customer Conduct Policy

## Serving business

Water conservation self-assessment guide

Charging arrangements for new connections services

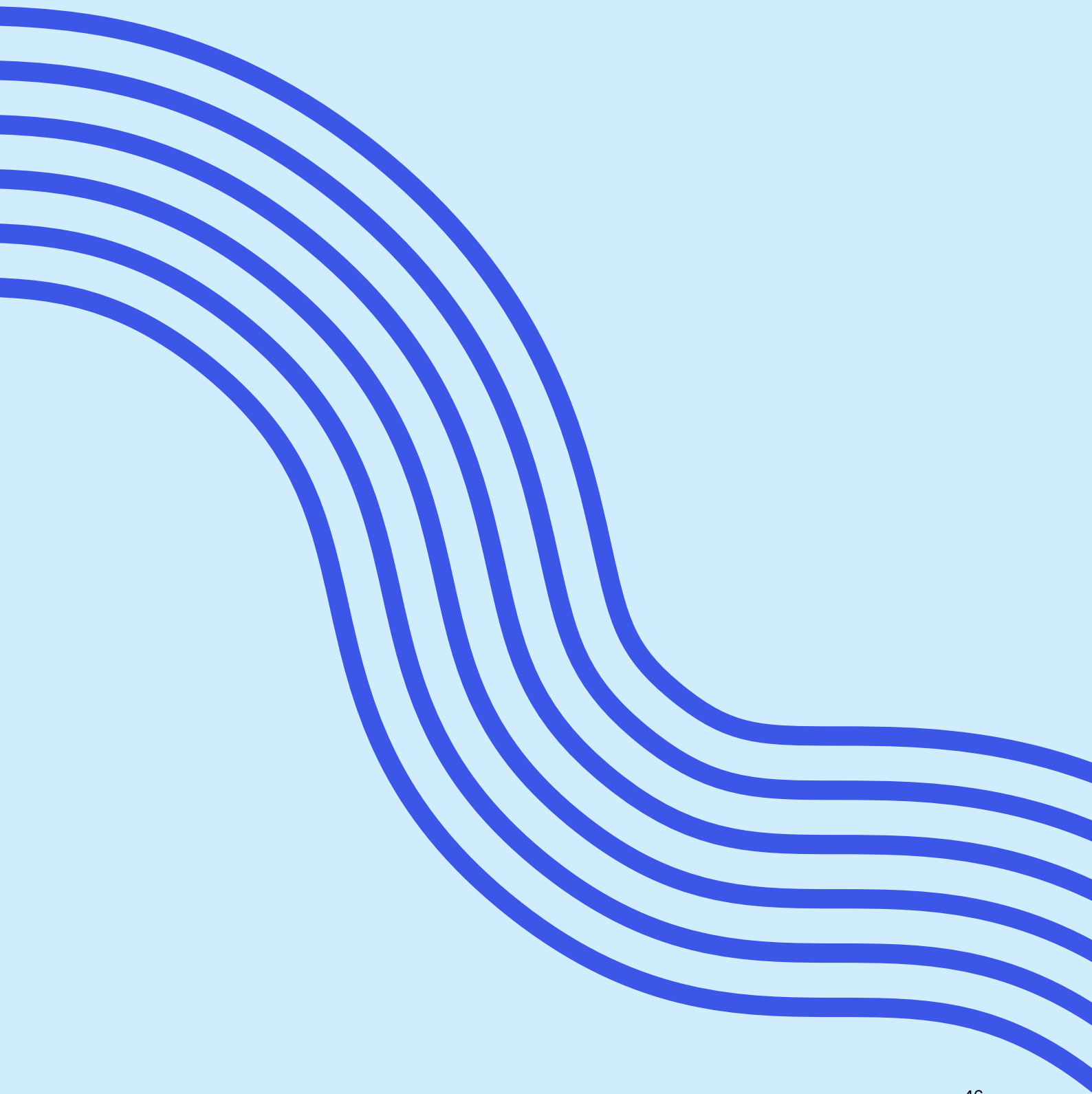
Products and Services Portfolio

Wholesale charges 2025/2026

## Other

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# 6. Interpretations



## 6.1 Interpretations

Reference to any statutory enactment or provision shall include any re-enactment, replacement or variation of the same.

In this Scheme, except where the context otherwise requires, words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular, and

**“Yorkshire Water”** means Yorkshire Water Services Limited;

**“customer”** means a person who is for the time being the person on whom liability to pay charges in respect of a supply of water would fall;

**“contracting retailer”** per the Wholesale Retail Code;

**“council”** means a district council;

**“eligible premises”** per the Wholesale Retail Code;

**“hereditament”** means a unit of property which would have been shown as a separate item in the valuation list prepared under Part V of the General Rate Act 1967, and shall include a unit of property assessed as such by Yorkshire Water and includes a hereditament deemed to be a single hereditament by virtue of the Rating (Caravan Sites) Act, 1976;

**“house”** means any building or part of a building which is occupied as a dwelling-house, whether or not a private dwelling-house, or which, if unoccupied, is likely to be so occupied (as defined under Section 219(1) of the Water Industry Act 1991);

**“household premises”** means those premises or hereditaments which fell or would have fallen within the classification of ‘domestic’ in the Valuation list;

**“household purposes”** in relation to water supplies subject to i) and ii) below means drinking, washing, cooking, central heating and sanitary purposes for which water supplied to premises may be used; and

- (i) where the whole or any part of the premises are or are to be occupied as a house, those purposes shall be taken to include
  - (a) the purposes of a profession carried on in that house or, where that house and another part of the premises are occupied together, and the house comprises the greater part of what is so occupied, in that other part; and
  - (b) such purposes outside the house (including the washing of vehicles and the watering of gardens) as are connected with the occupation of the house and may be satisfied by a supply of water drawn from a tap inside the house and without the use of a hosepipe or similar apparatus.
- (2) No reference to household purposes in relation to water supplies shall be taken to include a reference
  - (a) to the use of a bath having a capacity, measured to the centre line of overflow or in such other manner as may be prescribed, of more than two hundred and thirty litres;
  - (b) to the purposes of the business of a laundry; or
  - (c) to any purpose of a business of preparing food or drink for consumption otherwise than on the premises;

**“household purposes”** in relation to sewerage and drainage services means the removal from premises of

- (a) the contents of lavatories;
- (b) water which has been used for cooking or washing, not being water used for the business of a laundry or for a business of preparing food or drink for consumption otherwise than on the premises; or
- (c) surface water;

**“Infrastructure Charges”** does not relate to the costs of reinforcing, upgrading or otherwise modifying existing network infrastructure in order to address pre-existing deficiencies in capacity or in capability unrelated to a requisition under sections 41(1) or 98(1), to the adoption of infrastructure under a section 51A or 104 agreement or to connections described in section 146(2) of the Water Industry Act 1991.

**“Instrument of Appointment”** means the Instrument of Appointment as from time to time amended dated August 1989 made under the provisions of the Water Act 1989 whereby the Secretary of State for the Environment appointed Yorkshire Water as the Water and Sewerage Undertaker for the areas described therein as from time to time applying;

**“lock-up garage”** means a hereditament having a floor space not exceeding 240 square feet and used as a lock-up garage, other than a hereditament which

- (i) forms part of the premises in which a business of providing services for motor vehicles is carried on; or
- (ii) is provided by the keeper of an hotel, inn, guest-house or boarding house and is used wholly or mainly for motor vehicles of guests therein; or
- (iii) is used as a garage for a motor vehicle chargeable with duty under Schedules 2, 3 or 4 to the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1971 (which Schedules comprise hackney carriages, tractors and goods vehicles), whether it is also used for any other vehicle or not;

**“measured”** means where the context permits both the metered and the fixed bases of charging in accordance with parts 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this Scheme;

**“network reinforcement”** refers to work other than Site Specific Work, as defined below to provide or modify such other:

- (a) Water Mains and such tanks, service reservoirs and pumping stations, or

- (b) Sewers and such pumping stations as is necessary in consequence of the Site Specific installation or connection of Water Mains, Service Pipes, Public Sewers and Lateral Drains pursuant to a duty imposed on the undertaker by the Water Industry Act 1991, whether by requisition (under sections 41(1), 98(1) or 98(1A)), under an agreement for adoption (under sections 51A or 104), pursuant to section 45(1) (Duty to make connections with main) or in accordance with another duty imposed by the Act, or in consequence of the exercise of rights under section 106(1) (Right to communicate with public sewers). It also includes the additional capacity in any earlier water main or sewer that falls to be used in consequence of the provision or connection of a new main or sewer;

**“non-household premises”** means those premises or hereditaments which did not fall or would not have fallen within the classification of ‘domestic’ in the Valuation list: and the term ‘Non-Household’ when applied to the purposes for which premises are used or the activities carried on at premises shall mean the use of or activities carried on at such Non-Household premises;

**“occupier”**

- (i) in relation to household premises includes
  - (a) the person who has sufficient control over premises to put him under a duty of care towards lawful visitors;
  - (b) any person who maintains such premises furnished and ready for habitation;
  - (c) any person who maintains for residential accommodation premises which do not include exclusive occupation of one or more facilities for cooking, washing or sanitation (such as bedsits, holiday or student hostels, or other accommodation for short term accommodation or letting);
  - (d) the developer or owner for the time being of new premises which are empty and unfurnished;



(ii) in relation to non-household premises includes;

(a) any person who carries on a trade, business, manufacturing or other activity at such premises;

(b) the person who is the occupier for the purpose of holding a licence to sell alcoholic drinks on such premises

**“person”** includes anybody of persons corporate or unincorporated;

**“premises”** includes any interest in land and any easement or right in, to or over land and includes where the context permits “house” and “hereditament”;

**“rateable value”** means

(i) where a hereditament appears in the Valuation List then the value so appearing unless that value is £1 or the hereditament has subsequently undergone a material physical change or material change of use; or

(ii) where either a) the hereditament appears in the Valuation List but the value is £1.00 or b) the hereditament has subsequently undergone a material physical change or material change of use or c) the hereditament does not appear at all in the Valuation List then such value as assessed or adopted by Yorkshire Water as equivalent to a rateable value, subject at the option of the customer to assessment by an individual arbitrator whose appointment shall be agreed by Yorkshire Water and the customer and who shall have the power to award costs within his award; or

(iii) where the hereditament was first occupied after 31 March 1990 and was supplied on or prior to 31 March 2000 with water by The York Waterworks Limited on an unmeasured basis then such value as assessed or adopted by The York Waterworks Limited as equivalent to a rateable value.

References in this Scheme to rateable value will be deemed to refer also to net annual value;

**“Scheme”** refers to the charges set in conjunction with the ‘Wholesale charging rules issued by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 66E and 1171 of the Water Industry Act 1991’.

**“the Sewerage Charge”** means

(a) The charge for standard sewerage and sewage treatment and disposal where premises

(i) are drained by a sewer or drain connecting, either directly or through an intermediate sewer or drain, with a public sewer provided for foul water or surface water or both, or

(ii) are eligible premises which have, in respect of the premises, the benefit of facilities which drain to a sewer or drain so connecting, or

(iii) drain directly to a receiving waste water treatment works; and

(b) the proportionate cost of Yorkshire Water providing sewers by virtue of its duty under section 101A (1) of the Water Industry Act 1991; and

(c) in respect of any eligible premises falling within (a) above the charge for surface water or groundwater drainage;

**“Site Specific”** refers to work on, or the provision of, water or sewerage structures located on a Development as well as work to provide and connect a requested Water Main, Sewer, Communication Pipe or Lateral Drain on, to or in the immediate vicinity of, the Development.

**“Site Specific Work”** shall be construed accordingly. It does not refer to costs or work required as part of Network Reinforcement as defined above.

**“sprinkler”** means a rigid or flexible pipe or similar apparatus and accessories (including for the avoidance of doubt trickle irrigation systems) drawing water directly or indirectly from the mains whether by permanent or temporary connection and which is used attended or unattended for dispersing water from more than one outlet in such pipe or apparatus or in more than one direction whilst being operated externally to any house otherwise supplied;

**“swimming pool”** means a pool (whether indoor or outdoor) designed and built to be used for swimming or bathing purposes other than;

- i) pools of a capacity of 9m<sup>3</sup> or less: and
- ii) pools designed to be used in the course of a programme of medical treatment;

**“trade effluent”** means any liquid, either with or without particles of matter in suspension in the liquid, which is wholly or partly produced in the course of any trade or industry carried on at trade premises;

and

in relation to any trade premises, means any such liquid which is so produced in the course of any trade or industry carried on at those premises.

But does not include domestic sewage.

**“valuation list”** means the valuation list prepared under Part V of the General Rate Act 1967 as it stood at 31 March 1990;

**“year”** and **“metered supply charging year”** mean a period of twelve months commencing on 1 April; and **“year of charge”** means the year in respect of which any charge is fixed;

**“Yorkshire Water charges”** means the charges Yorkshire Water makes to customers in those parts of its Water Supply and Sewerage Services Areas (as set out in the Instrument of Appointment) which on 31 March 2000 were served by Yorkshire Water Services Limited;

**“York Waterworks charges”** means the charges Yorkshire Water makes to customers in those parts of its Water Supply Area (as set out in the Instrument of Appointment) which on 31 March 2000 were served by The York Waterworks Limited and other expressions bear any meaning given in that part of this Scheme in which they occur.

Reference to the Water Industry Act 1991 includes reference to that Act as amended from time to time.

# 7. Non-household



## 7.1 Non-household overview

Yorkshire Water exited the non-household retail market in October 2019 and therefore this section includes a summary of non-household wholesale charges for Retailers operating in the Yorkshire Water area. Full details can be found within our Wholesale Charges 2025/2026 document as published on our website:

[yorkshirewater.com/business/wholesale-charges](https://yorkshirewater.com/business/wholesale-charges)

## 7.2 Wholesale non-household charges 2025/2026

### Yorkshire Water water charges (excluding York Waterworks)

Description	Units	2025/2026 wholesale non-household charges
<b>Unmeasured non-household</b>		
Rateable value charge	p/£RV	239.30
Fixed charge (low consumption)	£/annum	62.48
<b>Assessed non-household</b>		
Fixed charge (low consumption)	£/annum	62.48
Assessed – Small (145m <sup>3</sup> )	£/annum	301.99
Assessed – Medium (255m <sup>3</sup> )	£/annum	531.09
Assessed – Large (550m <sup>3</sup> )	£/annum	1,145.48
Assessed – Extra Large (1,000m <sup>3</sup> )	£/annum	2,082.69
<b>Measured non-household</b>		
<b>Volumetric charge less than 50 thousand cubic metres p.a.</b>		
Standard Tariff 0–5 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	208.27
Standard Tariff 5–50 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	208.27
<b>Volumetric charge more than 50 thousand cubic metres p.a.</b>		
Banded Tariff: <50 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	208.27
Banded Tariff: >50 to 250 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	133.00
Banded Tariff: >250 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	112.25

## York waterworks water charges

Description	Units	2025/2026 non-household charges
<b>Unmeasured non-household</b>		
Rateable Value Charge	p/£RV	138.29
Fixed charge	£/annum	34.67
<b>Assessed non-household</b>		
Fixed charge (low consumption)	£/annum	34.67
Assessed – Small (145m <sup>3</sup> )	£/annum	167.55
Assessed – Medium (255m <sup>3</sup> )	£/annum	294.65
Assessed – Large (550m <sup>3</sup> )	£/annum	635.53
Assessed – Extra Large (1,000m <sup>3</sup> )	£/annum	1,155.50
<b>Measured non-household</b>		
<b>Volumetric charge less than 50 thousand cubic metres p.a.</b>		
Standard Tariff 0–5 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	115.55
Standard Tariff 5–50 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	115.55
<b>Volumetric charge more than 50 thousand cubic metres p.a.</b>		
Banded Tariff: <50 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	115.55
Banded Tariff: >50 to 250 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	101.53
Banded Tariff: >250 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	101.53

## Yorkshire Water unmeasured sewerage charges

Description	Units	2025/2026 non-household charges
<b>Unmeasured non-household</b>		
Rateable Value Charge – HWD charge	p/£RV	26.60
Rateable Value Charge – Foul charge	p/£RV	265.73
Rateable Value Charge – Total	p/£RV	292.33
Fixed charge	£/annum	74.08
<b>Assessed non-household</b>		
Fixed charge (low consumption)	£/annum	74.08
Assessed – Small (145m <sup>3</sup> ) – HWD charge	£/annum	32.58
Assessed – Small (145m <sup>3</sup> ) – Foul charge	£/annum	325.46
Assessed – Small (145m <sup>3</sup> ) – Total	£/annum	358.04
Assessed – Medium (255m <sup>3</sup> ) – HWD charge	£/annum	57.30
Assessed – Medium (255m <sup>3</sup> ) – Foul charge	£/annum	572.36
Assessed – Medium (255m <sup>3</sup> ) – Total	£/annum	629.66
Assessed – Large (550m <sup>3</sup> ) – HWD charge	£/annum	123.59
Assessed – Large (550m <sup>3</sup> ) – Foul charge	£/annum	1,234.51
Assessed – Large (550m <sup>3</sup> ) – Total	£/annum	1,358.10
Assessed – Extra Large (1,000m <sup>3</sup> ) – HWD charge	£/annum	224.70
Assessed – Extra Large (1,000m <sup>3</sup> ) – Foul charge	£/annum	2,244.57
Assessed – Extra Large (1,000m <sup>3</sup> ) – Total	£/annum	2,469.27

## Yorkshire Water measured sewerage charges

Description	Units	2025/2026 non-household charges
<b>Measured non-household</b>		
<b>Volumetric charge less than 50 thousand cubic metres p.a.</b>		
HWD – Standard Tariff 0-5	p/m <sup>3</sup>	23.65
Foul – Standard Tariff 0-5	p/m <sup>3</sup>	236.27
Standard Tariff 0-5 per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	259.92
HWD – Standard Tariff 5-50	p/m <sup>3</sup>	23.65
Foul – Standard Tariff 5-50	p/m <sup>3</sup>	236.27
Standard Tariff 5-50 per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	259.92
<b>Volumetric charge more than 50 thousand cubic metres p.a.</b>		
HWD – Banded Tariff: <50 Mla	p/m <sup>3</sup>	23.65
Foul – Banded Tariff: <50 Mla	p/m <sup>3</sup>	236.27
Banded Tariff: <50 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	259.92
Banded Tariff: >50 to 250 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	210.09
Banded Tariff: >250 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	191.76



## Yorkshire Water surface water charges

Description	Units	2025/2026 non-household charges
<b>Surface water drainage</b>		
Surface Water Drainage: Band – A – Up to 500 m <sup>2</sup>	£/annum	78.07
Surface Water Drainage: Band – B – Up to 750 m <sup>2</sup>	£/annum	156.15
Surface Water Drainage: Band – C – Up to 1,000 m <sup>2</sup>	£/annum	234.22
Surface Water Drainage: Band – D – Up to 2,000 m <sup>2</sup>	£/annum	312.29
Surface Water Drainage: Band – E – Up to 15,000 m <sup>2</sup>	£/annum	624.59
Surface Water Drainage: Band – F – Up to 35,000 m <sup>2</sup>	£/annum	4,684.42
Surface Water Drainage: Band – G – Up to 150,000 m <sup>2</sup>	£/annum	10,930.30
Surface Water Drainage: Band – H – Over 150,000 m <sup>2</sup>	£/annum	46,844.17

## Yorkshire Water trade effluent charges

Description	Units	2025/2026 non-household charges
<b>Trade effluent</b>		
Reception charge standard tariff (<5Ml/a)	p/m <sup>3</sup>	76.84
Reception charge standard tariff (5>50Ml/a)	p/m <sup>3</sup>	76.84
Banded tariff: <50 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	76.84
Banded tariff: >50 to 250 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	43.36
Banded tariff: >250 thousand cubic metres per annum	p/m <sup>3</sup>	28.97
V – Preliminary treatment charge	p/m <sup>3</sup>	75.98
B – Biological treatment	p/m <sup>3</sup>	68.90
S – Sludge disposal charge	p/m <sup>3</sup>	45.52
Minimum charge (Annual)	£/annum	730.58
Os – Biological strength of combined sewage	mg/litre COD	840.00
Ss – Sludge strength of combined sewage	mg/litre StS	335.00

### Mogden Formula

$$\text{Unit Charge} = R + V + \frac{(Ot)}{(Os)} B + \frac{(St)}{(Ss)} S$$

# Thank you for reading



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