

# Connection & Availability Fees

## Connection Fees

### Water:

- Standard ¾" water connection with water main located on the same side of the road as the residents - \$1,500.00.
- 1" Water Connection - \$2,000.00
- Multi-Family/Unit - \$1,200.00
- For connection larger than ¾", and require installing service line across any primary or secondary roads, cost of connection shall be at cost of materials and labor.

### Sewer:

- Standard 4" residential connection with sewer main located on the same side of the as the residents - \$2,200.00.
- 6" Sewer Connection - \$2,600.00
- For connection larger than the standard, and or installing service line across any primary or secondary roads, cost of connection shall be at cost of materials and labor.

## Availability Fees

The purpose of the availability fees is to defray the continuing cost of providing water treatment, transmission mains, pumping stations, storage facilities, sewage treatment, sewer collection, and other capital items.

The charge for availability fee for water and sewer service shall be made for each new service in accord with the following schedule.

	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>
Single Family Dwelling ¾" Water & 4" Sewer	\$2500.00	\$3000.00
Single Family Dwelling 1" Water & 6" Sewer	\$3500.00	\$5000.00
Multi-Family, per family unit (Duplexes, condominiums, town-houses, apartments & mobile homes)	\$1200.00	\$1900.00

\*Per family unit is considered separately

	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>
Motel (per unit or room) (excluding on-site laundry)	\$300.00	\$500.00
Restaurants (per seat)	\$100.00	\$200.00
Laundromats (per machine)	\$900.00	\$1200.00
Nursing Homes (per bed)	\$400.00	\$500.00
Homes for the age (per bed)	\$300.00	\$400.00
Hospitals (per bed)	\$600.00	\$900.00
Doctor's Office (per patient bed)	\$400.00	\$500.00
Theaters, drive in type (per car)	\$40.00	\$50.00
Theaters, auditorium type (per seat)	\$40.00	\$50.00
Picnic areas (per person & park capacity)	\$40.00	\$50.00
Camps, resorts, overnight (per site)	\$40.00	\$50.00
Luxury camps with flush toilets (per camp site)	\$200.00	\$300.00

Any proposed use not covered above or in cases where a higher factor, hardship or community waiver is recommended by Staff, the Town Council shall make the final decision based upon written application with supporting data.

Availability charges for any water or sewage use not classified above shall be based on an equivalent residential use (ERU) determination by the Town Manager. Each ERU determined shall be assessed a charge of \$1200.00 per ERU for water and/or \$1900.00 respectively. The ERU determination shall be based on the building or premise water use for existing users, and on projected use or discharges for new users. Projected use or discharges shall be estimated utilizing design analysis and/or records of similar uses. All projected ERU determinations discharge to determine the accuracy of the ERU determination. If the ERU determination was high, the Town will refund the availability fee overpayment. Should any building use change placing a greater demand on the water or sewer system, additional availability fees may be assessed by the Manager based on the additional demand, with full credit given for availability fees already paid.

## **Residential Companion Water Meter for Irrigation Service - \$700.00**

*\*Subject to change; based on cost of raw materials.*

## **Utilities - Residential Companion Meter for Irrigation Service**

Town of Appomattox Public Works Department offers a residential companion meter to residents who have paid connection fees for a primary residential meter and would like a second meter to measure outside water use separately. No wastewater charges are applied to the residential companion meter, since outside water does not enter the sewer system. The residential companion meter for irrigation is available at a cost of \$700. It is not available for commercial use or entrances to subdivisions and their common areas.

### **When and where will it be installed?**

Town of Appomattox Public Works Department usually can install the residential companion irrigation meter within 14 calendar days after receiving an application, plumbing permit, and a connection fee of \$700. Town of Appomattox Public Works Department will choose the exact location of the residential companion meter that is installed near the domestic meter.

### **What inspections are required after the work is complete?**

After the residential companion meter is installed, it is the customer's responsibility to connect the irrigation piping to the companion meter. The customer may install his or her own irrigation system or contract the work to a plumber or irrigation contractor. The installation of all irrigation lines must meet the town's plumbing requirements at all times. All irrigation systems must include the installation of a backflow preventer between the residential companion meter and the irrigation system. When all work is completed, the customer must contact the Town of Appomattox Public Works Department at 434-352-8393 for a final inspection of the installation and the backflow preventer. The backflow preventer must be tested within 30 days of the final inspection and annually thereafter by a "backflow prevention device technician" as certified by the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulations. The Town of Appomattox does not perform testing on these private backflow-prevention devices, set testing rates, or collect any revenue from these tests. However, a list of backflow testers can be obtained from the Public Works Department.

### **Why do I need a backflow preventer if I use a companion meter with an irrigation system, and how do I file the test results?**

Backflow preventers play an important role in protecting drinking-water supplies, and the testing is required by the Virginia Department of Health. Test results must be returned to the Town of Appomattox Public Works Department, P.O. Box 705, Appomattox, VA 24522. The Backflow Prevention Assembly Test Report can be found online at [www.townofappomattox.com](http://www.townofappomattox.com) under Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program. If the device fails the inspection or the test results are not returned to the Public Works Department, the water

service will be disconnected until the inspection is completed. Call 434-352-8393 for more information.

## **How will I be billed?**

After the residential companion meter is installed, the irrigation information, including meter number, billing period and usage, will be included as a separate utility account. The account will be for water-only and will not include a sewer portion.

## **Supporting Documents**

[Application for Utilities Permit 372.13 KB](#)

[Irrigation Meter - Application for Utilities Permit 372.39 KB](#)