

# Clay County Water Rates

**Monthly Rates and charges.**

Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Water	
Base Charge of \$2.50 per ERU*	
Debt Service Charge of \$12.20 per ERU*	
Administration Charge of \$2.00 per Account	
Quantity	\$/1000 gal
1 to 2,000 gallons	2.00
2,001 to 5,000 gallons	2.25
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	2.50
10,001 to 20,000 gallons	3.00
20,001 to 50,000 gallons	3.50
Over 50,000 gallons	4.00

ERU = Equivalent Residential Unit

**Debt Service:**

The bond amount for water and wastewater projects funded by Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA), USDA Rural Development and other revenue bonds including all engineering fees and set up fees can be shown as a separate line item on the water bill or combined in the base charge.

**Fire Hydrant Charges:**

The charge for any existing fire hydrant or any newly installed fire hydrant within the county limits shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) per month. Two dollars (\$2.00) will be applied to the operating budget for maintenance and repair and thirty eight dollars (\$38.00) will be applied to water debt for fire protection.

**Tap-In Fees/Capital Recovery:**

Water tap-in/capital recovery fees shall be charged on the basis of residential units or equivalent residential units according to the tap-in fees listed hereinafter. Any fractional units resulting from the calculation of equivalent residential units shall be treated as a whole unit. In addition to the tap-in fees, installation fees shall be charged in accordance with schedules listed hereinafter. Installation fees shall cover only connection to existing mains that are adjacent to location to be served; the actual costs of any extensions necessary shall be charged in addition to tap-in and installation fees. All fees and charges shall be paid by the customer or customers at whose request the connection is made.

Water tap-in fees shall be charged as follows:

Seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) for each residential unit or equivalent residential unit

**Installation Fees:**

The director may authorize licensed master plumbers or licensed utility contractors to install connections to water facilities upon written application. Water meters shall be supplied to authorized licensed master plumbers or licensed utility contractors at cost; all other related accessories for water connections may be supplied to authorized licensed master plumbers or licensed utility contractors. The director shall require payment for all materials covered and those not specifically covered. All work done by other than city personnel shall be done only under the supervision of licensed master plumbers or licensed utility contractors authorized to perform such work. The director shall require that all installation is performed in accordance with specifications and/or standards conforming to sound engineering practices; in the event that such installation is not made in accordance with specifications and/or standards, the director may require the installation to be corrected or removed and reinstalled as necessary.

Water installation fees for making taps into the county water mains or water lines and installing water meters or providing water meters for plumbers to install shall be charged on the basis of reimbursement to the county for all actual costs incurred in making such installations.

An inspection fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for each water connection shall be charged when a licensed master plumber makes such connections.

**Charges for Miscellaneous Services:**

If any action taken by unauthorized persons inside a meter box causes damages to a curb stop or a cover or lock connected to a curb stop, the resident or customer responsible for the premises shall be charged a fee of \$75.00 for each incident in addition to other fees and charges.

Other account fees, service charges and penalties shall be charged as applicable:

Account Establishment Fee	\$ 15.00
Returned Check Fee	\$ 35.00
Locating Meter	\$ 40.00
Turn-on/Turn off at Customer Request -- per Trip ***	\$ 40.00
Emergency Call Out for Turn-on/Turn off – per Trip ***	\$ 60.00
Second and Subsequent Rereads ( within a 12 month period)*	\$ 40.00
After Hours Turn-on (Service application received after 4:00 pm)	\$ 60.00
Emergency Call Out for Turn-on**	\$ 90.00
Remove and Test Meter (If meter reads within manufactures specifications)	\$125.00
Turn-off for Delinquency	\$ 50.00
Lock Meter for Delinquency	\$ 75.00
Remove Meter for Delinquency	\$100.00
Removal of Straight Line or Jumper	\$200.00
Cut off Water at Main	\$500.00

\* Reread fees do not apply if regularly scheduled meter read is determined to be incorrect.

\*\* Fees apply when water cannot be left on during normally scheduled turn-on times.

\*\*\* Fee will not be assessed when the turn-on/turn/off is for the installation of a homeowner valve

**Deposits, Late Fees and Service Charges:**

Deposits shall be two and one-half (2½) times the monthly bill for all services, as estimated by the director using whatever data may be available, with a minimum deposit of Seventy five dollars (\$75.00) per unit for water. In the event a utility bill has not been paid by the past due date printed on the bill, the account may be subject to an additional late fee of 15% of the balance owed and not less than five dollars (\$5.00). Late fees may be incurred whether or not the service is disconnected.

Reconnection of services outside regular business hours at the request of customer shall be charged at 150 % of the rates in the above schedule.

Payment of these fees shall not exempt any user from any civil or criminal action resulting from violations of this chapter.

**Equivalent Residential Units:**

An equivalent residential unit is that portion of a user's facility that has an impact on the water system equivalent to a single family residence. The determination of a facility's equivalent residential units shall be based on estimated water consumption as shown in guidelines below or on square footage. Peak water consumption of three hundred (300) gallons per day. The standards in the table below shall be used in the determination of water consumption. If the table does not provide information for a particular application, the estimated water consumption shall be as calculated by the director in accordance with sound engineering practices using information available from Georgia EPD, USEPA, AWWA or standard reference materials commonly used for estimating flows.

<u>Type of Facility</u>	<u>Water Usage In Gallons Per Day</u>
Assembly Hall	3 per seat
Barber Shop/Beauty Parlor	125 per chair
Boarding House **	100 per room
Bowling Alley	50 per lane
Church	
w/o Day Care or Kindergarten	5 per seat
Correctional Institution	300 per bed
Country Club,	
Recreation Facilities Only	25 per member
Day Care Center, no meals	15 per person
Dental Office	100 per chair
Department Store	25 per employee
Factory	
without showers	25 per employee
with showers	35 per employee
Food Service Establishments (toilets & kitchen) **	
1) Restaurants,	
up to 12 hours/day to 18 hours/day	35 per seat
2) Restaurants,	
that use paper products only	15 per seat
3) Restaurants,	
above 18 hours /day	50 per seat
4) Bar and Cocktail Lounge	30 per seat
5) Drive-in Restaurant	35 per car space
6) Carry-out Only	35 per 100 sq. ft
plus	15 per employee

Hospital	
1) Inpatient	300 per bed
2) Outpatient	300 per bed
Hotel, no kitchen	100 per room
Kindergarten, no meals	15 per person
Laundry, Commercial	1000 per machine
Laundry, coin	150 per machine
Lodges	50 per bed
Mobile Home Park	300 per site
Motel, no kitchen	100 per room
Nursing Home	100 per bed
Office	25 per employee
Physician's Office	200 per exam room
Prison	300 per inmate
Schools:	
1) Boarding	100 per person
2) Day, Restrooms Only	12 per person
3) Day, Restrooms, and Cafeteria	16 per person
4) Day, Restrooms, Gyms & Cafeteria	20 per person
Service Stations serving Interstate:	
1) Full Service	425 + 150 per pump
2) Fuel and Oil Only	150 per pump
Service Stations serving other locations:	
1) Full Service	300 + 100 per pump
2) Fuel and Oil Only	100 per pump
Service Stations serving any locations:	
Car Wash	500 per stall
Shopping Center (not including food service or laundry)	10 per 100 sq. ft
Stadium	2 per seat
Theater	5 per seat
Travel Trailer Park:	
1) With Independent Water & Sewer Connection	100 per site
2) W/o Independent Water & Sewer Connection	35 per site
Warehouse	10 per 100 sq. ft

\*\* Add 300 gallons per machine to amount indicated if laundry or dish washing machines are installed.

In the event a facility is made up of more than one smaller component facility, the determination of equivalent residential units shall be calculated as the sum of all component's residential equivalent units.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the foregoing rate and fee schedules shall become effective immediately upon approval of this Resolution by the Clay County Board of Commissioners and shall be reflected in the billings to customers beginning with the bills sent out in October, 2016 for September, 2016 usage.