

SECTION 2: PRIMARY CHARGES

Part 1 The metered water supply charge

1. Chargeable supplies

- 1.1 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 the Wholesaler.
- 1.2 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 the Wholesaler's own convenience.
- 1.3 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 the Water (Meters) Regulations 1988.
- 1.4 Where a premise receives a metered piped supply of water and one or more piped supplies of water to those premises are either unmetered or the meter is damaged then a charge shall be raised on either:
 - (a) Unmeasured basis
 - (b) Assessed
 - (c) Fixed water charge

2. Charges

Water supply charges	Excluding York Waterworks	York Waterworks
Standard charges (forecast volume > 500m ³)		
Fixed charge	£0.00	£0.00
Volumetric charge 0-50MI per year (pro-rated)	£2.3175	£1.2858
Volumetric charge 50-250MI per year (pro-rated)	£1.4799	£1.1297
Volumetric charge 250MI+ per year (pro-rated)	£1.2491	£1.1297
Low user charges (forecast volume < 500m ³)		
Fixed charge	£70.14	£70.14
Volumetric charge	£2.2458	£1.2460

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The volume item applies to the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 and an apportionment shall be made on a daily basis in respect of meter readings which are outside of the period. 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 on a daily basis.

Part 2 The sewerage charge on a metered basis

1. Chargeable supplies

- 1.1 Subject to the provisions of this scheme, sewerage charges are payable on a metered basis where:
- (a) a metered supply of water has been recorded; or
 - (b) where water is charged on an assessed basis.
- 1.2 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. Where an agreement is not in operation for both water and sewerage charges, an unmeasured basis of charging will be applied to each property based on rateable value or a fixed basis by agreement.
- (a) where there is a common area belonging to a number of separately occupied premises, the charge relating to the common area, will be apportioned on a pro-rata basis of the area of each individual premise;
 - (b) where there is communication, other than by a highway, between a domestic premise and any other premise, being non-household premises or occupied by the same person. The charge for both such premises shall be determined by aggregating the total site areas of both such premises and applying to such total area in accordance with this paragraph the scale of charges for premises other than household premises.

2. Charges

Sewerage supply charges	
Standard charges (forecast volume > 500m ³)	
Fixed charge – per year	£0.00
Volumetric charge 0-50MI per year (pro-rated) - per m ³	£3.1416
Volumetric charge 50-250MI per year (pro-rated) - per m ³	£2.5393
Volumetric charge 250MI+ per year (pro-rated) - per m ³	£2.3178
Low user charges (forecast volume < 500m ³)	
Fixed charge – per year	£58.70
Volumetric charge - per m ³	£2.9890

Surface water drainage charge (surface area in m ²)	
Standard charges (forecast volume > 500m ³)	
Band A (0 ≤ 500 m ²)	£94.01
Band B (> 500 ≤ 750 m ²)	£188.06
Band C (> 750 ≤ 1,000 m ²)	£282.09
Band D (> 1,000 ≤ 2,000 m ²)	£376.12
Band E (> 2,000 ≤ 15,000 m ²)	£752.24
Band F (> 15,000 ≤ 35,000 m ²)	£5,641.86
Band G (> 35,000 ≤ 150,000 m ²)	£13,164.34
Band H (> 150,000 m ²)	£56,418.65
Low user charges (forecast volume < 500m ³)	
Band A (0 ≤ 500 m ²)	£89.45
Band B (> 500 ≤ 750 m ²)	£178.93
Band C (> 750 ≤ 1,000 m ²)	£268.39
Band D (> 1,000 ≤ 2,000 m ²)	£357.85
Band E (> 2,000 ≤ 15,000 m ²)	£715.70
Band F (> 15,000 ≤ 35,000 m ²)	£5,367.83
Band G (> 35,000 ≤ 150,000 m ²)	£12,524.95
Band H (> 150,000 m ²)	£53,678.37

- 2.1 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 eligible premises and which is not currently subject to a separate agreement with respect to payment of sewerage charges.

- 2.2 The sewerage item is calculated as 95% of the water volume for the period 1 April to 31 March, unless the return to sewer is consistently in excess or below 95%, in such case the sewerage volume shall be reduced. This adjustment is a current-year adjustment only:
- (a) This adjustment will not be applied to prior years unless:
 - (i) The Customer receives the first measured account after the completion of a charging year, in this instance the adjustment to the volume will apply from the date of occupation or meter installation and approval; or
 - (b) Where any quantity of water received is discharged as trade effluent separately this volume will be deducted prior to the sewerage calculation.
- 2.3 Where discharging via a septic tank the 95% assumption of volume return to sewer will be reduced to 70%.
- 2.4 Where Surface Water Community Band is applicable, the value under the charging element will be charged as 20.

Part 3 The trade effluent charge

1. The charge

1.1 The trade effluent charge is payable in respect of the control, reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent from eligible premises received into a public sewer or where the Customer has the benefit of a trade effluent agreement where the discharge of trade effluent is to the Wholesaler's waste water treatment works.

1.2 In this part of the scheme:

- (a) "the effluent" means trade effluent discharged (whether directly or indirectly) into a public sewer under a statutory consent of the Wholesaler or received at the Wholesaler's waste water treatment works;
- (b) "regional" refers to the Wholesaler's area of appointment as a sewerage undertaker as defined in the Instrument of Appointment;
- (c) References to "foul sewage" and "sludge" are to those at the Wholesaler's waste water treatment works.

1.3 Trade effluent charges are made and are subject to either:

- (a) minimum charge; or
- (b) charges calculated using the Mogden Formula.

The Mogden Formula is as follows:

$$\text{Unit charge (£ per m}^3\text{)} = R + V + B \frac{O_t}{O_s} + S \frac{S_t}{S_s}$$

Where:

- R The charge per cubic metre for the reception and conveyance of trade effluent
- V the cost per cubic metre of the preliminary treatment of foul sewage (including such preliminary treatment as is appropriate to the circumstances of the receiving waste water treatment works in question)
- O_t the Chemical Oxygen Demand of the effluent
- O_s the Chemical Oxygen Demand of the foul sewage
- B the cost per cubic metre of biological oxidation of foul sewage, together with such proportion of the sludge cost as may be attributable to the treatment and disposal of sludge arising from the said biological oxidation
- S_t settleable solids in the effluent

Ss settleable solids in the foul sewage

S such proportion as is not included in B of the average cost, per cubic metre of foul sewage received, of the treatment and disposal of sludge (the whole of such cost being referred to above as "the sludge")

Ot, St, Os and Ss are derived after one hour's quiescent settlement. Ot and St are adjusted to a pH of 7.

Ot and St are derived from the average strength of all chargeable samples taken over the previous 12-month period and fixed prior to the settlement calculation or according to the assessed strength of the effluent or the standard regional strength of the relevant type of trade effluent.

- (a) Where preliminary treatment, biological oxidation or sludge treatment is not normally provided or is provided only in part for the effluent, the whole or due proportion of the respective component V, B or S is omitted.
- (b) Each of those values, and the due proportion under B and S, are ascertained by the Wholesaler. Costs are as calculated by the Wholesaler for the ensuing year.
- (c) Different values and proportions may apply by agreement between the Wholesaler and the Customer.

2. Charges

2.1 For the year commencing 1 April 2026 the formula for calculation of the charges are as follows:

$$\text{Unit charge (£ per m}^3\text{)} = R + V + B \frac{Ot}{Os} + S \frac{St}{Ss}$$

Trade effluent charges	
Standard charges (forecast sewerage + effluent volume >500 m ³ per year)	
Minimum charge – per year	£883.02
Reception (R) - 0-50MI per year (pro-rated) - per m ³	£0.9287
Reception (R) - 50-250MI per year (pro-rated) - per m ³	£0.5241
Reception (R) - >250MI per year (pro-rated) - per m ³	£0.3501
Volumetric (V) - per m ³	£0.9183
Biological oxidation (B) - per m ³ at standard strength	£0.8328
Sludge treatment (S) - per m ³ at standard strength	£0.5502
Standard biological strength – Os	840
Standard sludge strength – Ss	335
Low user charges (forecast sewerage + effluent volume <500 m ³ per year)	
Minimum charge – per year	£840.13
Reception (R) - 0-50MI per year (pro-rated) - per m ³	£0.8836
Reception (R) - 50-250MI per year (pro-rated) - per m ³	£0.4986
Reception (R) - >250MI per year (pro-rated) - per m ³	£0.3331
Volumetric (V) - per m ³	£0.8737
Biological oxidation (B) - per m ³ at standard strength	£0.7923
Sludge treatment (S) - per m ³ at standard strength	£0.5234
Standard biological strength – Os	840
Standard sludge strength – Ss	335

2.2 For the purposes of assessing the volume range the charge shall be applied to the total trade effluent discharge at any separately metered individual set of eligible premises in common ownership which discharges trade effluent and which are not currently subject to a separate agreement with respect to payment of the reception charge.

- (a) Where effluent is discharged from premises which do not fulfil the statutory criteria for the definition of trade premises then the Wholesaler shall, at its discretion, assess the proportion of effluent that shall be charged as trade effluent where it is not possible or practicable to measure that effluent by meter.
- (b) The Customer shall become ineligible for the reduction in the standard charge in respect of the reception charge for discharges in excess of 50 thousand cubic metres if the Customer fails to comply with the Wholesaler's Code of Practice for the Control of Trade Effluent Draining to Public Sewers. In the case of such

ineligibility, the standard charge shall be applied to all discharges for the remainder of the year of charge from the date of ineligibility and a meter reading shall be taken by the Wholesaler for such purposes.

- 2.3 Where the Customer contributes to the reception and conveyance costs in relation to a discharge of trade effluent by way of a separate agreement direct with the Wholesaler then the Wholesaler shall make an appropriate allowance as assessed by the Wholesaler in its total discretion to the basic unit R charge.
- 2.4 The standard strength for launderette effluent is: -
 - (a) Ot – Biological strength of launderette effluent – 750 mg/litre COD
 - (b) St – Sludge strength of launderette effluent – 50 mg/litre StS
- 2.5 Pro-rata charges apply to the minimum charge as appropriate.

Part 4 The unmeasured water supply charge

1. Chargeable supplies

- 1.1 The unmeasured water supply charge is applied to every piped supply of water to or habitually used in eligible premises and which is not charged on a measured basis for the period of occupation. Where a period of occupation of the premises is less than the full year, charges shall be apportioned on a daily basis.
- 1.2 Where water is supplied by a common pipe for eligible premises or parts of eligible 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.
- 1.3 Where water is supplied to two or more hereditaments on an unmeasured basis and such hereditaments merge to form a single property the Customer may opt to pay for the newly formed single hereditament based on the total sum of the rateable values for the separate hereditaments or on a metered basis.
- 1.4 Where the hereditament has undergone a material physical change or material change of use, a review of the unmeasured charge will take place.
- 1.5 Where the unmeasured water supply charge would otherwise be payable for the use of a supply for a premise having no piped supply within its boundary, it will not be payable where such use is either of piped supply elsewhere to a premise or of a meter piped supply elsewhere.

2. Charges

Water supply unmeasured charges	Excluding York Waterworks	York Waterworks
Standard user		
Fixed charge - per year	£58.70	£58.70
Rateable value charge (£ per £RV)	£2.5804	£1.4912
Low user		
Fixed charge - per year	£126.08	£96.08

Part 5 The fixed water supply charge

1. Chargeable supplies

2. Charges

Water assessed non-household charges	Excluding York Waterworks	York Waterworks
Property size		
Fixed charge (low consumption) - per year	£126.08	£96.08
Small (145 m ³) - per year	£384.35	£239.38
Medium (255 m ³) - per year	£631.39	£376.44
Large (550 m ³) - per year	£1,293.92	£744.02
Extra large (1,000 m ³) - per year	£2,304.58	£1,304.74

Part 6 The sewerage charge on an unmeasured basis

1. Chargeable supplies

- 1.1 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 apportioned on a daily basis if less than a year.
- 1.2 Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the unmeasured sewerage charge is payable, for the period of occupation, where there is no water supply and no foul effluent connection to sewer, but which is connected either directly or through an intermediate sewer or drain to a public sewer for surface water drainage.
- 1.3 The sewerage charge is subject to charges in respect of surface water and/or groundwater drainage based on the chargeable area of the premise.
- (a) In this part of the scheme
- (i) chargeable area includes:
- the total site area of premises
 - the curtilage thereof and all land held together therewith
 - even if the surface area is permeable
 - or where it is separated at any point by a highway or other public right of way,
- (b) For the purposes of (a) above:
- (i) where there is a common area belonging to a number of separately occupied premises, the charge relating to the common area, will be apportioned on a pro rata basis of the area of each individual premise;
- (ii) where there is communication, other than by a highway, between a domestic premise and any other premise, being non-household premises or occupied by the same person. The charge for both such premises shall be determined by aggregating the total site areas of both such premises and applying to such total area in accordance with this paragraph the scale of charges for premises other than household premises.

2. Charges

2.1 The unmeasured sewerage charge is the sum of:

- (a) a standing item
- (b) a rateable value charge per pound of the rateable value of the hereditament

Unmeasured sewerage supply charges	
Standard charge	
Fixed charge - per year	£58.70
Rateable value charge (£ per £RV)	£3.3497
Low user charge	
Fixed charge - per year	£143.89

Unmeasured surface water drainage charge	
Band (surface area in square metres)	
A ($0 \leq 500 \text{ m}^2$) - per year	£89.45
B ($> 500 \leq 750 \text{ m}^2$) - per year	£178.93
C ($> 750 \leq 1,000 \text{ m}^2$) - per year	£268.39
D ($> 1,000 \leq 2,000 \text{ m}^2$) - per year	£357.85
E ($> 2,000 \leq 15,000 \text{ m}^2$) - per year	£715.70
F ($> 15,000 \leq 35,000 \text{ m}^2$) - per year	£5,367.83
G ($> 35,000 \leq 150,000 \text{ m}^2$) - per year	£12,524.95
H ($> 150,000 \text{ m}^2$) - per year	£53,678.37

Part 7 The sewerage charge on a fixed basis

1. Chargeable supplies

2. Charges

2.1 For the year commencing 1 April 2026 the charge shall be per table below.

Assessed sewerage charges	
Property size	
Fixed charge (low consumption) - per year	£143.89
Small (145 m ³) - per year	£470.43
Medium (255 m ³) - per year	£782.79
Large (550 m ³) - per year	£1,620.46
Extra large (1,000 m ³) - per year	£2,898.27

Assessed surface water drainage charge	
Band (surface area in square metres)	
A (0 ≤ 500 m ²) - per year	£89.45
B (> 500 ≤ 750 m ²) - per year	£178.93
C (> 750 ≤ 1,000 m ²) - per year	£268.39
D (> 1,000 ≤ 2,000 m ²) - per year	£357.85
E (> 2,000 ≤ 15,000 m ²) - per year	£715.70
F (> 15,000 ≤ 35,000 m ²) - per year	£5,367.83
G (> 35,000 ≤ 150,000 m ²) - per year	£12,524.95
H (> 150,000 m ²) - per year	£53,678.37