

OAK BLUFFS WATER DISTRICT
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OAK BLUFFS WATER DISTRICT
RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS
(Effective 6/30/22)

The following Rates, Rules and Regulations which are subject to additions and amendments, shall be considered a part of the contract with every person who takes water from the Water District, and every such person taking water shall be considered to have expressed his/her consent to be bound thereby.

The Oak Bluffs Water District issues water bills on a quarterly basis.
The water bills will be issued in July, October, January and April.

Residential & Commercial Rates

Ready to Service Charge	\$128.20
0 – 25,000 gallons	\$2.57 per 1,000 gallons
25,001-50,000 gallons	\$3.53 per 1,000 gallons
Over 50,000 gallons	\$3.96 per 1,000 gallons
Lagoon Pond Restoration CIF - #1	\$0.0007937 per gallon

Disabled Veteran Rate: 20% Discount (Must qualify for tax abatement under M.G.L. 59, Sec. 5, cl 22.)

MUST apply at the office of the Town Assessor.

Ready to Service Charge	\$102.56
0 – 25,000 gallons	\$2.06 per 1,000 gallons
25,001-50,000 gallons	\$2.82 per 1,000 gallons
Over 50,000 gallons	\$3.18 per 1,000 gallons
Lagoon Pond Restoration CIF - #1	\$0.0007937 per gallon

Lifeline Rate: 50% Discount (Must qualify for tax abatement under M.G.L. 59, sec. 41C)

MUST apply at the office of the Town Assessor.

Ready to Service Charge	\$64.10
0 – 25,000 gallons	\$1.29 per 1,000 gallons
25,001-50,000 gallons	\$1.76 per 1,000 gallons
Over 50,000 gallons	\$1.98 per 1,000 gallons
Lagoon Pond Restoration CIF - #1	\$0.0007937 per gallon

Fire Line

Base Charge	\$75.00
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Life Line Rate:

Senior citizens who qualify for a tax abatement under M.G.L. 59, sec. 41C also qualify for a discount on the flat rate portion of their water bill.

Veteran Rate:

Military Veterans who qualify for a tax abatement under M.G.L. 59, sec. 5, cl 22 also qualify for a discount on the flat rate portion of their water bill.

Water bills for new services commence the first day of the month that the water is turned on. The District will continue to bill a property for water service until the meter is returned to the Water District, the service is turned off in the street and the account has been inactive for 365 consecutive days.

The owner of record is responsible for all unpaid water bills and jobbing bills relating to their water service. Unpaid water charges are attached to the property and are passed on to the new owner if settlement has not been rendered at the property closing.

A \$10.00 handling fee will be charged to accounts for returned checks to cover bank charges and administrative costs.

Where water passes through a meter, it may be used for any and all purposes on the premises of the consumer and shall be paid for whether used or wasted. **The Water District promotes and advises all customers to conserve water.**

Property owners will be held responsible for payment of all bills.

Bills are due and payable when rendered. Bills not paid on time are subject to the following:

1. Interest to be charged at 12% per annum from due date.
2. Water termination if delinquent.
3. Tax lien to be placed on property.
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Bills for labor (Jobbing Bills) must be paid in full at the time the bill is received. Jobbing bills not paid within thirty (30) days are cause for water termination. Please pay separately from water bill.

The failure of an Owner / Agent to receive his / her bill does not relieve them of the responsibility of making payment in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the District. It is the owner's responsibility to notify the District of any billing address changes.

Jobbing & Miscellaneous Rates

Water turn-on / turn-off	\$45
Water turn-on / turn-off (After normal business hours)	\$90
System Development Charge (Each new connection)	\$1300
Labor Rate (per hour)	\$85
Backhoe Rate (per hour)	\$150
Dump Truck Rate (per hour)	\$50
Accupunch (per day or part thereof)	\$400
Tapping Fee	\$100
Trench Inspection	\$85
Water Quality Test (cost of test plus 20%)	
Police Details (at cost)	
Pavement Restoration (material cost plus 20%)	
Turn-on after termination	\$100
Backflow Testing	\$125

WATER TURN ON/OFF

Twenty-four-hour notice will be required for all turn on and offs. The owner is responsible for keeping the curb box accessible. In the case of emergencies, the Water District will take all necessary steps to locate and access the curb box with no responsibility to the district for damages or repair.

The Water District shall not be liable for, nor be compelled to pay any damages resulting to a customer's property from the acts of the public enemy, or the elements, or any accident, misfortune, failure or break in machinery, reservoirs or pipes of the Water District.

All customers having boilers on their premises depending upon the pressure in the pipes to keep them supplied are hereby cautioned against danger of collapse. All hot water tanks and boilers must be equipped with pressure relief valves to prevent injury when water is being shut or drawn off. The Water District assumes no responsibility for damages in such cases.

Meters

All services will be required to install five eighths (5/8") meter with full port one (1") inch ball valve located on the in-take section of the meter and a spring-loaded rubber seated check valve on the discharge side of the meter. Larger size meters and other backflow prevention devices will be installed under the recommendation of the Water District or where the Safe Drinking Water Act requires.

All meters and valves will be installed in the horizontal position in an accessible area. The following fines will be levied for meter tampering and illegal connections:

1. Any customer having a spacer bar connection rather than a meter will be subject to a \$250 fine.
2. Any meter which is documented to be tampered with, i.e. head removed, meter removed, bypass installed etc. will be levied a \$250 fine and the service will be terminated until the situation is rectified to the satisfaction of the District.

Second offenses of meter tampering will carry a \$500 fine and the service will be terminated until the situation is rectified to the satisfaction of the district.

The Board of Water Commissioners reserve the right to discontinue water service to customers who have been repeatedly fined for meter tampering.

Final meter readings will be done at the request of the owner. Any meter not functioning properly at no fault of the owners will be replaced at no cost.

All customers taking water must provide a suitable place to install the meter and keep their water pipes and fixtures in good repair and protected from the frost at their own expense. When houses are closed for the season, **ALL METERS MUST BE DRAINED**. Any meter or meter part broken from frost or otherwise is repaired or replaced at the expense of the owner.

The Water District reserves the right to install an outside reading device on the exterior of the building for meter reading purposes which must be kept accessible. The district also reserves the right to implement any automated meter reading technology on the premise that does not adversely affect the property.

In no case shall two separate buildings occupied by the same or different tenants be supplied by one meter or service line. In the case of condominiums, each unit will be considered a separate building and will have a separate meter unless otherwise approved by the Board of Water Commissioners. Multiplex homes will also be considered separate units if sold separately.