

CALCULATING YOUR WATER USE AND WHAT IT MAY COST

2018/2019

You can estimate what your annual water and sewerage bill might be if you had a meter installed.

The table shown overleaf will help you to work out what your average annual bill could be if you were to switch to a water meter. Use your current bill to see how much you pay now and compare.

To assist you, we have given some examples below of how much water is used by a variety of appliances. These figures are estimates and your exact use will depend on the age of the appliance, but they should help you work out how much water you use.

More information including an interactive ready reckoner to help you calculate your water usage can be found on our website www.nw1.co.uk.

TOILET FLUSH



Per flush
7 litres
2p

DISHWASHER



Per cycle
15 litres
4p

SHOWER



50 litres
12p

BATH



80 litres
20p

WASHING MACHINE



Per cycle
50 litres
12p

SPRINKLER



Per hour
1,000 litres
£2.45

A GUIDE TO HOW MUCH YOU MAY USE

First, check the left hand column in the table below to see whether you are a low, average, above average or high user. To assist you, we have given some examples overleaf of how much water is used by a variety of appliances. These figures are estimates and your exact use will depend on the age of the appliance, but they should help you work out how much water you use.

Then match your usage with the number of people living in the property.

The amount in the box can give you an idea of how much your water and sewerage bill would be for a year (all figures have been rounded to the nearest pound).

A GUIDE TO HOW MUCH YOU MAY USE		NO. PEOPLE LIVING IN THE PROPERTY				
		1	2	3	4	5
Low user • Prefer showers to baths • Few/no baths • Infrequent/no use of washing machine • Do not water garden	Usage per year	40m ³	70m ³	95m ³	115m ³	135m ³
	Charges per year	£234	£307	£368	£417	£466
Average user • Frequent showers/few baths • Regular use of washing machine • No dishwasher • No hosepipe	Usage per year	55m ³	90m ³	125m ³	150m ³	170m ³
	Charges per year	£270	£356	£442	£503	£552
Above average user • Frequent baths/showers • Regular use of washing machine • Occasional use of dishwasher • Occasional use of hosepipe	Usage per year	70m ³	115m ³	155m ³	185m ³	215m ³
	Charges per year	£307	£417	£515	£589	£662
High user • Frequent baths • Heavy use of washing machine • Heavy use of dishwasher • Extensive use of sprinkler/hosepipe	Usage per year	135m ³	180m ³	220m ³	250m ³	280m ³
	Charges per year	£466	£577	£675	£748	£822

These figures are a guide only. Your actual bills will be based on a fixed charge for water and sewerage, plus the usage recorded on the meter.