



# WATER & SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

## FY 25

### WATER

The Selectboard of the Town of Stowe, acting in their capacity as the Water Commission pursuant to the provisions of 24 VSA §3306, §3311 and §3313 and Chapter 12 of the Stowe Town Charter, does hereby adopt the following water rates to be effective as of July 1, 2023. These water rates shall supersede and replace all previously adopted water rates.

#### **WATER ALLOCATION FEE:**

\$11.00 per Gallon per Day (GPD) of Allocation Flow, (90% of the Total Flow Rating). Water Allocation Fees for new connections shall be paid as a lump sum with a 10% down payment due upon issuance of the "Capacity to Serve" letter and the remainder due prior to issuance of Final Water Allocation Approval and Water Connection Permit. For existing connections, the Water Allocation Fee is payable in full upon issuance of the Capacity to Serve letter and Final Water Allocation Approval.

#### **WATER ACCESS FEE:**

Residential: **\$27.71** per month/unit

A residential unit shall be defined as one or more rooms connected and containing independent cooking, sleeping and bath facilities, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, rental or lease, on a weekly, monthly or longer basis, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same building.

Commercial/Mixed Use:

Commercial/Mixed Use shall be defined as any space for business purposes, with or without incidental (at least 50% commercial allocations), residential units. An access fee will be assessed for each meter. Federal and State assisted senior housing shall be billed as Commercial/Mixed Use.

Rate Tier	Water Allocation Flow	Access Fee
1	Up to 100 GPD	\$ 30.26/Month
2	101 to 400 GPD	\$45.37/Month
3	401 to 1250 GPD	\$60.50/Month
4	1251 to 5000 GPD	\$73.21/Month
5	Over 5000 GPD	\$90.80/Month

#### **WATER USE FEE:**

Residential: **\$ 0.0242** per Cubic Foot

Commercial/Mixed Use: **\$ 0.0485** per Cubic Foot

#### **WATER SPRINKLER FEE:**

Residential: **\$6.00** per month

Commercial/Mixed Use: **\$25.00** per month

**WATER ALLOCATION APPLICATION FEE: \$100.00**

**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY SERVICE CALL: \$100** per hour, 2 hours minimum

**LATE PAYMENT FEES:** Interest: 2% per month or portion thereof after due date:

**CONNECTION/TESTING/INSPECTION FEES: \$75** per Hour plus the cost of any materials supplied by the Town.

**WHOLESALE WATER: \$0.015** per Gallon

**TEMPORARY METER CHARGE: \$150 INSTALLATION FEE + WHOLESALE WATER RATE**

# SEWER

The Selectboard of the Town of Stowe, acting in their capacity as the Sewer Commission pursuant to the provisions of 24VSA §3506 and §3507, Section 203(8) of the Stowe Town Charter, and Chapter 8, Division 5 of the Stowe Municipal Code, does hereby adopt the following sewer rates to be effective as of July 1, 2023. These sewer rates shall supersede and replace all previously adopted sewer rate fee schedules.

**SEWER ALLOCATION FEE:**

\$21.00 per GPD of Allocation Flow, (80% of Total Flow Rating). Sewer Allocation Fees for new connections shall be paid as a lump sum with a 10% down payment due upon issuance of the issuance of the "Capacity to Serve" letter and the remainder due upon issuance of the Final Sewer Allocation Approval and Sewer Connection Permit. If no new connection, Sewer Allocation Fee is payable in full prior to the issuance of a Capacity to Serve letter and Final Sewer Allocation Approval.

**SEWER ACCESS FEE:**

Residential: **\$42.88** per month/unit

A residential unit shall be defined as one or more rooms connected together and containing independent cooking, sleeping and bath facilities, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, rental or lease, on a weekly, monthly or longer basis, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same building.)

Commercial/Mixed Use:

Commercial/Mixed Use shall be defined as any space for business purposes, with or without incidental (at least 50% commercial allocations), residential units. An access fee will be assessed for each meter. Federal and State assisted senior housing shall be billed as Commercial/Mixed Use.

Rate Tier	Sewer Allocation Flow	Access Fee
1	Up to 100 GPD	\$39.88/Month
2	101 to 400 GPD	\$67.02/Month
3	401 to 1250 GPD	\$100.52/Month
4	1251 to 5000 GPD	\$134.05/Month
5	Over 5000 GPD	\$201.05/Month

**SEWER USE FEE:**

Residential: **\$0.0466** per Cubic Foot

Commercial/Mixed Use: **\$0.0890** per Cubic Foot

**SEPTAGE RECEIVING FEE:**

Grey Water **\$0.050** per Gallon

Domestic Septage: **\$0.110** per Gallon

Portable Toilet Septage: **\$0.200** per Gallon

Grease Contaminated Septage: **\$0.500** per Gallon

**SEWER ALLOCATION APPLICATION FEE: \$100.00**

**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY SERVICE CALL: \$100** per hour, 2 hour minimum

**LATE PAYMENT FEES:** 2% per month or portion thereof after due date:

**CONNECTION/TESTING/INSPECTION FEES: \$75** per Hour plus the cost of any materials supplied by the Town.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. All Water and/or Sewer Allocation requests shall be reviewed by and if approved, allocated by the Water and/or Sewer Commissions.
2. The Total Flow Ratings and Allocation Fees shall be based on the sum of uses permitted by the Stowe Zoning Department using the following Unit Flow Rates and Allocation Fees/Unit:

Uses	Unit Flow Rate	Allocation Fee/Unit	
	GPD/Unit	Sewer	Water
Residential Bedrooms	150 GPD/Bedroom	\$2,520	\$1,485
Restaurant (2 Meals/day)	30 GPD/Seat	\$504	\$297
Restaurant (3 meals/day)	45 GPD/Seat	\$756	\$446
Retail (Up to 2000 square feet of retail area)	100 GPD/Store	\$1,680	\$990
Retail (Over 2000 square feet of retail area)	5 GPD/100 SF Retail Area	\$84	\$50
Office (1 employee /300 gross sq. ft. floor area )	15 GPD/Employee	\$252	\$149
Assembly areas; with no food service (Based upon max. permitted capacity)	5 GPD/Person	\$84	\$50
Assembly areas; with catered food service (Based upon max. permitted capacity)	10 GPD/Person	\$168	\$99
Assembly areas; with one meal food service (Based upon max. permitted capacity)	15 GPD/Person	\$252	\$149
Day Care (without meals provided)	15 GPD/Student & Employee	\$252	\$149
Day Care (with meals provided)	25 GPD/ Student & Employee	\$420	\$248
Doctor office (staff)	35 GPD/ Employee	\$588	\$347
Doctor office (patients)	10 GPD/ Patient	\$168	\$99
Lodging Facilities	50 GPD/Sleeping Space	\$840	\$495
Lodging Facility with Meals Served to Guest Only	5 GPD/Sleeping Space	\$84	\$50
Barber Shop/ Hair Salon with hair washing	150 GPD/Chair	\$2,520	\$1,485
Barber Shop/ Hair Salon with no hair washing	50 GPD/Chair	\$840	\$495
Barber Shop/ Hair Salon employees	10 GPD/Employee	\$168	\$99
Tasting Room with public toilet but no meals	300 GPD	\$5,040	\$2,970
Beer Brewing (not counting employees)	5.0 GPD/Gallon of Beer Brewed	\$76	\$45
Commercial Catering/ice cream shop/deli (not counting employees)	100 GPD	\$1,680	\$990
Laundry Service	450 GPD/Machine	\$7,560	\$4,455
School with boarding	100 GPD/Student	\$1,512	\$891
School, day use only, without food service	15 GPD/Student & Employee	\$252	\$149
School, day use only, with food service	20 GPD/Student & Employee	\$336	\$198
Service Stations (not counting employees)	125 GPD/fueling hose	\$2,100	\$1,238
Sports/Fitness Facilities with showers (not counting employees)	10 GPD/participant	\$168	\$99
Sports/Fitness Facilities without showers (not counting employees)	5 GPD/participant	\$84	\$50

Water Treatment Backwash shall be based upon the peak daily discharge from the proposed water treatment equipment. For proposed uses not indicated, the proposed Unit Flow Rates shall be as recommended by the Public Works Director and approved by the Water and/or Sewer Commissioners.

3. All previously issued Water and/or Sewer Allocation Liens and Deferred Payment Agreements shall run with the land and are not assignable. Allocation Liens and Deferred Payment Agreements are no longer offered by the Town.
4. Existing Total Flow Ratings shall be based upon the previously approved allocations that required the payment of an allocation fee or, if not previously allocated with an allocation fee paid, using the Unit Flow Ratings indicated for the existing uses permitted by Stowe Zoning.
5. All requests for modification of allocations shall be made by the property owner or an authorized agent.
6. Access Fees must be paid on unused allocations, or the allocation shall be forfeited and returned to the Town's Unallocated Reserves. Allocations shall be deemed unused if the meter is removed and access fees are no longer assessed.
7. Allocations shall not be reduced for Changes of Use that result in lower allocation flows, provided that the Access Fees continue to be paid based upon the original allocations.