LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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2026 FEE SCHEDULE

Service Installation Fee for the Sanitary Sewer or Water System

All service sizes required to be installed by the Lacey MUA will be charged on a time and material basis.

Connection Fee for the Sanitary Sewer System

The initial Connection Fee to connect directly or indirectly to the wastewater collection system represents payment of an amount which has already been paid by existing customers towards the retirement of the debt service of the existing facilities. The initial Connection Fee will be calculated in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21.

Residential Unit
Each single-family residential dwelling shall be considered as one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), based upon an average water consumption rate of 156 gallons per day, and shall pay an initial connection fee of $2,324.00, prior to connecting to the sanitary sewer system.

Multiple-Family Residential and Non-Residential
Each multi-family, commercial, industrial, institutional, professional, public, or other user, not heretofore mentioned, whose estimated water consumption exceeds 156 gallons per day, as estimated by the Authority's Engineer, shall pay an initial sewer connection fee based on the number of units. Such number of units shall be rounded up to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) of a unit, with a minimum of one unit per user, and multiplied by the single family residential unit charge.

Affordable Housing Projects
Public Housing Authorities and Non-Profit Organizations building affordable housing projects shall pay an initial connection fee of $1,162.00 per unit, prior to connecting to the sanitary sewer system.

Connection Fee for the Public Water System

The initial Connection Fee to connect directly or indirectly to the water system represents payment of an amount which has already been paid by existing customers towards the retirement of the debt service of the existing plant facilities. The initial Connection Fee will be calculated in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21.

Residential Unit
Each single-family residential dwelling shall be considered as one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), based upon an average water consumption rate of 156 gallons per day, and shall pay an initial connection fee of $8,752.00, prior to connecting to the public water system.

Multiple-Family Residential and Non-Residential
Each multi-family, commercial, industrial, institutional, professional, public, or other user, not heretofore mentioned, whose estimated water consumption exceeds 156 gallons per day, as estimated by the Authority's Engineer, shall pay an initial sewer connection fee based on the number of units. Such number of units shall be rounded up to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) of a unit, with a minimum of one unit per user, and multiplied by the single family residential unit charge.

Affordable Housing Projects
Public Housing Authorities and Non-Profit Organizations building affordable housing projects shall pay an initial connection fee of $4,376.00 per unit, prior to connecting to the public water system.

Permit/Inspection Fees for the Sanitary Sewer or Water System

Inspection Fee	$ 50.00 for each connection
Re-inspection Fee	$ 50.00 for each re-inspection
Service Installation Inspection Fee	$350.00 deposit required; inspection fees charged will be based on actual time.

Compliance Fees for the Sanitary Sewer or Water System

Inspection Fee	$15.00 for each connection
Re-inspection Fee	$15.00 for each re-inspection

Service Charges for the Sanitary Sewer System

Sewer usage charges shall be the sum of (A) Basic Service Charge and (B) Metered Service Charge.

(A) Basic Sewer Service Charge

The minimum amount of $76.50 per quarter shall be charged for sanitary sewer service.

(B) Metered Sewer Service Charge

In addition to the quarterly service charge, a charge will be made for all metered service per quarter, as registered by the water meter, as follows:

Rate 1	0 to 18,750 gallons	$1.16 per 1,000 gallons
Rate 2	18,751 to 50,000 gallons	$4.20 per 1,000 gallons
Rate 3	over 50,000 gallons	$7.90 per 1,000 gallons

Service Charges for the Water System

Water usage charges shall be the sum of (A) Basic Service Charge and (B) Metered Water Consumption Charge.

(A) Basic Quarterly Water Service Charge

METER SIZE	CHARGE	METER SIZE	CHARGE
5/8"	$ 24.76	3”	$ 372.16
3/4”	$ 28.22	4”	$ 479.87
1”	$ 38.65	6”	$ 719.59
1 1/2”	$ 52.56	8”	$ 997.54
2”	$ 90.93		

(B) Metered Water Consumption Charge

In addition to the quarterly service charge set forth above, a charge will be made for all water used as follows:

$5.38 per 1,000 gallons

Service Calls for the Sanitary Sewer and Public Water System

Regular Hours:	Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	- Time and Material
Overtime Hours:	After hours, Weekends, Holidays	- Time and Material with a minimum of two (2) hours.

Capping Sewer Laterals

Destroyed Dwellings	$200.00/lateral/occurrence
Connection Violations	$200.00/lateral/occurrence

Location of Sanitary Sewer Lateral

Sewer Lateral Discovered Within	Call NJ One Call for mark-out location
Two-Foot radius of Triangulation	800-272-1000

Code Violation Cost Recovery Charge

$50.00 Service Charge plus cost for parts and labor, as well as reimbursement to the Authority for any reasonable cost incurred for professional fees, because of the code violation.

Illegal Sanitary Sewer Connection Code Violation Cost Recovery Charge

Illegal Sanitary Sewer Connections in which storm water, sump pump discharge, subsurface drainage, surface water, groundwater, and/or roof runoff is discharged into the sanitary sewer system will be charged a $500.00 Code Violation Cost Recovery Charge plus cost for parts and labor, as well as reimbursement to the Authority for any reasonable cost incurred for professional fees, because of the code violation.

Returned Check Fee

A $20.00 Service Charge will be charged for any check or other written instrument returned for insufficient funds. In addition, the Authority may require future payments to be tendered in cash or by certified or cashier's check.

Multiple Meters

Individual water meters shall be installed and used for the purpose of measuring the water consumption of individual units located within a common structure, serviced by a common water and sewer service. Each individual water meter installation shall constitute a separate and individual water and sewer account. Applications for individual water meter installations shall be made to the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority on forms provided by the Authority. All individual accounts shall be in the name of and billed to the property owner of record. All water meter installations shall meet the Authority's specifications and installed in accordance with the Authority's rules and regulations. Meter and meter appurtenance charges – Cost plus 20%.

Irrigation Meters

At the option and expense of the property owner, individual water meters may be used for the purpose of measuring the water used for irrigation. Applications for irrigation water meter installations shall be made to the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority on forms provided by the Authority. All water meter installations shall meet the Authority's specifications and be installed in accordance with the Authority's rules and regulations. Irrigation water meters shall be billed separately for water use only. Potential savings will vary, depending on regular water usage. Meter and meter appurtenance charges – Cost plus 20%.

Pool Fill Credit

Upon application to the Authority, temporary meters may be obtained for the purpose of filling swimming pools. Following the return of the meter and processing of the appropriate paperwork, a sewer billing credit may be issued. Potential savings will vary, depending on regular water usage.

Toxic Pollutants

Any user of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority's collection system which discharges pollutants that cause an increase in the cost to the Ocean County Utilities Authority for handling the user's discharge or results in additional sludge treatment costs shall be surcharged for the increased cost by the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority in addition to the quarterly charge rate.

The increased cost shall be determined by the Ocean County Utilities Authority.

Strength of Sewage Characteristics

Discharges which exceed the maximum strength sewage requirements established by the Ocean County Utilities Authority shall be surcharged for the amount of the excess strength times the unit costs as established by the Ocean County Utilities Authority in addition to the annual charge. The surcharge shall be levied to the user by the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority.

Payments

Service charges shall be billed and due on a quarterly basis. Late payments shall be charged an interest fee of 1 1/2% per month on the first of the month following the due date on the unpaid balance until said payment and the interest thereon have been made. Said interest rate on unpaid service charges is mandated by N.J.S.A. 40:14B-41.

At the option of the customer, the initial connection fee can be paid off over a five-year plan. The five-year payment schedule requires 50 percent down of the connection fee and the remaining 50 percent of the connection fee to be paid off over a five-year schedule, with equal installments made, plus interest at the rate of 8 percent per annum on the then principal balance. This optional payment plan is available only to existing units which previously received a Certificate of Occupancy prior to sanitary sewer or public water service being available. If the customer has elected to maintain a payment plan, as established by the Authority for the initial connection fee, and fails to pay the amount due by or before the due date, the payment plan shall be considered in default and the entire balance shall become due within 30 days.

Connections

Connections will be made as required by the Codes of the Township of Lacey.

Industrial Cost Recovery

In the event that an applicant for sewer service is classified as an industrial user as defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the applicant will be required to make additional payments conforming to an Industrial Cost Recovery System required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Turn Off/Turn On Fee After Initial Connection

Shut Off Fee	$35.00
Restoration of Service Fee	$35.00

Private Fire Protection Service Line

1. **Initial Connection Fee (Fire Protection)**

SIZE INCHES	CHARGE	SIZE INCHES	CHARGE
2”	$ 2,400.00	6”	$10,000.00
3”	5,000.00	8”	$11,000.00
4”	6,000.00		

2. **Quarterly Standby Charges**

SIZE OF CONNECTION (INCHES)	QUARTERLY CHARGE	SIZE OF CONNECTION (INCHES)	QUARTERLY CHARGE
2"	$ 50.00	6”	$436.00
3”	60.00	8”	$687.00
4”	193.00	Private Fire Hydrants/ Hose Service	$ 28.00 each

Hydrant Flow Tests

Hydrant flow tests will be conducted by the applicant. The charge for an Authority observer to be present will be $50.00 per flow test. The observer will not be involved in the results.

Water Meters: Repairs, Testing, Tampering and Related Services

1. Removal, Testing and Certification of Meters - Charges will be based on time and material with a minimum $30.00 charge.
2. Service Calls for Damaged Water Meter - $50.00 Service Charge plus cost of any parts and labor.
3. Cost Recovery Fee for Water Meter Tampering - $500.00 per violation.
4. Code Violation Cost Recovery Charge - $50.00 Service Charge plus cost for parts and labor, as well as reimbursement to the Authority for any reasonable cost incurred for professional fees, because of the code violation.

It is the responsibility of the customer to protect the meter from damage or freezing during periods of cold and freezing weather.