

Metering Requirements for Killbuck South Sewer District

As of 1/01/2019

Residential customers in the Killbuck South Sewer District use the City of Wooster's sanitary sewer and are standardly billed a flat rate monthly charge for sewer services. They do not have water service provided by the City.

Customers may, at their expense, have a water meter installed to allow water used from their well to be measured. These customers will then be charged for sewer based on the water use measured by the meter, rather than being billed a flat rate charge. Rates for sewer charges are listed at www.woosteroh.com, then click on utilities, and scroll to downloads and links, and select sewer rates. For example, as of 1/01/2019 the monthly minimum charge for a 5/8 meter is \$9.92 and each thousand gallons of use is \$4.41. For a customer in the city with one thousand gallons of use in a month, their billed sewer use would be \$14.33. For customers outside of the city there is a 50% surcharge, so the resultant charge from the above example would be $\$14.33 \times 1.5 = \21.50 . As rates increase these charges will also increase, so these numbers are for example only.

The costs charged by the City of Wooster for this meter installation are as follows:

The present charge for a 5/8" meter is \$110.00.

The present charge for an RTU (meter remote transmitting unit) is \$85.00

The present installation charge is \$50.00

The present total charges from the City for equipment and installation is \$245.00

These charges will increase or decrease whenever our costs to purchase these items change from our vendors.

If you are ready to proceed with this installation please call for current pricing.

The regulations regarding the metering requirements for customers in the Killbuck South Sewer District are shown below. The plumbing costs to provide a place for a meter to be installed and cost of any permits required by Wayne County are the customer's expenses.

For customers **inside Wooster City limits** information regarding regulations and required permits is available from the Division of Building Standards at 330-263-5241.

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1. The City of Wooster will not require the issuance of a permit; however, the homeowner must check with the County's Building Department to see if the county will require a plumbing permit.
2. Past due accounts are not eligible for metering unless all past due charges and charges for metering installation are paid at Wooster City Services prior to any installation work beginning. Upon request for metering sewer in the Killbuck South the city will add the aforementioned fees to the service location account and provide:
 - a. Meter (5/8" standard, larger meters available at homeowner's request and additional cost).
 - b. RTU (the meter remote transmitting unit or "antenna")
 - c. Installation of the meter into the yoke and installation of the RTU.
3. The Homeowner must do the following:
 - a. Hire a licensed plumber to install:
 - i. A meter yoke
 - ii. The meter must be installed to Utility Division specifications, inside in a freeze-proof environment, between the pressure tank and all points of use within the building. The meter must be isolated up and down stream by full port ball valves
 - iii. A "Y" strainer should be installed to prevent plugging of the meter by wells with high amounts of particulate matter.
 - b. Provide a path (including the drilling of any needed holes) to the outside of the house for installation of the remote reading system. The path should be situated such that the outside RTU is facing the Wastewater Treatment Plant (generally the north or east side of buildings in the Killbuck South Sewer District). Homeowners are required to also run the wire which will connect the meter to the RTU. Standard telephone wire with 4 conductors may be used; however, the homeowner must ensure that the telephone wire purchased is solid wire and not stranded wire. This wire must be run from the location of the meter and through the outside wall prior to the arrival of the Wooster City Services technician.
4. When ready for meter installation, the homeowner must make an appointment with Wooster City Services at (330) 263-5228 for a technician to physically install, mount the antenna and program the RTU. If an appointment is scheduled and technician arrives to find the installation is deficient and/or not ready for meter installation, then the meter technician will leave without completing the installation. An additional trip charge will be billed to the account for the second trip.
5. No deduction meters are permitted.
6. Service Charges. All meters and transmitting units installed in the Killbuck South are the property of the property owner. Any repairs or replacements of the meter or transmitting unit regardless of cause will be at the expense of the property owner. Equipment will be billed at current rates in effect and service call fees as listed on the current fee schedule will apply. In addition, if the meter cannot be read remotely, then an additional meter reading fee shall apply as listed on the current fee schedule.
7. Usage Fees are determined as listed on the current schedule of fees and include:

- a. Minimum meter charge multiplied by 1.5 (one and one-half).
 - b. Actual usage charge multiplied by 1.5 (one and one-half).
 - c. If the meter cannot be read remotely a manual meter reading fee will be applied.
 - d. If meter stops functioning or cannot be read, the customer will be billed the highest monthly usage recorded or flat rate charge – whichever is higher.
8. By installing a meter, the property owner agrees that the city shall have access to the meter and equipment for purposes of meter reading, repairs, and inspection as deemed necessary.
9. If a property that has been metered decides to return to flat rates this is allowed. To request this change contact Wooster City Services at (330) 263-5228 to request an application for this change. Once an account returns to flat rate billing it will remain such for a period not less than one year from the time the change is requested. Wooster City Services will not monitor accounts and bill the lesser charge of metered or flat rate. If a customer decides to not have metered sewer billing the city recommends removing the meter from your supply line so there is no possibility of pressure problems from a plugged meter in the future.
10. If after a one year period a customer wishes to reinstate metered sewer billing a request must be made to Wooster City Services. After the approval of the request, the following needs to happen:
- i. The meter at the property must be removed and sent to a lab to have its accuracy certified,
 - ii. A customer account must not have delinquent charges,
 - iii. Additionally, a service charge for a City utility worker to remove the meter at the service location, an additional charge for having the meter tested at a certified lab and a trip charge for re-installing the meter after a successful test will be charged.
 - iv. If a new RTU is required, an additional charge will be billed at unit's current cost.
 - v. If the meter fails testing a new meter must be purchased.

Alternatively, in lieu of testing an old meter a new meter may be purchased from the city and installed at current costs.

Past credit will not be issued for meters left in line which show less usage than flat rate allowances would be during times an account is not being billed as a metered sewer account.