

Townsend, MA Water Department Billing & Meter Reading Schedule:

Meters are read in: March, June, September, and December.

Bills Mailed: April, July, October, and January.

How is your bill calculated?

Customers within Timberlee Park \$37.50 Unit Charge + User Charge of \$4.00/1000 Gallons

Example: current reading – 0128480, Previous reading – 0111200
 $0128480 - 0111200 = 17,280$ Gals. for billing purposes usage is rounded to the nearest 1000

Unit Charge	+	Water Usage	Amt. of Bill
\$37.50		17,280 Gals. or $17 \times \$4.00 = \68.00	$\$37.50 + \$68.00 = \$105.50$

All other Customers: \$37.50 Unit Charge + User Charge of \$3.00/100ft³ (cubic feet) $100\text{ft}^3 = 748$ Gallons

Example: current reading – 113210, Previous reading – 105610
 $113210 - 105610 = 7,600\text{ft}^3$

Unit Charge	+	Water Usage	Amt. of Bill
\$37.50		$7,600\text{ft}^3$ or $76 \times 3.00 = \$228.00$	$\$37.50 + \$228.00 = \$265.50$

Note: The difference in water usage charges is necessary so all customers are billed equally for the same amount of water used because meters within Timberlee Park register in gallons and all other meters register in cubic feet.

Cost of Water Supplied By Townsend Water Department Compared to Bottled Water:

On 9/16/2011 the price for a gallon of one of the leading brands of bottled water at the local grocery store was \$0.99.

If the cost of \$0.99/gallon was applied to the examples above the total bill would be:

Timberlee Park Example: $\$4.00/1000 \text{ gals.} = \$0.0040/\text{gal.}$
 At \$0.99/gal. = \$990.00/1000 gals.

Unit Charge	+	Water Usage	Amt. of Bill
\$37.50		17,280 Gals. Or $17 \times \$990.00 = \$16,830.00$	$\$37.50 + \$16,830.00 = \$16,867.50$

All other Customers: $\$3.00/100\text{ft}^3$ or $\$3.00/748 \text{ gals.} = \$0.0040/\text{gal.}$ or $\$740.52/100\text{ft}^3$ at Bottled Water Cost

Therefore:

Unit Charge	+	Water Usage	Amt. of Bill
\$37.50		$7,600\text{ft}^3$ or $76 \times \$740.52 = \$56,279.52$	$\$37.50 + \$56,279.52 = \$56,317.02$