

Fee Schedule Community Water Supplies

The Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976, PA 399, as amended, requires an annual fee for each community water supply based on the following classifications:

Fee Schedule 2019 Community Water Supply Program			
Population Served	2019 Full Fee	Credit Adjustment	Adjusted 2019 Fee
More than 500,000	\$141,004.90	\$846.03	\$140,158.87
100,001-500,000	\$29,277.87	\$175.67	\$29,102.20
50,001-100,000	\$18,509.02	\$111.05	\$18,397.97
25,001-50,000	\$10,937.16	\$65.62	\$10,871.54
10,001-25,000	\$5,888.79	\$35.33	\$5,853.46
5,001-10,000	\$3,197.02	\$19.18	\$3,177.84
1,001-5,000	\$1,346.13	\$8.08	\$1,338.05
401-1,000	\$841.34	\$5.05	\$836.29
101-400	\$673.06	\$4.04	\$669.02
25-100	\$420.67	\$2.52	\$418.15

PENALTY: After November 30, 2018, a penalty of nine percent per annum on the unpaid balance is applied to the amount due. This invoice does not reflect any prior outstanding balances and/or late fees.

ANNUAL FEE ADJUSTMENT: The fee is adjusted annually based on the Detroit Consumer Price Index (CPI). Last year's rate was 3.6 percent.

CREDIT ADJUSTMENT: At the end of the fiscal year, 75 percent of unspent fee revenue from previous annual fee payments is applied as a credit on a pro rata basis to the fee the following year.

NOTE:

- Payment can be made via credit card, debit card, or e-check.
Visit our website at: <https://www.thepayplace.com/mi/deq/comm>
- If paying by check, please return the portion of the invoice indicated to receive proper credit.
- A written explanation is required to effect any change in the amount due.
- All changes to the amount due are subject to verification.

Please call 517-284-6511 with questions regarding community water supply invoices.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO EXPLAIN MICHIGAN PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY ANNUAL FEES

What is the authorization for this fee?

Public Act 165 was signed into law on September 16, 1993, and took immediate effect. The bill amended Michigan's Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended.

Who is required to pay this annual fee?

There are approximately 10,500 community and noncommunity public water supplies serving an estimated 50 million visitors and residents each year. Community public water supplies are those serving cities, towns, villages, mobile home parks, apartments, etc. with at least 15 service connections or 25 or more year-round residents. Noncommunity public water supplies include facilities such as schools, campgrounds, restaurants, businesses, parks, motels, highway rest stops, etc. with their own well, serving an average of 25 or more persons per day, at least 60 days per year.

How much is the 2019 fee?

The fees for community water supplies are based on population served, and range from \$418.15 to \$140,158.87. Noncommunity fees are divided into two categories. Facilities with wells serving primarily a transient population such as campgrounds, rest stops, motels, and restaurants are classified as transient noncommunity water supplies. Their annual fee is \$142.16. Nontransient noncommunity water supplies (schools and businesses) routinely serve the same 25 or more persons (students/employees) for at least six months per year. The nontransient annual fee is \$602.11 per year. Requirements for nontransient water supplies are much more complex than for transient water supplies, demanding a higher level of regulatory support to attain compliance. Note: The annual fee DOES NOT include the costs for water sample analysis.

Why a fee?

Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act continue to increase inspection and sampling requirements for public water supplies. The State of Michigan maintains a primacy agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). This means the State retains authority to implement the public water supply program in lieu of the federal government as long as it enacts rules that are at least as stringent as the federal rules. The public water supply program includes periodic inspection of water supplies, monitoring the quality of drinking water served to the public, certification of laboratories for drinking water analysis, maintenance of a state drinking water laboratory, certification of water treatment plant operators, technical consultation, permitting and construction plan review, and training. The fees are required to enable the State to implement these regulations for public water supplies.

What if there are mistakes on the invoice?

If information is incorrect, you should correct it, and return the corrected invoice with the proper payment. If the error involves a change in the invoice amount, the information necessary to recalculate the fee is provided. A written explanation for the correction must be provided, signed by an authorized representative, and submitted with the appropriate payment. Always retain a copy of the invoice for your records.

What happens if the fee is not paid?

The Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act contains penalties for late payment (after November 30 of each year) calculated as nine percent per annum for community water supplies and \$25.00 per month or portion thereof for noncommunity water supplies. The Michigan Department of Treasury collects all penalties.