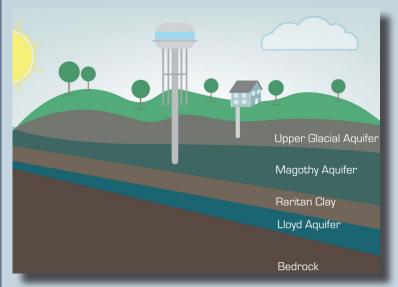


a Comprehensive Analysis of Residential Water Costs on Long Island

Understanding Your Water Costs

What is the cost of water on Long Island? This seems like it should be an easy question to answer. We all receive a water bill, so it should be fairly simple to figure out what Long Islanders pay for water. Except, it is not so easy.

CCE embarked on a comprehensive analysis to compare resident's costs for water in each of the 48 water districts throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. What we discovered was a confusing and widely variable network of costs for water. Many water companies have additional costs on resident's tax bills, some charge per 1,000 gallons of water, others are calculated by cubic feet of water. Some suppliers have flat costs, others have tiered costs. There are some water districts that do not have water. A simple question turned into a rigourous investigative and mathematical analysis to determine how water rates differ between districts and communities. This report examines the difficulties in determining the cost of water on Long Island and the various factors which influence our water rates, including water privatization and additional taxes on your water bill, in order to bring to light the true price of water for Long Islanders.



Long Island is a sole source aquifer, meaning 100% of our drinking water comes from underground aquifers. There are 48 water districts, 11 districts in Suffolk County and 37 districts in Nassau County. What we found was a high degree of fluctuation in water rates throughout Long Island due to varying fee structures.

An approximate estimation of the cost of water for an average Long Island resident's consumption is presented in this report. Comprehensive financial analysis was conducted, exploring cryptic fee structuring and decoding convoluted tiered systems in order to determine which water districts are the most and least expensive and which encourage water conservation. Additional costs from property taxes are also uncovered to comprise a significant portion of the cost of water, despite not being listed on residential water bills.



Information from each water district on Long Island was accumulated from the most recent available data on water districts' websites and annual drinking water quality reports, with any additional information gathered through phone calls to the water district offices. Each district's additional taxes were calculated using the tax levy provided by the town's adopted budget. Following the district's provided water fee structure and billing cycles, the results serve as an average approximation of usage for a family of four using 10,000 gallons per month and extrapolated for the necessary timeframes. Conditions such as the rate of the initial 1,000 gallons, and the cost of a typical bill, and an annual estimate were calculated using these parameters.

The public has a right to know about the true and total cost of water. Understanding water's costs helps to incentives participation in conservation efforts as well as promotes behavioral changes to protect water from pollutants. This is a crucial part of protecting our environment and ensuring a viable water supply for future generations.

Top 10 Most Expensive Water Districts on Long Island

	1	2	3	4	5
Annual	New York American Water Service Area 2 (North Shore- Sea Cliff) \$1,124.52	Shelter Island Heights \$1,090.00	New York American Water Service Area 1 \$936.12	East Williston Water District \$814.80	City of Long Beach \$765.78
Cost of	6	7	8	9	10
Water	New York American Water Service Area 2 (Merrick) \$719.28	Village of Plandome \$680.40	Albertson Water District \$658.05	Locust Valley Water District (Inside the district) \$638.98	Water Authority of Western Nassau County \$617.36

Top 10 Least Expensive Water Districts on Long Island

	1	2	3	4	5
Annual		Jericho Water District \$195.89	Riverhead Water District \$224.92	Village of Sands Point \$234.00	Freeport Village \$249.60
Cost of	6	7	8	9	10
Water	Town of Hempstead Department of Water (Lido Point Lookout) \$264.98	City of Glen Cove \$283.20	Village of Bayville \$295.80	Village of Mineola \$297.40	South Huntington Water District \$315.78

Waterless Water Districts					
East Williston	Water is provided by the Williston Park Water District.				
Village of Plandome	Water is provided by the Manhasset- Lakeville Water District.				
Glenwood	Water for this district is provided by Roslyn Water District and New York American Water.				
Greenport	Water is provided by the Suffolk County Water Authority.				
St. James	Water is provided by the Suffolk County Water Authority.				
Smithrown	Water is provided by the Suffolk County Water Authority.				
Albertson	This district purchases a portion of its water from the Roslyn Water District.				
Village of Sands	Port Washington provided 17 million gallons of water to the district in 2016.				



Districts that Promote Water Conservation

Freeport Village (large jump in pricing)

Cathedral Gardens Water District (large jump after 40,000gal.)

Village of Hempstead (large jump in pricing)

West Hempstead-Hempstead Gardens Water District (step billing per 15,000gal.)

Oyster Bay Water District (Step billing per 10,000gal.)

Districts Serving
Less Than 10,000
Population

Population	
Glenwood	1,000
Shelter Island Heights	1,330
Village of Plandome	1,350
Cathedral Gardens	1,500
Greenport	2,000
Village of Saltaire	2,500
East Williston	2,500
Village os Sands Point	2,900
Village of Old Westbury	4,634
Village of Bayville	6,771
Locust Valley	7,500
Williston Park	7,500
Oyster Bay	8,000
Carle Place	9,005
Village of Farmingdale	9,254

Confusing Costs Muddy the Waters

New York American Water

The rates for this district are based on many different variables that substantially fluctuate for each community. Rates are based on 100 gallons, so calculating the cost of water requires a lot of math for consumers. Contacting the company to get information is also very difficult. This makes it time-consuming and confusing to inquire about your bill. Inquires were responded to by someone who did not reside in New York and was not familiar with Long Island.

Port Washington Water District, South Farmingdale Water District & Town of Hempstead Department of Water

Water Districts with Confusing Daily Rate Structures

The rates for these districts are based on daily water usage. Port Washington and South Farmingdale also establish thresholds for each of their tiers based on confusing and long decimal numbers. Trying to determine a standard rate for 1,000 gallons is virtually impossible for the average consumer. Port Washington's rates are also not available on their website or in their drinking water quality report, making them difficult to locate. The Town of Hempstead Department of Water has over 100 daily tiers, making it overwhelming to understand. However, the Town of Hempstead does provide rates per thousand gallons based on the average daily usage of its customers, making it easier to decipher than the others.

Port Washington Water District, Village of Garden City, Hampton Bays Water District & Water Authority of Great Neck North

Water Districts with the Most Obscure Water Use Measurements (water is not 3 dimensional therefore should not be sold to the public in cubic feet)

Instead of using the more accessible measurement of gallons, these districts use unconventional measurements that require the consumer to do additional and unnecessary math to fully understand their bill. The rates for Port Washington Water District, Hampton Bays Water District, and Village of Garden City are calculated using cubic feet (cf). The Water Authority of Great Neck North uses hundred cubic feet (ccf). One ccf is equal to about 100 cubic feet (cf), which is equal to about 750 gallons of water. While other districts may also use cf, they also provide their rates in gallons, making it easier to understand than the ones listed here.

Water Rates on Long Island cost of water measured by 10,000gal./mor	nth us
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Water District	Approximate	Billing Cycle	Approximate cost	Approximate	Fee Structure		
and	cost for first		per billing cycle	Annual Cost of			
Population Size	1,000gal.			Water			
New York	Service Area 1 - \$4,605	Monthly	**Property Taxes are included in every bill** Service Area 1: \$78.01 33% Taxes	Service Area 1: \$936.12	Service Area 1: (1 Residential Water Service) Tier 1: \$0.4605/100gal. for first 3,000gal.=\$4.605/1,000gal. Tier 2: \$0.6268/100gal. for next 3,000gal.=\$6.268/1,000gal. Tier 3: \$0.90/100gal. for next 9,000gal.=\$9.00/1,000gal. Tier 4: \$1.1771/100gal. for over 15,000gal.=\$11.771/1,000gal. Service Area 2: (1 Residential Water Service) Tier 1:\$0.2233/100gal. for first 3,000gal.=\$2.233/1,000gal.		
American Water 135,000	Service Area 2 - \$2,233		Service Area 2 (Merrick): \$59.94 35% Taxes	Service Area 2 (Merrick): \$719.28	Tier 2: \$0.5376/100gal. for next 3,000gal.=\$5.376/1,000gal. Tier 3: \$0.6552/100gal. for next 9,000gal.=\$6.552/1,000gal. Tier 4: \$0.6166/100gal. for over 15,000gal.=\$6.166/1,000gal. Residential water service charge:		
					5/8"= \$12.50 3/4"= \$14.90		
			Service Area 2 (North Shore- Sea Cliff): \$93.71 59% Taxes	Service Area 2 (North Shore-Sea Cliff): \$1,124.52	1"= \$17.74 1 1/2"= \$34.51 2"= \$38.74		
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East Williston 2,500	\$6.79	Semi-annual	\$407.40 Total \$407.40 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$814.80 Total \$814.80 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$6.79/1,000gal. up to 100,000 gal. \$7.04/1,000gal. over 100,000 gal.		
City of Long Beach	\$4.41	Quarterly	\$190.71 Total \$137.88 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$52.83 Service Charge	\$765.78 Total \$551.52 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$214.26 Service Charge	Minimum charge: \$52.44 \$4.41/1,000 gal. for 0-12,000 gal. \$4.72/1,000gal. for 12,0001-150,000gal. \$4.79/1,000gal. for 150,001-300,000gal. \$5.01/1,000gal. for 300,001-600,000gal. \$5.50/1,000gal. for 600,001 and above		
35,000					Daily service charge: \$0.587 for 5/8 & 3/4 inch \$0.870 for 1 inch		
Village of Plandome 1,350	\$5.67	Quarterly	\$170.10 Total \$170.10 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$680.40 Total \$680.40 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$5.67/1,000gal. for 0-100,000gal. \$6.27/1,000gal. for 101,000-200,000gal. \$6.77/1,000gal. for 201,000-300,000gal. \$7.42/1,000gal. for 301,000-400,000gal. \$8.12/1,000gal. for 401,000gal. and above.		
Albertson 13,500	\$1.99	Quarterly	\$164.51 Total \$61.24 Rates \$103.27 Taxes	\$658.05 Total \$244.96 Rates \$413.09 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$15.92 Tier 1: \$1.99/1,000gal. for 0-8,000 gal. Tier 2: \$2.06/1,000gal. for 8,001-75,000gal. Tier 3: \$2.53/1,000gal. for over 75,000gal.		
Locust Valley 7,500	\$2.20 inside district \$3.30 outside district	Quarterly	\$159.75 Total \$68.00 Rates \$91.75 Taxes \$101.00 Total \$101.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$638.98 Total \$272.00 Rates \$366.98 Taxes \$404.00 Total \$404.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$2.20/1,000gal. for 0-25,000gal. \$2.60/1,000gal. for 25,001-50,000gal. \$3.00/1,000gal. for 50,001-100,000gal. \$3.40/1,000gal. for 100,001 and over Minimum charge (outside district): \$33.00 \$3.30/1,000gal. for 0-25,000gal. \$3.70/1,000gal. for 25,001-50,000gal. \$4.10/1,000gal. for 50,001-100,000gal.		
Water Authority of Western Nassau County 120,000	\$4.429	Quarterly	\$154.34 Total \$132.87 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$21.47 Service Charge	\$617.36 Total \$531.48 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$85.88 Service Charge	Minimum charge: \$48.42 Minimum gallon usage: 9,000 Block 1 rate: \$4.429/1,000gal. for up to 144,000gal. Block 2 rate: \$4.538/1,000gal. for over 144,000gal. Service charge: Represents the minimum charge billed whether or not you use any water. You are entitled to use up to 100 gallons per day under this charge.		
Williston Park 7,500	\$5.14	Quarterly	\$154.20 Total \$154.20 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$616.80 Total \$154.20 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	Residential minimum charge: \$51.40 for up to 10,000gal. \$5.14/1,000gal. \$5.36/1,000gal. for over 50,000gal.		

Water Rates on Long Island cost of water measured by 10,000gal./month us

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Water District and Population Size	Approximate cost for first 1,000gal.	Billing Cycle	Approximate cost per billing cycle	Approximate Annual Cost of Water	Fee Structure
Bethpage 35,000	\$1.25	Quarterly	\$151.35 Total \$48.75 Rates \$102.60 Taxes	\$605.39 Total \$195.00 Rates \$410.39 Taxes \$3,529,368.12 Tax Levy 8,600 residential accounts	Minimum charge: \$12.50 \$1.25/1,000gal. up to 10,000 gal. \$1.75/1,000gal. for 11,000-25,000gal. \$2.00/1,000gal. for 26,000-45,000gal. \$2.25/1,000gal. for 46,000-60,000gal. \$2.85/1,000gal. for 61,000-80,000gal. \$3.15/1,000gal. for over 80,000gal.
Glenwood 1,000	\$3.35	Every 4 months	\$198.70 Total \$134.00 Rates \$64.70 Taxes	\$596.10 Total \$402.00 Rates \$194.10 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$36.85 for minimum of 11,000 gal. (5/8" meter) \$3.35/1,000gal. for 5/8" meter. \$4.00/1,000gal. for 3/4" meter. Minimum charge: \$93.80 for 28,000gal. (1" meter) \$3.35/1000gal. for 1" meter. Residential water service charge: see New York American Water
Great Neck North 32,400	\$0.00	Quarterly	\$142.69 Total \$142.69 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$570.77 Total \$570.77 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$47.40 Customers are given an entitlement to use 10ccf (hundred cubic feet of water) each period. After that the water rate is: \$4.74/1 ccf
Garden City Park 18,000	\$1.10	Quarterly	\$142.06 Total \$35.00 Rates \$107.06 Taxes	\$568.25 Total \$140.00 Rates \$428.25 Taxes	\$1.10/1,000gal. up to 10,000gal. \$1.20/1,000gal. over 10,000gal. Consumer rate: \$1.40/1,000gal.
West Hempstead - Hempstead Gardens 32,000	\$12.50	Quarterly	133.70 Total \$79.49 Rates \$54.21 Taxes	\$534.81 Total \$317.96 Rates \$216.85 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$25.00 for 0-2,000gal. (3/4" service) \$1.50/1,000gal. for 2,001-10,000gal. \$2.00/1,000gal. for 10,001-25,000gal, \$2.50/1,000gal. for 25,001-40,000gal. \$3.00/1,000gal. for 40,001-60,000gal. \$3.50.1,000gal. for 60,001 and over. The average cost of water is approximately \$2.00/1, 000 gal. of water used.
Plainview 34,000	\$2.00	Quarterly	\$132.70 Total \$59.79 Rates \$72.92 Taxes	\$530.78 Total \$239.11 Rates \$291.67 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$16.00 up to 8,000gal. \$1.99/1,000gal. 9,000-30,000gal. \$2.40/1,000gal. for 31,000-50,000gal. \$2.70/1,000gal. for 51,000-70,000gal. \$3.00/1,000gal. for 71,000-125,000gal. \$3.25/1,000gal. for over 125,000gal. The average consumer is billed at \$1.99/1,000 gal.
Carle Place 9,005	\$1.00	Semi-annual	\$260.00 Total \$60.00 Rates \$200.00 Taxes	\$520.00 Total \$120.00 Rates \$400.00 Taxes	Domestic cost of water is \$1.00/1000gal. with a \$20.00 minimum.
Franklin Square 20,000	\$2.67	Quarterly	\$124.40 Total \$74.40 Rates \$50.00 Taxes	\$497.60 Total \$297.60 Rates \$200.00 Taxes	First 9,000 gallons: \$24.00 Over 9,000 gallons: additional \$2.40/1,000 gal.
Roslyn 17,900	\$0.95	Quarterly	\$114.27 Total \$30.66 Rates \$83.61 Taxes	\$457.09 Total \$122.64 Rates \$334.45 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$11.40 for up to 12,000gal. \$0.95/1,000 gal. for first 21,000 gal. \$1.19/1,000gal. for next 21,000gal. \$1.78/1,000gal. for next 66,000gal. \$2.55/1,000gal. for over 108,000gal. Average annual cost for metered water for a residential user in 2018 was \$240.76 (66 cents per day). Average tax levy per residence is \$321.29.
Rockville Centre Village 24,568	\$5.77	Semi-annual	\$228.53 Total \$228.53 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$457.06 Total \$457.06 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$103.79 up to 18,000 (for 5/8" and 3/4" meter) \$2.83/1,000gal. for 18,001-54,000gal. \$3.81/1,000gal. for 54,001-100,000gal. \$5.19/1,000gal. for 100,001-1,000,000gal. \$5.74/1,000gal. for 1,000,001 and over
Hicksville 42,000	\$0.90	Quarterly	\$111.16 Total \$29.00 Rates \$82.16 Taxes	\$444.65 Total \$116.00 Rates \$328.65 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$9.00 for first 10,000gal. \$1.00/1,000gal. for 11,000-30,000gal. \$1.25/1,000gal. for 31,000-50,000gal. \$1.75/1,000gal. for 51,000-70,000gal. \$2.35/1,000gal. for 71,000 and above.

Water Rates on Long Island cost of water measured by 10,000gal./month usage)

Water District Approximate cost Billing Cycle Approximate Annual Fee Structure Approximate cost Cost of Water and for first 1,000gal. per billing cycle **Population Size** \$110.97 Total 443.88 Total Minimum charge: \$0.00320548 for first 66.6666 gal. used. Semi-annual South Farmingdale \$50.00 Rates \$200.00 Rates \$0.00170 for next 155.5555gal. \$60.97 Taxes \$243.88 Taxes \$0.00204 for next 111.1111gal. 44,700 \$0.00236 for next 111.1111gal. \$0.00289 for remaining \$1.25 \$212.47 Total \$424.94 Total Minimum charge: \$25.00 for 0-20,000gal. Semi-annual \$150.00 Rates \$75.00 Rates \$1.25/1,000gal. for 20,001-60,000gal. Westbury \$137.47 Taxes \$274.94 Taxes \$1.50/1.000gal, for 60.001-100.000 gal. \$1.75/1,00 gal. for 100,001-150,000gal. 20,500 \$2.00/1,000gal. for 150,001-200,000gal. \$2.40/1,000gal. for over 200,000gal. \$1.20 Quarterly \$105.88 Total \$423.50 Total \$1.20/1,000gal. up to 10,000gal. \$51.50 Rates \$206.00 Rates \$1.75/1,000gal. for 10,001-20,000gal. \$54.38 Taxes \$217.50 Taxes \$2.20/1,000gal. for 20,001-30,000gal. \$2.70/1,000gal. for 30,001-50,000gal. \$3.50/1,000gal. for 50,001-150,000gal. Oyster Bay \$4.30/1,000gal. for over 150,000gal. The average residential consumer (domestic use) is 8,000 billed at \$1.20/1,000 gal. Rates for Irrigation: \$2.75 for 0-60,000gal. \$3.60 for 60,001-150,000gal. \$4.30 for more than 150,001gal. \$1.35 **Every 4 months** \$140.09 Total \$420.26 Total Minimum charge: \$10.80 (0-8,000gal.) \$68.00 Rates \$204.00 Rates \$1.35/1,000gal. for 0-36,000gal. \$72.09 Taxes \$216.26 Taxes \$1.70/1,000gal. for 0-72,000gal. Manhasset-\$2.45/1,000gal. for 0-216,000gal. Lakeville Large user rates apply if consumption is over 216,001gal. 45,000 \$3.30/1,000gal. for 0-375,000gal. \$4.05/1,000gal. for over 375,001gal. Average cost of water: \$2.66/1,000gal. \$105.02 Total \$420.04 Total Minimum Charge: Up to 13.9 cf (about 104gal.) Approx. every 90 days \$71.30 Rates \$285.18 Rates 5/8" meter size: \$18.49 (90 days) or \$0.0205444 (1 \$33.72 Taxes \$134.86 Taxes 1" meter size: \$23.77 (90 days) or \$0.0264111 (1 day) Port Washington Rate structure (per day): \$0.015676 for next 23.9cf (178.8gal.) 30,000 \$0.020499 for next 33.3cf (249.1gal.) \$0.038586 for next 33.3cf (249.1gal.) \$0.044615 for all additional cf. Residential customers were charged an approximate annual cost of \$285.18 and had an annual average residential water use of 106,903 gallons. \$381.40 Total Minimum charge: \$47.70 (up to 2,000cf) \$3.18 \$95.35 Total Quarterly Village of Garden \$95.35 Rates \$381.40 Rates \$23.70/1,000cf for 2,001-6,000cf City \$0.00 Taxes \$0.00 Taxes \$35.80/1,000cf for over 6,000cf The average consumer is being billed at \$3.17/1,000 22,371 \$2.25 Quarterly \$91.50 Total \$366.00 Total Residential customer: \$2.25/1,000gal. \$67.50 Rates \$270.00 Rates Additional \$1.50/1,000gal. charged at the end of the Village of \$0.00 Taxes \$0.00 Taxes fiscal year for all gallons consumed over 300,000gal. Farmingdale \$24.00 Service \$96.00 Service for that year. Charge Charge Differs for Multi-family customer 9,254 Water service charges: Residential customer: \$24/meter each quarter \$2.78 Semi-annual \$177.00 Total \$354.00 Total \$2.78/1,000gal. for 0-50,000gal. \$177.00 Rates \$354.00 Rates \$3.80/1,000gal. for 50,001-100,000gal. Village of \$0.00 Taxes \$0.00 Taxes \$5.38/1,000gal. for 100,001-500,000gal. Hempstead \$6.47/1,000gal. for 500,001-1,000,000gal. \$7.11/1,000gal. for over 1,000,000gal. 53,891

Water Rates on Long Island cost of water measured by 10,000gal./month usage)

Water District and Population Size	Approximate cost for first 1,000gal.	Billing Cycle	Approximate cost per billing cycle	Approximate Annual Cost of Water	cost of water measured by 10,000gal./month usage) Fee Structure
Town of Hempstead 117,361	\$1.732	Quarterly	\$91.17 Total (Bowling Green Estates, East Meadow, Levittown, Roosevelt Field, Uniondale) \$51.96 Rates \$31.21 Taxes \$8.00 Basic Charge \$66.25 Total (Lido Point Lookout) \$51.96 Rates \$6.29 Taxes \$8.00 Basic Charge	\$364.67 Total (Bowling Green Estates, East Meadow, Levittown, Roosevelt Field, Uniondale) \$207.84 Rates \$124.83 Taxes \$32.00 Basic charge \$264.98 Total (Lido Point Lookout) \$207.84 Rates \$25.14 Taxes \$8.00 Basic Charge	Basic charge regardless of consumption per bill: \$8.00 \$1.494/1,000gal. for 0-80gal. used per day. \$1.559/1,000gal. for 81-100gal. used per day. \$1.569/1,000gal. for 101-120gal. used per day. \$1.582/1,000gal. for 121-140gal. used per day. \$1.582/1,000gal. for 121-140gal. used per day. \$1.594/1,000gal. for 141-160gal. used per day. \$1.608/1,000gal. for 161-180gal. used per day. \$1.618/1,000gal. for 181-200gal. used per day. \$1.633/1,000gal. for 201-220gal. used per day. \$1.647/1,000gal. for 201-220gal. used per day. \$1.657/1,000gal. for 241-260gal. used per day. \$1.667/1,000gal. for 261-280gal. used per day. \$1.683/1,000gal. for 261-280gal. used per day. \$1.696/1,000gal. for 301-320gal. used per day. \$1.706/1,000gal. for 301-320gal. used per day. \$1.720/1,000gal. for 341-360gal. used per day. \$1.732/1,000gal. for 341-360gal. used per day. \$1.732/1,000gal. for 361-380gal. used per day. \$1.743/1,000gal. for 381-400gal. used per day.
Massapequa 43,000	\$1.46	Semi-annual	\$182.20 Total \$107.20 Rates \$75.00 Taxes	\$364.40 Total \$214.40 Rates \$150.00 Taxes	Minimum semi-annual charge: \$36.50 Minimum semi-annual gallon usage: 25,000 \$1.46/1,000gal. for 0-25,000gal. \$2.02/1,000gal. for 25,001-100,000gal. \$2.28/1,000gal. for 100,001-150,000gal. \$2.54/1,000gal. for 150,001-200,000gal. \$2.86/1,000gal. for over 2000,000gal.
Village of Old Westbury 4,634	\$1.75	Semi-annual	\$175.00 Total \$175.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$350.00 Total \$350.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$175.00 for up to 100,000gal. \$2.75/1,000gal. for next 300,000gal. \$3.75/1,000gal. for next 400,000gal. \$5.00/1,000gal. for over 800,000gal. *In 2018 the average annual water charge per user was \$421.02*
Village of Mineola	\$0.00	Semi-annual	\$148.70 Total \$148.70 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$297.40 Total \$297.40 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$24.63 Entitlement: 10,000gal \$2.71/1,000gal. for 10,000-40,000gal. \$3.37/1,000gal. for 40,000-75,000gal. \$3.94/1,000gal. for over 75,000gal.
Village of Bayville 6,771	\$1.19	Quarterly	\$73.95 Total \$68.95 Rates \$5.00 Taxes	\$295.80 Total \$275.80 Rates \$20.00 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$27.50 Tier 1: \$1.19/1,000gal. for 0-5,000gal. Tier 2: \$2.52/1,000gal. for 5,001-67,500gal. Tier 3: \$3.63/1,000gal. for 67,501-137,000gal. Tier 4: \$4.54/1,000gal. for 137,000gal. and up
City of Glen Cove 28,000	\$2.36	Quarterly	\$70.80 Total \$70.80 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$283.20 Total \$283.20 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$2.36/1,000gal. for first 45,000 gal. \$2.66/1,000gal. for next 45,000gal. \$2.95/1,000gal. over 90,000gal.
Freeport Village 43,000	\$2.08	Quarterly	\$62.40 Total \$62.40 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$249.60 Total \$249.60 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$39.00 \$2.08/1,000 gal. from 0 to 50,000 gal. \$4.27/1,000gal. for 50,001-100,000gal. \$5.50/1,000gal. for 100,001 and up
Village of Sands Point 2,900	\$1.95	Every four months	\$78.00 Total \$78.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$234.00 Total \$234.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	Tier 1: \$1.95/1,000gal. for 0-150,000gal. Tier 2: \$2.60/1,000gal. for 151,000-225,000gal. Tier 3: \$3.40/1,000gal. for 226,000-300,000gal. Tier 4: \$4.00/1,000gal. for over 301,000gal. The charge for 748 gallons of water for domestic use begins at \$1.45 and rises to \$3.00. Sprinkler Rates: Minimum charge: \$82.50 \$4.40/1,000gal. for 0-300,000gal. \$5.90/1,000gal. for 301,000-450,000gal. \$7.30/1,000gal. for over 450,000gal.

Water Rates on Long Island cost of water measured by 10 000gal /month

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Water District and Population Size	Approximate cost for first 1,000gal.	Billing Cycle	Approximate cost per billing cycle	Approximate Annual Cost of Water	Fee Structure
Jericho 58,000	\$1.00	Quarterly	\$48.97 Total \$31.00 Rates \$17.97 Taxes	\$195.89 Total \$124 Rates \$71.89 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$10.00 \$1.00/1,000 gal. for 0-10,000 gal. \$1.05/1,000gal. for 10,001-30,000gal. \$2.00/1,000gal. for 30,001-100,000gal. \$2.65/1,000gal. for over 100,000gal
Catherdral Gardens 1,500	\$3.20	Quarterly	Total \$102.00 Rates Taxes	Total \$408.00 Rates Taxes	\$3.20/1,000gal. for 0-20,000gal. \$3.80/1,000gal. for 20,001-40,000gal. \$4.40/1,000gal. for 40,001 and over The average consumer is billed at approximately \$2.50/1000gal.
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Shelter Island Heights 1,330	\$5.50	Quarterly	\$272.50 Total \$191.25 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$81.25 Access Fee	\$1,090.00 Total \$765.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$325 Access Fee	\$5.50/1,000gal for less than 14,999gal \$7.25/1,000gal for 15,000 - 29,999gal \$9.50/1,000gal for more than 30,000gal Annual access fee: \$325 (paid in the first and third bill of each year)
Village of Saltaire 2,500	-	Annual	-	\$525.00	\$525 annual fee
Greenport 2,000	\$7.68	Monthly	\$37.45 Total \$37.45 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$449.34 Total \$449.34 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$15.36 for Up to 2,000gal. (3/4" service) \$2.761/1,000gal. for 2,001-18,000gal. \$4.021/1,000gal. for over 18,000gal.
Dix Hills 41,000	\$0.80	Quarterly	\$111.72 Total \$24.00 Rates \$87.72 Taxes	\$446.89 Total \$96.00 Rates \$350.89 Taxes	\$0.80/1,000 gal. Surcharge of \$0.20/1,000 gal. is charged between 61,000 and 120,000gal. per quarter. The surcharge rises to \$0.45/1,000 gal. for water usage over 120,000 gal.
Hampton Bays 15,500	\$3.16	Quarterly	\$92.98 Total \$53.40 Rates \$39.58 Taxes	\$371.91 Total \$213.59 Rates \$158.32 Taxes	Typical Residential rate: Metric size: 5/8" minimum bill is \$11.80 for minimum usage of 50 Ocf. Metric size: 1" minimum bill is \$23.60 for minimum usage 1,000cf. Rate over the minimum is about \$1.185/100cf.
St. James 11,807	\$2.25	Quarterly	\$91.66 Total \$67.50 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$24.16 Base Fee	\$366.64 Total \$270.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$96.64 Base Fee	Quarterly base fee: \$24.16 \$2.25/1,000gal.
Smithtown 20,562	\$2.25	Quarterly	\$91.66 Total \$67.50 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$24.16 Base Fee	\$366.64 Total \$270.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$96.64 Base Fee	Quarterly base fee: \$24.16 \$2.25/1,000gal.
Suffolk County Water Authority 1,200,000	\$2.028	Quarterly	\$88.75 Total \$60.84 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$27.91 Service Charge	\$355.00 Total \$243.36 Rates \$0.00 Taxes \$111.64 Service Charge	Tier 1: \$2.028/1,000 gal. first 78,540gal. Tier 2: \$2.34/1,000gal. after first 78,540gal. Service Charge per quarter: \$27.91
South Huntington 81,760	\$0.80	Quarterly	\$78.95 Total \$24.00 Rates \$54.95 Taxes	\$315.78 Total \$96.00 Rates \$219.78 Taxes	\$0.80/1,000gal. for 0-50,000gal. \$1.31/1,000gal. for 51,000-100,000gal. \$1.61/1,000gal. for over 101,000gal.
Riverhead 35,000	\$2.21	Quarterly	\$56.23 Total \$56.23 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$224.92 Total \$224.92 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$10.90 for the first 4,000gal. per quarter in addition to \$1.73 for each additional 1,000gal. for a 3/4" service size. \$19.90 per quarter for first 9,000gal. for 1" service size plus \$1.73 for each additoinal 1,000gal. About \$2.725/1,000 gallons for a 3/4" service size.
Greenlawn 42,000	\$1.60	Quarterly	\$37.00 Total \$37.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	\$148.00 Total \$148.00 Rates \$0.00 Taxes	Minimum charge: \$16.00 for 0-10,000gal. 8,000gal. minimum usage. \$1.05/1,000gal. for 10,001-60,000gal. \$1.45/1,000gal. for 60,001-100,000gal. \$1.75/1,000gal. for over 100,000gal. Rates for Irrigation: (billed annually) \$1.15 for under 50,000gal. \$1.45 for over 50,000gal.

Conclusion and Recommendations

1. CONSOLIDATE WATER DISTRICTS

Water districts that do not produce their own water and districts serving less than 10,000 people should merge with neighboring water districts.

The existence of water districts across Long Island adds to the cost of water but does not provide cleaner, safer water. The Suffolk County Water Authority provides water to 1.2 million people and their effective operation is beneficial to the public's wallets and our health. SCWA is able to ensure drinking water is treated with state-of-the-art technology and reaches our homes at an affordable price. Consolidation of water districts would allow more Long Island residents to obtain these benefits.

Fifteen water districts serve less than 10,000 people and 8 water districts either need to purchase all or a portion of their water from neighboring districts. These districts should immediately consolidate with other existing water suppliers in order to reduce costs and maintain high quality water for residents.

2. ESTABLISH A UNIFORM RATE STRUCTURE WITH TRANSPARENCY

As this report illustrates, water districts utilize a variety of formulas to determine costs to consumers. Some formulas are relatively straightforward and available on district's websites, others are very difficult to find or needlessly complicated. All districts should establish water rates in gallons and should have clearly identifiable tiers, or rates that increase with greater water use to promote conservation. The tiers should be comprehensible, not based on hard to understand thresholds. Specific rates, tiers, and any additional fees or taxes should be readily available for customers to ascertain in consumer-friendly online information and on their printed bill. Each district should be required to maintain an updated website.

Water bills should include a line item which informs people of any taxes placed on their tax bill associated to the cost of water including but not limited to the cost for capital investments and treatment for that district. Separating the capital costs of water without adequately informing consumers misleads the public about the total cost of water.

3. IMPLEMENT MORE INCENTIVES FOR CONSERVATION

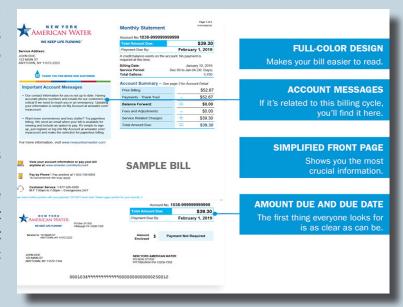
There should be more tangible incentives to conserve water. Water suppliers should adopt separate and higher rates for sprinkler systems to better hold people accountable for this water usage. It is critical that ALL incentives are understandable and verifiable so that they can actually be followed by consumers.

4. WATER SUPPLIERS NEED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON TIERED WATER RATE SYSTEMS

Conservation is less likely to occur if the public cannot understand the application of water rates to their own water use. Water districts should promote Smart Meters to help consumers track their water usage.

5. NEVER ALLOW THE PRIVATIZATION OF WATER.

Our drinking water supplies need to be held as a public trust, not sold as a luxury item by private companies. The public has a right to clean water. Water in our homes is an essential part of life and should not be exploited by corporations for profit. Unfortunately, that is exactly what is happening with NY American Water. NY American Water rates are confusing, and they have some of the most expensive water rates on Long Island. All drinking water on Long Island needs to be controlled by public municipalities and priced fairly for all consumers.





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