

# 2002 Water Rate Survey Massachusetts Communities



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WATER RATE SURVEY  
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Tighe & Bond is pleased to publish our 2002 “Water Rate Survey” of public water suppliers of communities in Massachusetts. The survey provides available information from the following sources:

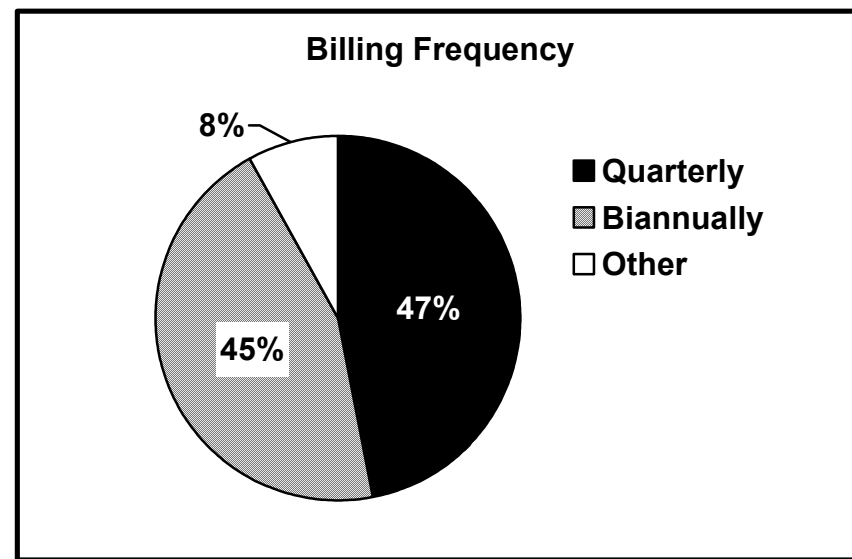
- written survey responses
- our extensive database of rate information for our existing clients
- 2002 Annual Water & Sewer Retail Rate Survey published by The MA Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Advisory Board
- telephone surveys.

Our written survey was mailed to all communities in Massachusetts. Approximately 84% of communities in Massachusetts have public water supply. About 57% of the communities use groundwater as their primary water source, with the remaining 43% relying on surface water sources.

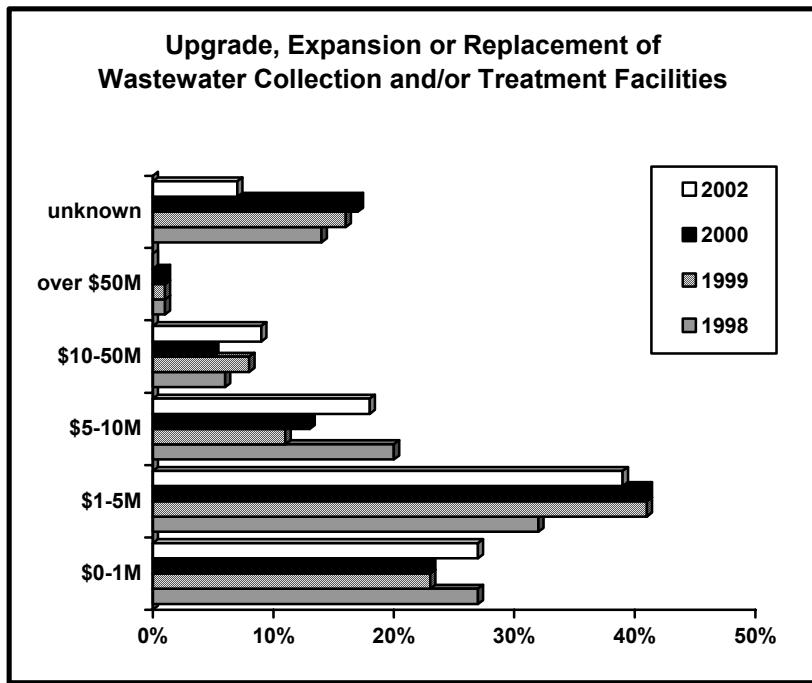
A variety of different **rate structures** are used throughout the Commonwealth. Based on the written survey results, 49% of communities use a flat rate structure; 45% use an ascending rate structure and only 4% use a flat fee and two percent use descending rates. To allow for a comparative analysis, we have calculated the “typical” yearly homeowner’s cost assuming consumption of 120 hundred cubic feet (90,000 gallons) per year. Based on the information included in this survey, *typical annual water costs in Massachusetts range from a low of \$30 per household to a high of*

*over \$750!* The 2002 average is \$290 per household, representing an increase of 7% over 2000 averages.

The majority of respondents to the written survey use either a quarterly billing cycle (47%) or a biannual billing cycle (45%). The remainder use either an annual, monthly, bimonthly, or tri-annual. Of those communities responding to the written survey only 18% stated that they have a separate rate structure for businesses and 15% for elderly discounts. Seven percent of communities report that they offer an early payment discount and 11% provide separate seasonal and low-income rates.



Approximately 72% of the written survey respondents plan upgrade, expansion or replacement of water supply, distribution and/or treatment facilities in the next 5 years. The amounts budgeted are indicated below.



Tighe & Bond would like to thank all public water suppliers for their participation in this survey. Comparisons of water rate structures and resulting typical homeowner's costs can be difficult given the wide variety of user charge methods in use. If we have incorrectly interpreted information for any community please let us know and we will make appropriate corrections. Questions, comments or suggestions are certainly welcome. Please contact Mary Beth Morris, P.E. at (413) 572-3247 for further information.

Tighe & Bond has been providing consulting engineering services to government and industry for decades. An adequate, good quality drinking water supply is essential for every community. Tighe & Bond provides a wide range of water resources services, from identifying needs and evaluating supplies to engineering new sources, treatment facilities and storage and distribution systems. Tighe & Bond also provides expertise in wastewater and residuals management, civil engineering and solid and hazardous waste management.

Community	Typical Annual Homeowner's Cost	Water Rate	Billing Cycle	Primary Water Source Type	Funding	Separate Business Rate	Seasonal Rate	Elderly Discounts	Low Income Discounts	Early Payment Discounts	Population Served	Last Rate Change
<b>Abington/Rockland Joint Water</b>	\$348	\$2.50/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Special Revenue						32,000	07/01/00
Notes: Service charge: \$10.00 per billing. Customary charge: \$2.00/billing meter charge.												
<b>Acton Water Supply District</b>	\$322	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	N/A		✓				19,305	03/01/03
Notes: 2 Separate rates (Summer & Winter) - Winter - \$0.024/CF - 1,000-5,000CF; \$0.026/CF - 5,000-10,000CF; \$0.035/CF - over 10,000CF. Summer - \$0.029/CF - 1,000-5,000CF; \$0.031/CF - 5,001-10,000CF; \$0.042/HCF - over 10,000CF.												
<b>Acushnet, Town of</b>	\$254	\$2.00/HCF	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						2,750	07/01/96
Notes: Customary charge: \$7.00 per billing/meter rental. Connection fee: \$1,000.00.												
<b>Adams Fire District</b>	\$204	\$1.60/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	General/ Special Revenue						3,100	07/01/02
Notes: \$15.00 Customer Charge per billing. Other Customary Charges: Fire Protection: \$11.75 per unit per billing; Street Lighting: \$6.15 per unit per billing. Connection Fees: Water Installation Permit: \$50.00; Capital Outlay Fee: \$500-\$8,000 (based on size of pipe).												
<b>Agawam, City of</b>	\$151	\$1.02/HCF	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise			✓	✓		30,000	01/01/91
Notes: Customary charge: \$14.50 Account Service Charge per billing. Connection fees: \$865 minimum/3/4" service.												
<b>Amesbury, Town of</b>	\$357	\$3.10/HCF	Biannually	Surface Water Groundwater	NR						14,977	08/01/03
Notes: Base charge: \$51.30 per billing includes 1,900 CF. Connection fee: \$1,500; inspection fees are included.												
<b>Amherst, Town of</b>	\$208	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water Groundwater	Enterprise						38,000	07/01/00
Notes: \$1.70/HCF up to 10,000 CF; \$1.80/HCF - 10,000-100,000 CF; \$1.90/HCF - 100,000+ CF. Customary Charge: Meter rental fee - \$1.00 per billing. Connection fee: \$175												
<b>Andover, Town of</b>	\$302	\$2.52/HCF	Biannually	Surface Water	NR						32,000	1993
Notes: Per 1999 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Arlington, Town of</b>	\$262	Ascending	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						44,630	07/01/94
Notes: Service Charge: \$16.90 per billing. \$1.90/HCF up to 200 HCF; \$2.80/HCF over 200 HCF. Per MWRA Rate Survey.												
<b>Ashburnham, Town of</b>	\$414	\$3.00/HCF	Triannually	Surface Water	Special Revenue						6,000	04/01/01
Notes: Base charge: \$48.00 per bill includes first 1,000 CF. Hook-up fee: \$500.												
<b>Ashfield Water District</b>	\$601	\$3.00/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Surface Water	Special Revenue						500	08/22/98
Notes: Customary Charge: \$82.75 per billing for basic service charge. Connection fee: \$2,500 for new hookup. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Ashland, Town of</b>	\$294	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓	✓		14,146	08/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$15.00 per billing. First 2,000 CF - \$2.00/HCF; 2,001 - 7,000 CF - \$2.30/HCF; 7,001 - 15,000 CF - \$2.40/HCF; 15,001 - 30,000 CF - \$2.50/HCF; excess over 30,000 CF - \$2.65/HCF. Connection Fees: Varies. Inspection Fees: \$50.00. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Athol, Town of</b>	\$276	\$2.30/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						9,300	04/01/02
Notes: Minimum charge: \$34.50 per billing includes 1,500 CF. Connection fee: \$1000 per 1" diameter of service. Manufacturing billed monthly.												
<b>Attleboro. City of</b>	\$228	\$1.90/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						40000+	07/01/00
Notes: Minimum charge \$9.50 for up to 500 CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Auburn Elm Hill Water District</b>	\$510	\$4.25/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	N/A						2,250	NR
Notes: Purchase water from the City of Worcester. Connection charges - \$1200, including meter. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Auburn Water District</b>	\$282	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						9,800	1999
Notes: Service Charge: \$30.00 per billing includes up to 800 CF. \$1.84/HCF - 800 CF - 5,000 CF; \$2.42/HCF for >5,000 CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Avon, Town of</b>	\$254	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	General						4,600	08/01/98
Notes: Base charge: \$35.00 up to 1,400 CF; \$2.00/HCF - 1,401-8,000; \$3.00/HCF - 8,001+. Customary Charge: Hydrant Rental: \$100 per billing. Connection fee: \$500.												
<b>Ayer, Town of</b>	\$180	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						6,600	01/01/01
Notes: \$1.50/HCF - first 100 HCF; \$2.20/HCF - over 100 HCF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Barnstable Fire District</b>	\$225	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						4,000	NR
Notes: Service charge: \$18.00 per bill. \$1.70/1000 gal. up to 45,000 gals; \$2.50/1000 gal. - 46,000+ gals. Connection fees: \$1,500 connection fee. Inspection fees: \$44.00/hour.												
<b>Barnstable Water Company, Hyannis &amp; Hyannisport</b>	\$265	Descending	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A						34,000	05/01/98
Notes: Customary charge: \$7.60 per meter/month. First 10,000 CF per month, \$1.45/HCF; next 20,000 CF per month, \$1.36/HCF; over 30,000 CF per month, \$1.08/HCF. Also have fixture rates. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Barre, Town of</b>	\$264	\$0.023/CF	Biannually	Groundwater	General						3,000	1995
Notes: Minimum charge: \$40.00 per billing includes 2,000 CF. Connection fee: \$425.												
<b>Bedford, Town of</b>	\$331	Ascending	Biannually	Surface Water	General	✓					38,000	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge \$17.50 per billing. \$0.80/HCF up to 2,000 CF; \$3.30/HCF over 2,001 CF. Connection fee: \$50. Per MWRA Rate Survey.												
<b>Belchertown Water District</b>	\$400	\$3.00/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	NA						3,000	07/01/02
Notes: Customary charge: \$10.00 per billing for administrative. Connection fee: \$1,000.												
<b>Bellingham, Town of</b>	\$320	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						15,000	07/01/02
Notes: Meter charge: \$50.00 flat fee per billing. \$2.00/1000 gals. - 0-25,000 gals.; \$3.00/1000 gals. - 25,001-50,000 gals.; \$3.50/1000 gals. - 50,001 - 75,000 gals.; \$4.00/1000 gals - 75,001 - 100,000 gal.; \$4.50/1000 gals - over 100,001+ gals. Connection fee: \$500. Inspection fee: \$25.00.												

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<b>Belmont, Town of</b>	\$485	\$3.62/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Special Revenue			✓	✓		25,000	07/01/02
Notes: Service charge: \$12.74 per billing. Connection fee - \$250.												
<b>Bernardston Fire &amp; Water District</b>	\$30	\$30/year	Biannually	Groundwater	NR	✓		✓		✓	850	1999
Notes: Minimum charge: \$15.00 per billing. \$30.00 flat rate per year.												
<b>Beverly, City of</b>	\$265	\$2.21/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	General						39,000	02/01/02
Notes: Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Billerica, Town of</b>	\$184	Ascending	Triannually	Surface Water	General						37,500	05/01/89
Notes: \$1.140/HCF up to 2,000 HCF; \$1.430/HCF - 2,001 to 10,000 HCF; \$1.710/HCF - 10001+ HCF. Customary charge: \$10.00 flat fee per billing cycle. Connection fee: \$25.												
<b>Blackstone, Town of</b>	\$125	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	General						8,729	01/01/90
Notes: Base charge: \$25.00 per billing up to 10,000 gals.; \$1.00/1000 gals. - 10,001-30,000 gals; \$1.16/1000 gals. - 30,001-999,999 gals. Connection fee - \$500 per unit.												
<b>Blandford, Town of</b>	\$500	\$500/year	Annually	Surface Water	Enterprise	✓					1,300	2001
Notes: Flat fee.												
<b>Boston, City of</b>	\$297	Ascending	Monthly	Purchase	Enterprise			✓			89,900	01/01/02
Notes: First 19 CF/Daily - \$2.477/HCF; next 20 CF - \$2.481; next 50 CF - \$2.487; next 70 - \$2.492; next 190 CF - \$2.500; next 250 CF - \$2.503; next 700 CF - \$2.512; next 1,700 CF - \$2.517; next 3,000 CF - \$2.523; over 5,999 CF - \$2.528. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Bourne Water District</b>	\$251	\$2.25/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	General						20,000	02/01/02
Notes: Customary charge: \$24.00 per billing (\$4.00/month). System development charge: \$400. Fire protection charges - \$200 initial/\$66.00 per year.												

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<b>Boylston Water District</b>	\$255	\$1.00/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						1,400	NR
Notes: Base charge: \$15.00 includes 5,000 gals. min; \$1.00 every 1,000 gals. over, plus \$1.00 tax rate charge per \$1,000 assessed value. (Assumed \$125,000 value). Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Braintree, Town of</b>	\$248	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						60,000	10/01/96
Notes: Service charge: \$10.00 per bill. 0-500 CF - \$1.40/HCF; 501-3,500 CF - \$1.80/HCF; over 3,501 - \$2.00/HCF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Brewster, Town of</b>	\$305	\$2.50/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	NR						26,300	NR
Notes: Customary charge: \$40.00 per billing covers bonded debt of the department. Connection fee: \$750. Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Bridgewater, Town of</b>	\$208	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						22,000	03/01/99
Notes: Base charge: \$50.00 up to 3,000 CF. \$1.80/HCF - 3001-6000 CF; \$2.00/HCF - 6,001 CF over. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Brockton, City of</b>	\$227	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						94,000	01/01/94
Notes: 0 - 2,500 CF - \$1.80/HCF; 2,501 - 5000 CF - \$2.35/HCF; 5,000 - 10,000 CF - \$2.45/HCF; 10,001 - 25,000 CF - \$2.55/HCF; 25,001 - 875,000 CF - \$2.60/HCF; over 875,000 - \$2.60/HCF.												
<b>Brookfield, Town of</b>	\$250	\$2.50/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	General						1,200	mid 1980's
Notes: Base charge: \$50.00 per year includes 10,000 gals. Town reports average annual cost of \$216. Connection fee - \$500.												
<b>Brookline, Town of</b>	\$438	\$3.65/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						55,000	07/01/02
Notes: Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Buckland, Town of (via Shelburne)</b>	\$180	\$1.50/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	General						2,200	1995
Notes: Base charge: \$37.50 per billing includes up to 2,500 CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Burlington, Town of</b>	\$136	Ascending	Biannually	Surface Water	General	✓					22,739	01/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$29.20 per bill includes first 20,000 gals. \$1.40/1000 gals. - 20,001-30,000 gals.; \$1.65/1000 gals. - 30,001-50,000 gals.; \$1.90/1000 gals. - 50,001-70,000 gals.; \$2.25/1000 gals - 70,001-90,000; \$2.60/1000 gals. - over 90,001 gals. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Buzzards Bay Water District</b>	\$198	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	General						7,500	01/01/91
Notes: Base charge: \$60.00 per year includes 40,000 gals per year. \$2.75/1000 gals. up to 100,000 gals.; \$3.75/1000 gals. over 100,000 gals. Fire Protection charges = \$150 annual sprinkler fee. Impact fees = \$500 system development fee.												
<b>Cambridge, City of</b>	\$304	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise			✓			101,355	04/01/02
Notes: \$2.53/HCF up to 40 HCF; \$2.73/HCF - 41-400 HCF; \$2.88/HCF - 401-2,000 HCF; \$3.07/HCF - 2,001 -10,000 HCF; \$3.32/HCF over 10,000 HCF.												
<b>Canton, Town of</b>	\$246	Ascending	Quarterly	50% Groundwater 50% Surface Water	Enterprise	✓					19,620	07/01/01
Notes: \$1.60/HCF up to 20 HCF; \$2.95/HCF - 21-40 HCF; \$4.43/HCF - 41-60 HCF; \$5.14/HCF over 60 HCF. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills</b>	\$215	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						35,000	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$35.00 per billing up to 20,000 gals. per 6 months; \$2.90/1000 gals. - 20,001-200,000 gals.; \$3.95/1000 gals. - 200,001+ gals. Connection fee: \$1,600 (5/8" meter).												
<b>Chatham, Town of</b>	\$336	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue		✓				25,000	07/01/94
Notes: 2 Separate rates (Summer & Winter) - both rates have a min. usage fee based on meter size. Winter - \$21.00 includes 1,000 CF; \$2.20/HCF - 1,001-3,000CF; \$2.35/HCF - 3,001-5,000CF; \$2.50/HCF - over 5,000CF. Summer - \$33.00 includes 1,000 CF; \$3.50/HCF - 1,001-3,000CF; \$3.70/HCF - 3,001-5,000CF; \$3.90/HCF - over 5,000CF. Connection charges: \$400-\$1,550 depending on size.												
<b>Chelmsford East Water District</b>	\$280	\$2.00/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue	✓		✓			2,000	04/01/99
Notes: Base charge: \$70.00 per billing up to 50,000 gals.; \$2.00/1000 gals. over 50,000 gals. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Chelmsford North Water District</b>	\$220	\$2.00/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	General	✓					6,565	07/01/01

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Notes: Base charge: \$30.00 per billing up to 15,000 gals.; \$2.00/1000 gals. in excess. Customary charge: \$20.00 tower fee per billing. Connection fee: \$500 entrance fee.

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<b>Chelmsford Water District</b>	\$286	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						21,000	07/01/01
Notes: Base charge: \$21.00 per billing up to 7,000 gals.; \$3.00/1000 gals. - 7,000 - 25,000 gals.; \$3.41/1000 gals - 25,001 - 50,000 gals; \$4.73/1000 gals. - over 50,000 gals. New service fees: \$500; Service on/off fee - \$25; fire flow test - \$100 per 2.5" nozzle.												
<b>Chelsea, City of</b>	\$254	Ascending	Monthly	Surface Water	Enterprise						28,710	07/01/02
Notes: \$2.12/HCF - 0 - 1,000CF; \$2.35/HCF - 1,001 - 5,000CF; \$2.59/HCF - 5,000CF and up.												
<b>Cheshire, Town of</b>	\$400	\$400/year	Biannually	Groundwater	N/A	✓					1,800	2002
Notes: Flat fee based on fixture count. Connection charge: \$500; \$290 per year SDWA impact fee.												
<b>Chester, Town of</b>	\$366	\$366/year	Quarterly	Surface Water	NR						750	07/01/96
Notes: Flat fee.												
<b>Chicopee, City of</b>	\$224	\$1.80/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Special Revenue	✓					56,000	04/01/98
Notes: Base charge: \$20.00 per bill includes 1,000 CF or less.												
<b>Clinton, Town of</b>	\$216	Ascending	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						13,500	5/02
Notes: \$1.70/HCF - 0-3,000CF; \$1.85/HCF - 3,000-5,000CF; \$2.00/HCF - 5,000-20,000CF; \$2.15/HCF for over 20,000 CF.												
<b>Cohasset, Town of</b>	\$546	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	General/ Special Revenue						7,000	08/01/97
Notes: Parts of Cohasset served by MA American Water Co. \$4.07/HCF - 0-2,000CF; \$5.52/HCF - over 2,000CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Concord, Town of</b>	\$353	Ascending	Bimonthly	Groundwater	Enterprise	✓	✓				17,000	06/01/02
Notes: Water charge is \$2.94/HCF; \$5.13/HCF over 2,400 CF bimonthly (May 1 through October 31); \$6.03/HCF over 4,800 CF bimonthly (May 1 through October 31).												

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<b>Cotuit, Town of</b>	\$197	Ascending	Annually	Groundwater	General						2,900	1991
Notes: Base charge: \$72.00 per billing includes first 40,000 gals.; \$2.45/1000 gals. - 40,000-80,000 gals.; \$2.70/1000 gals. over 80,000 gals. Connection fees: \$300 connection fee. Inspection fees: \$35/hour.												
<b>Dalton Fire District</b>	\$190	\$190/year	Biannually	Surface Water	General	✓			✓		7,022	Oct. 2000
Notes: Rate for single family with up to two baths. Rates based on 86,000 gallons annually. Connection charge: \$3,000.												
<b>Danvers, Town of</b>	\$340	\$2.78/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Special Revenue					✓	27,500	10/01/02
Notes: Customary charge: \$1.50 meter charge per billing (\$0.50/month).												
<b>Dartmouth, Town of</b>	\$278	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						29,000	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$22.50 per billing includes 1,600 CF. \$19.85/1000 CF next 500CF; \$23.15/1000 CF next 1000CF; \$27.56/1000CF next 1550CF; last step \$30.45/1000CF. Fire protection fees: \$150 (biannually); Connection Fees: \$2,000.												
<b>Dedham-Westwood Water District</b>	\$478	\$3.60/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise	✓					38,000	04/01/01
Notes: Base charge: \$29.61 per billing includes 500 CF. Connection fees: \$1370 Access Fee; \$410 Tap Fee. Inspection fee: \$200/day. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Deerfield Fire District</b>	\$180	\$1.50/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A						1,500	09/01/89
Notes: Base charge: \$15.00 per billing includes up to 1,000 CF. Connection fees: \$500.												
<b>Dennis Water District</b>	\$175	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	General						14,000 Winter/ 65,000 Summer	07/01/00
Notes: Service charge: \$20.00 per billing. \$1.50/1000 gals. up to 50,000 gals; \$2.00/1000 gals. - 50,000-1000,000 gals.; \$2.50/1000 gals. - 100,000 & up. Customary charges: \$0.08 per 1,000 gals. per billing - SDWA.												
<b>Dighton Fire District, North</b>	\$336	\$2.80/HCF	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	N/A						1,300	1992
Notes: Base charge: \$56.00 per billing up to 2000 CF. Purchases water from Taunton Water Division. 366 residential customers in Village area, 7 commercial customers. Connection fees: \$150 application charge.												

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<b>Dighton Water District</b>	\$180	\$2.00/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	N/A	✓	✓				2,592	07/01/96
Notes: Base charge: \$40.00 per billing includes 20,000 gals. Connection fee: \$600 application fee. Inspection fee: \$15.												
<b>Douglas, Town of</b>	\$324	\$2.00/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						3,100	10/01/92
Notes: Base charge: \$24.00 per billing includes 1,600 CF. Customary charges: \$50.00 per billing for debt on system improvements. Connection fee: \$2,500.												
<b>Dover Water Company</b>	\$692	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A						1,257	07/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$128.00 per billing for the first 15,000 gals. or less; \$6.00/1000 gals. - next 20,000 gals.; \$7.45/1000 gals. - Next 25,000; \$9.00/1000 gals. - next 40,000; \$10.00/1000 gals. - over 100,000 gals. Connection fee: \$2,500.												
<b>Dracut Water Supply District</b>	\$424	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	N/A	✓		✓			22,000	04/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$200 per year includes 5,000 CF; \$3.00/HCF up to 10,000 CF per year; \$3.70 over 10,000 CF per year. Other customary charges: \$5.00 for late charge after 30 days. Connection fee: \$2500. Inspection fee: \$50.00. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Dudley, Town of</b>	\$362	\$3.00/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	NR						4,992	02/01/99
Notes: Base charge: \$21.53 per billing includes 700 CF. Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Dunstable, Town of</b>	\$432	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						655	10/01/01
Notes: Base charge: \$40.00 per billing includes 10,000 gals.; \$0.0046/gal. - 10,001-20,000; \$0.0052/gal over 20,000. Connection fee: \$1000 application fee.												
<b>Duxbury, Town of</b>	\$288	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓			16,000	05/24/99
Notes: Minimum charge: \$24.00 per billing. \$3.20/1000 gals. up to 60,000 gals.; \$4.25/1000 gals. - 60,000-120,000 gals.; \$5.25/1000 gals. - 120,000+ gals. Connection fees: \$1000; \$500 tapping fee. Inspection fee: \$500. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>East Bridgewater, Town of</b>	\$226	\$1.50/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise	✓					12,300	1998
Notes: Base charge: \$35.00 per billing for first 800CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>East Brookfield, Town of</b>	\$171	\$1.90/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	General						1,550	1995
Notes: Base charge: \$19.00 per billing for the first 10,000 gals. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>East Longmeadow, Town of</b>	\$216	\$1.80/HCF	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Special Revenue						14,902	07/01/01
Notes: Base charge: \$36.00 per billing includes 2,000 CF.												
<b>Easthampton, City of</b>	\$156	\$1.20/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						15,537	1993
Notes: Customary charge: \$3.00 per billing for 5/8"; \$4.50 per billing for 3/4". Connection fee: \$1000. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Easton, Town of</b>	\$320	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						22,904	05/06/02
Notes: Base charge: \$20.00 per billing; \$3.11/1000 gal. - 0 to 50,000 gals.; \$3.97/1000 gal. - 50,001 to 200,000 gals.; \$4.71/100 gal. over 200,000 gals. Fire protection fee: \$313 semiannually; Connection fee: \$1,725 town road; \$775 subdivision. Inspection fee: \$87 backflow prevention device test.												
<b>Edgartown, Town of</b>	\$340	\$340/year	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue			✓			3,000 Winter 35,000 Summer	1991
Notes: Flat fee. Other costs per water fixture. Elderly discounts only applies to low income. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Egremont, Town of</b>	\$747	\$3.44/1000 gals.	Monthly	Surface Water	Enterprise						700	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$10.00 per billing included up to 1,000 gals.; \$3.44/1000 gals after. \$29.87 per month debt service. Connection fee: \$50.00.												
<b>Erving, Town of</b>	\$455	\$4.50/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						540	08/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$25.00 per billing. Fire protection fee: \$100/hydrant/year; Connection Fees: varies.												
<b>Essex, Town of</b>	\$600	\$5.00/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓			3,000	07/01/94
Notes: Base charge: \$125/6 mos. for the first 10,000 gals. Excess rate: \$5.00/1000 gals. over 10,000 gals. in the 6 month period. Minimum charge: \$62.50 per billing. Connection fee: \$975-\$1250. Inspection fee: \$37/hour.												

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<b>Everett, City of</b>	\$156	Ascending	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	General						36,000	07/01/00
Notes: \$1.30/HCF - 0-30 HCF; \$1.55/HCF - 31-60 HCF; \$1.85/HCF - 61-100 HCF; \$2.10/HCF for over 100 HCF. Per MRWA Survey.												
<b>Fairhaven, Town of</b>	\$211	\$1.68/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						6,436	08/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$37.80 per billing includes 2,250 CF. Customary charges: Rental fees: 5/8" meter \$4.50; 3/4" meter \$6.50; 1" meter \$9 per billing. Connection fees: Tie-in & development fees: 3/4" - \$2,000; 1" - \$2,150; 1 1/2" - \$2,500 - increases with size, up to \$57,000. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Fall River, City of</b>	\$121	\$1.01/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						100,000	07/01/02
<b>Falmouth, Town of</b>	\$240	\$2.00/HCF	Biannually	Surface Water	General						77,500	1997
Notes: Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Fitchburg, City of</b>	\$266	\$2.26/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						40,000	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$10.00 per billing included up to 500CF. Connection fee: \$1200. Inspection fee: \$50 per visit. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Foxborough, Town of</b>	\$262	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						16,637	05/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$19.23 per billing up to 750 CF; \$20.57/1000 CF - 750-3,000 CF; \$20.86/1000 CF - 3,000-7,500 CF; \$21.19/1000 CF - over 7,500 CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Framingham, Town of</b>	\$254	Ascending	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise			✓			65,000	6/02
Notes: \$2.12/HCF - 1-156 HCF; \$2.78/HCF - 157-3,000 HCF; \$3.20/HCF - 3,001+ - HCF. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Franklin, Town of</b>	\$381	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue				✓		30,198	06/30/02
Notes: \$3.10/HCF up to 15 HCF; \$3.25/HCF - 16-40 HCF; \$3.80/HCF - 41+ HCF. Fire Protection charges - \$500; Connection Charge - \$310; Impact Fee - \$2,440.												

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<b>Freetown, Town of</b>	\$288	\$2.40/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	N/A						1,512	06/01/97
Notes: Minimum charge: \$12.00 per billing. Inspection fees: \$387 for 1" meter residential.												
<b>Gardner, City of</b>	\$310	\$2.58/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						20,100	07/01/98
Notes: Base charge: \$19.35 per billing includes 750CF. Connection Fees: \$750. Inspection Fees: \$35.00. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Georgetown, Town of</b>	\$284	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise					✓	2,344	07/01/98
Notes: Customary charge: \$20.00 service fee per billing. \$1.70/HCF up to 5,000 CF; \$1.75/HCF - 5,001-10,000 CF; \$1.90/HCF - 10,001-20,000 CF; \$2.00/HCF - 20,000+ CF. Connection fee: \$2000. Inspection fee: \$25/hour. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Gloucester, City of</b>	\$437	\$4.86/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Surface Water	Special Revenue						38,000	06/01/02
Notes: Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Grafton Water District</b>	\$424	\$4.15/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise		✓				9,500	5/01
Notes: Minimum charge: \$10.00 per billing. Service charge is \$12.50 for 5/8". Connection fee: \$3,250 1" service.												
<b>Great Barrington Fire District</b>	\$102	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	General	✓					1,400	09/01/97
Notes: Base charge: \$12.25 per billing includes 3,750 gals.; \$0.675/1000 gals. - 3,750-7,500 gals.; \$0.705/1000 gals. - 7,500-11,250 gals.; \$0.721/1000 gals. - 11,250-22,500 gals.; \$0.736/1000 gals. - 22,500+ gals. Connection fee: \$200. Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Great Barrington Housatonic Water Works</b>	\$308	\$0.54/1000 gals.	Monthly	Surface Water	N/A						2,700	1991
Notes: Base charge: \$23.00 includes first 2,500 gals. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Greenfield, Town of</b>	\$233	\$1.94/HCF	Biannually	50% Groundwater 50% Surface Water	Special Revenue					✓	18,600	07/01/02
Notes: Minimum charge: \$5.00 per billing. Connection fee: \$100.												

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<b>Groton, Town of</b>	\$410	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						3,000	3/02
Notes: \$3.25/HCF - 0 - 20 HCF; \$3.75/HCF - 21 - 40 HCF; \$4.31/HCF for over 40 HCF. Connection fee: \$3500.												
<b>Groveland, Town of</b>	\$262	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue	✓				✓	5,600	10/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$50.00 per billing up to 2,400 CF; \$2.25/HCF - 2,400 - 6,000 CF; \$5.00/HCF over 6,000 CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Hadley, Town of</b>	\$243	\$1.75/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						4,600	12/01/96
Notes: Service charges per billing: \$12.50 for capital improvements; \$4.00-16.00 for meter repair. Connection fee: \$120-\$385. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Halifax, Town of</b>	\$270	\$2.00/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						7,300	08/01/97
Notes: Base charge: \$85.00/6 mos. up to 20,000 gallons (\$170 min. charges per year). \$2.00/1000 gals. over 20,000 gals. (excess water rates); \$2.60/1000 gals. (Bulk water).												
<b>Hamilton, Town of</b>	\$290	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						7,300	12/98
Notes: Base charge: \$25.00 per bill for first 10,000 gals.; \$3.29/1000 gals. - 10,001-40,000; \$4.29/1000 gals. - 41,000-75,000; \$4.79/1000 gals. - 76,000-100,000; \$5.29/1000 gals. - 101,000-400,000; \$5.79/1000 gals. - 401,000-800,000; \$6.29/1000 gals. - 801,000-1,000,000; \$6.79/1000 gals. - 1,000,000 & over. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Hanover, Town of</b>	\$486	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						13,000	08/01/02
Notes: Service charges per billing varies according to meter size - 5/8" - \$25.00; 3/4" - \$42.00. \$2.05/HCF 0 - 500 CF; \$3.45/HCF - 501-3000 CF; \$5.00/HCF - 3,001+ CF. Connection fees: \$1000.												
<b>Hanson, Town of</b>	\$345	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue		✓				9,486	NR
Notes: Base charge: \$35.00 per billing includes up to 1,500 CF; \$2.50/HCF - 1,501-2,500 CF; \$3.00/HCF - 2,501-5,000 CF; \$3.75/HCF - 5001+ CF. Connection fee: \$665-965. Inspection fee: \$60 inspection fee. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Hardwick, Gilbertville Water District</b>	\$160	Descending	Biannually	Groundwater	General						1,000	07/01/98
Notes: Base charge: \$20.00 per billing includes 2,000 CF. \$1.50/HCF - 2,000-10,000 CF; \$1.40/HCF - 10,000-15,000 CF; \$1.25/HCF - over 15,000 CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Harvard, Town of</b>	\$240	\$0.02/CF	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue						970	01/01/96
Notes: Minimum charge: \$25.00 per billing.												
<b>Harwich, Town of</b>	\$161	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	General						9,364	1993
Notes: Base charge: \$25.00 per billing includes 15,000 gals. \$1.75/1000 gals. - 15,001-25,000 gals.; \$1.90/1000 gals. - 25,001-50,000 gals.; \$2.15/1000 gals. - over 50,000 gals.												
<b>Hatfield, Town of</b>	\$210	\$1.75/HCF	Annually	Surface Water	NR			✓			3,000	07/01/98
Notes: \$210.00/household per year if not metered. Connection fee: \$1500. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Haverhill, City of</b>	\$208	\$1.73/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	General					✓	60,000	07/01/01
Notes: Fire protection fee: \$300; Connection fee: \$200. Impact Fee: \$2,000												
<b>Hingham, MA - Aquarion Water Company</b>	\$762	\$3.678/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater Surface Water	N/A	✓					45,095	05/01/01
Notes: Base charge: 5/8" meter - \$80.10 per billing; water rates: \$2.085/HCF plus consumption charge for Water Treatment Facility = \$0.845/HCF; consumption charge for O&M = \$0.748/HCF.												
<b>Hinsdale, Town of</b>	\$360	\$360/year	Biannually	Surface Water	General	✓	✓				1,200	1992
Notes: Flat fee. Connection fee: \$250.												
<b>Holbrook, Town of</b>	\$280	\$2.33/HCF	Biannually	Surface Water	N/A	✓					11,100	04/29/02
<b>Holden, Town of</b>	\$264	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise	✓				✓	15,000	07/01/98
Notes: Base charge: \$8.19 per billing up to 500CF; \$2.06/HCF, 500-1500CF; \$2.48/HCF, 1500-3000CF; \$2.79/HCF, 3000-5000CF; \$3.57/HCF additional. Connection Fees: \$1,000. Inspection Fees: Included in connection fee. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Holliston, Town of</b>	\$206	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue						14,942	07/01/99
Notes: Base charge: \$37.00 per billing includes up to 3,200CF; \$2.36/HCF - 3,200-8,000CF; \$5.00/HCF more than 8,000CF. Customary Charges: \$25.00 - Turn on/off charges. Connection fee: \$1200.												
<b>Holyoke, City of</b>	\$280	\$3.108/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						42,000	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$31.08 per billing includes 10,000 gals. Connection charges range from \$500 for 1" service to \$5,000 for 8" service.												
<b>Hopedale, Town of</b>	\$242	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						5,663	05/01/98
Notes: \$1.82/HCF up to 2,000 CF; \$2.40/HCF - 2,001 - 6,000 CF; \$2.60/HCF over 6,000 CF. Connection Fees: \$1000. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Hopkinton, Town of</b>	\$214	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓			9,000	1996
Notes: Base charge: \$20.00 per billing for up to 1000CF; \$1.74/HCF - 1,000 to 8,000CF; \$3.48/HCF - 10,000CF+. Connection fee: \$3000. Inspection fee: \$27.00/hour.												
<b>Hudson, Town of</b>	\$250	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						18,000	07/01/02
Notes: \$1.96/HCF for first 1,500 CF; \$2.20/HCF - 1,502-3,000 CF; \$2.24/HCF - 3,001-5,000 CF; \$2.28/HCF - 5,001-15,000; \$2.30/HCF - over 15,001 CF. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Hull, MA American Water</b>	\$713	Descending	Quarterly	Groundwater Surface Water	N/A						45,095	06/01/96
Notes: Base charge: \$76.35 per billing; \$2.040/HCF - 0-36HCF; \$1.073/HCF - 37-839HCF; \$0.900/HCF - over 839HCF. Consumption charge for Water Treatment Facility = \$.795/HCF; Consumption Charge for O&M = \$0.563/HCF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Huntington, Town of</b>	\$214	\$214/year	Biannually	Groundwater	NR	✓					1,200	08/01/02
Notes: Flat fee. Connection fee: \$650.00.												
<b>Ipswich, Town of</b>	\$390	\$3.25/HCF	Monthly	Groundwater Surface Water	Special Revenue					✓	13,000	10/01/01
Notes: Connection fee: \$500.												

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<b>Kenwood Water District - Dracut, Town of</b>	\$375	\$2.50/HCF	Annually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						7,000	1999
Notes: Base charge: \$250 per billing up to 7,000CF; \$2.50 per 100CF over 7,000. Connection fee: \$1600. Inspection fee: \$25.00/hour.												
<b>Kingston, Town of</b>	\$275	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						10,229	04/01/97
Notes: Service charge: \$15.00 per bill. \$2.00/1000 gals. - 0-10,000 gals.; \$2.50/1000 gals. - 10,001-20,000 gals.; \$3.50/1000 gals. - 20,001-37,500 gals.; \$5.12/1000 gals - over 37,500 gals. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Lancaster, Town of</b>	\$187	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						1,900	1996
Notes: Base charge: \$15.62 per billing includes first 1,000 CF; \$1.56/HCF - 1,100-3,500 CF; \$2.06/HCF - 3,600-10,000 CF; \$2.81/HCF - 10,100-30,000 CF. Connection fee: \$1000. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Lanesborough Village Fire &amp; Water District</b>	\$450	\$450/year	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						2,400	07/01/02
Notes: Flat fee. Metered rate - \$0.042/HCF.												
<b>Lawrence, City of</b>	\$162	\$1.35/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	General						55,000	1988
Notes: Minimum charge: \$9.45 per billing. Connection fee: \$100+. Inspection fee: \$100+. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Lee, Town of</b>	\$329	\$3.65/1000 gals.	Biannually	Surface Water	Special Revenue					✓	5,200	01/01/00
Notes: Connection fee: \$250. Inspection fee: \$10.00.												
<b>Leicester Water Supply District</b>	\$360	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	General Special Revenue						3,300	NR
Notes: Base charge: \$50.00 per billing for up to 1,000 CF; \$2.00/HCF - 1,001-7,500CF; \$3.00/HCF - over 7,500CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Lenox, Town of</b>	\$357	\$3.99/1000 gals.	Biannually	Surface Water	Enterprise						6,000	05/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$30.00 per billing includes 7,732 gals. Connection Fees: \$4.00/gal/day/flow estimate. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Leominster, City of</b>	\$192	\$1.65/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Special Revenue						36,000	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$15.00 per billing includes 10 HCF. Connection fee: \$500. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Lexington, Town of</b>	\$346	Ascending	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						31,545	05/22/02
Notes: \$2.10/HCF first 20 HCF; \$2.92/HCF - 21-40 HCF; \$3.64/HCF - 41-80 HCF; \$4.76/HCF over 81 HCF. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Lincoln, Town of</b>	\$419	\$4.85/1000 gals.	Biannually	Surface Water	Enterprise						5,500	1997
Notes: Base charge: \$30.00 per billing includes 8,000 gals. Connection fee: \$3000. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Littleton, Town of</b>	\$299	\$0.0216/CF	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise	✓	✓	✓			8,225	01/01/01
Notes: Customary Base charge: \$10.00 per billing - waived for Sr. Citizens. Connection fee: \$2,500 for 1" connection.												
<b>Longmeadow, Town of</b>	\$174	\$1.45/HCF	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Special Revenue						15,400	7/02
Notes: Connection fee: \$16.00 per foot.												
<b>Lowell Regional Water Utility</b>	\$143	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	General			✓		✓	135,000	07/01/00
Notes: Minimum charge: \$16.66 per billing. \$1.190/HCF - first 50 HCF; \$1.492/HCF - 51-100 HCF; \$1.523/HCF - 101-200 HCF; \$1.553/HCF - 201-500 HCF; \$1.569/HCF - over 500 HCF.												
<b>Ludlow, Town of</b>	\$119	\$0.99/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise	✓		✓			18,000	04/01/91
Notes: Base charge: \$15.00 per billing includes 1,515 CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Lunenburg Water District</b>	\$360	\$2.00/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A						6,000	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$45.00 per billing includes 750CF. Connection fee: \$2,000/1"; \$3,000/2". Inspection fee: \$100/day.												

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<b>Lynn, City of</b>	\$268	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise			✓	✓		90,000	07/01/02
Notes: \$2.23/HCF for first 2,700; \$2.24/HCF - next 2,700; \$2.25/HCF - next 4500; \$2.26/HCF - next 2,800. Connection fee: \$50.												
<b>Lynnfield Center Water District</b>	\$108	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	NR						9600	NR
Notes: \$60/year (billed biannually at \$30) includes 60,000 gallons of water used; \$1.60/1000 gals - 60,000-120,000; \$3.35/1000 gals. - over 120,000 gals.												
<b>Lynnfield Water District</b>	\$280	Ascending	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water		✓				✓	3,000	3/02
Notes: Base charge: \$50.00 per billing up to 2,000 CF; \$2.25/HCF - 2,001-10,000CF; \$2.45/HCF 10,001+CF.												
<b>Malden, City of</b>	\$214	Ascending	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						53,844	05/31/02
Notes: Base charge: \$7.50 per bill includes 1st 500CF; \$1.59/HCF - 500-2,500CF; \$2.85/HCF - 2,501-37,500; \$3.60/HCF - over 37,500 CF. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Manchester-by-the-Sea</b>	\$336	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater Surface Water	Enterprise						5,500	07/01/00
Notes: \$2.80/HCF up to 3,000 CF; \$2.90/HCF from 3,000-6,000 CF; \$3.00/HCF over 6,000 CF. Connection fee: \$100.												
<b>Mansfield, Town of</b>	\$361	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓		✓	21,300	06/01/02
Notes: For small meter (3/4-1") rates are \$28.85/1000 CF for 0 - 2,400 CF; \$31.18/1000 CF for 2,401 - 3,900 CF; \$35.32/1000 CF for 3,901 - 6,000 CF; \$43.63/1000 CF over 6,000 CF. Small meter service charge is \$2.18.												
<b>Marblehead, Town of</b>	\$300	Ascending	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						19,975	07/01/02
Notes: \$2.25/HCF up to 30 HCF; \$2.55/HCF over 30 HCF. Customary charge: \$7.50 per billing - customer service charge (cost of billing and reading). Connection fee: \$100 application fee.												
<b>Marion, Town of</b>	\$326	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	General						7,800	04/01/98
Notes: \$19.70/1000CF - 0-10,000 CF.; \$43.00/1000 CF - over 10,000CF. \$90.00 annual fee. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Marlborough, City of</b>	\$340	\$2.83/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						35,000	07/01/01
Notes: Connection fee: \$400 inspection fees are included (for residences). Commercial based on waterline size.												
<b>Marshfield, Town of</b>	\$266	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise				✓		33,051	07/01/97
Notes: Base charge: \$55.00 billed per year, plus \$2.20/1,000 gals. up to 35,000 gals.; \$2.85/1,000 gals. over 35,000 gals. Town reports actual consumption is 70,000 gals. annually (\$210 average cost).												
<b>Mashpee Water District</b>	\$269	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	N/A						13,000 (winter) 30,000 (summer)	07/01/92
Notes: Base charge: \$46.00 per billing up to 15,000 gals.; \$2.50/1000 gal. - 15,000-30,000 gals.; \$3.40/1000 gal. - 30,000+ gals. Connection fee: \$500. Inspection fee: \$46.00 per hour. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Mattapoisett, Town of</b>	\$411	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						6,800	04/01/99
Notes: Base charge: \$28.00 per billing on 5/8" meter; \$30.00 on 3/4" meter per billing. \$2.37/HCF - 1-2,000 CF; \$3.25/HCF -over 2,000 CF.												
<b>Maynard, Town of</b>	\$162	\$1.35/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue						10,500	07/01/98
Notes: Base charge: \$27.00 per billing includes 2,000 CF. \$1.35/HCF after 2,000 CF. Connection fee: \$1,500, new construction; \$75.00 existing homes, etc. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Medfield, Town of</b>	\$213	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise	✓					12,290	04/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$20.00 per billing. \$1.70/1000 gals. - 0-35,000 gals.; \$2.70/1000 gals. - 35,000-70,000 gals.; \$3.70/1000 gals. over 70,000 gals.												
<b>Medford, City of</b>	\$394	\$3.28/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise			✓	✓		57,407	12/18/01
Notes: Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Medway, Town of</b>	\$264	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise	✓					12,100	05/01/02
Notes: \$2.20/HCF - 0 - 7,000 CF; \$2.30/HCF - 7,000 - 10,000 CF; \$2.40/HCF >10,000 CF.												

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<b>Melrose, City of</b>	\$308	\$2.57/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise	✓		✓	✓		28,100	07/01/02
Notes: Inspection fee: \$25.00. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Merrimac, Town of</b>	\$400	\$0.40/100 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue					✓	6,100	1996
Notes: Base charge: \$10.00 per billing. Connection Fees: \$1,400 - new service; \$2,400 - impact fee.												
<b>Methuen, City of</b>	\$179	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise			✓		✓	40,000	10/01/91
Notes: Base charge: \$5.00 per billing includes 500 CF. \$1.36/HCF - 501-1,000 CF; \$1.57/HCF - 1,001-2,500 CF; \$1.89/HCF - 2,501-5,000 CF; \$2.05/HCF - 5,001 CF and over. Connection fee: \$250 -existing; \$500 - new. Inspection fee: \$50.00. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Middleborough, Town of</b>	\$240	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓			17,000	07/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$18.03 per billing includes up to 500 CF; \$1.51/HCF - 500-2,500 CF; \$2.33/HCF - 2,600-25,000 CF; \$3.57/HCF - over 25,000 CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Middleton, Town of</b>	\$340	\$2.78/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise					✓	3,300	10/01/02
Notes: Danvers provides water. Customary charge: \$1.50 minimum meter charge per billing (\$0.50/month). Connection fee - \$2,000 per inch.												
<b>Milford Water Company</b>	\$290	Descending	Quarterly	Surface Water	N/A				✓		28,000	06/01/99
Notes: \$2.417/HCF up to 9,000 CF; \$1.490/HCF - next 90,000 CF; \$1.104/HCF excess of 99,000 CF.												
<b>Millbury, MA - Aquarion Water Company</b>	\$397	\$2.78/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A	✓					8,421	05/01/01
Notes: Service charge: 5/8" meter - \$36.75 per billing.												
<b>Millis, Town of</b>	\$351	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	NR						7,700	07/01/02
Notes: \$12.97 meter charge per billing; \$2.04/1000 gals. 0-25,000 gals.; \$3.24/1000 gals. over 25,000 gals. \$28.99 capital assessment charge per billing. Connection fee - \$1,300.												

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<b>Milton, Town of</b>	\$359	\$3.18/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Special Revenue						26,220	08/15/02
Notes: Base charge: \$13.50 includes 6 HCF.												
<b>Monson, Town of</b>	\$198	\$2.20/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A						3,700	07/01/01
Notes: Minimum charge: \$13.75 per billing. Connection fee: \$150.												
<b>Nahant, Town of</b>	\$661	\$5.51/HCF	Triannually	Purchased Surface Water	General						4,000	07/01/02
Notes: Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Nantucket Island - Wannacomet Water Co.</b>	\$345	\$2.10/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						5,000	03/01/90
Notes: Service charge: \$23.26-124.97/quarter , based on meter size. Customary charge: \$30.00 - seasonal turn-on & off fee. Connection fee: \$600-\$1,700 (depending on size) Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Natick, Town of</b>	\$214	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue			✓			15,000	01/01/02
Notes: Minimum charge: \$5.60 for 0-7 HCF; \$1.60/HCF - 8-20 HCF; \$2.70/HCF - 21-100 HCF; \$3.25/HCF above 101 HCF. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Needham, Town of</b>	\$234	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						30,000	10/01/01
Notes: \$1.59/HCF - 0-12 HCF; \$2.19/HCF - 12.01-30 HCF; \$2.70/HCF - 30.01-50 HCF; \$3.29/HCF - 50 HCF & over. Inspection fees: \$40.00/hour for 2 men. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>New Bedford, City of</b>	\$133	\$0.85/HCF	Monthly	Surface Water	General						139,500	07/01/90
Notes: Base charge: \$26.17 per year. Customary charge: \$0.44 meter rental fee per billing (\$5.25/year). Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Newbury, Byfield Water District</b>	\$312	\$2.15/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						4,425	07/01/02
Notes: User charge: \$27.00 per billing. Connection fee: \$3,000 - inspection fees are included.												

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<b>Newburyport, City of</b>	\$334	\$2.50/HCF	Biannually	Surface Water	Special Revenue						17,500	7/01
Notes: Base charge: \$42.00 per billing for up to 1000 cubic feet. Fire protection fee: \$150/annually. Connection fee: \$250 - 1".												
<b>Newton, City of</b>	\$294	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓	✓		82,000	07/01/02
Notes: \$2.30/HCF - 0-20 HCF. \$2.76/HCF - 21-70 HCF, \$3.31/HCF - over 70 HCF. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Norfolk, Town of</b>	\$296	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓			5,958	03/26/02
Notes: Minimum charge: \$38.50 (5/8" meter); \$3.29/1000 gals. - 0 - 50,000 gals.; \$4.02/1000 gals. - over 50,000 gals per billing period.												
<b>North Adams, City of</b>	\$263	\$2.19/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	General						16,500	07/01/00
Notes: Only if no water used is there a \$10.00 minimum charge based on meter size. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>North Andover, Town of</b>	\$342	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						28,800	07/01/02
Notes: \$2.38/HCF - 0 - 20 HCF; \$3.80/HCF - 21+ HCF. Sprinkler Rate - \$4.25/HCF. Connection fee: \$1,000.												
<b>North Attleboro, Town of</b>	\$195	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						26,000	1/02
Notes: Base charge: \$29.57 per billing includes up to 1000 CF; \$1.36/HCF - 1,001-9,000 CF; \$2.09/HCF over 9,000 CF. Connection fee: \$1,130 (3/4"). Inspection fee: \$25.												
<b>North Brookfield, Town of</b>	\$450	\$0.005/gal.	Biannually	Surface Water	Special Revenue						4,500	07/01/99
Notes: Billing will be straight cost per gallon. Rate per gallon may change according to total gallons used town wide. Connection fee: \$650.												
<b>North Reading, Town of</b>	\$547	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						12,750	11/01/98
Notes: \$4.84/1000 gals. up to 110 gals./day; \$7.08/1000 gals. over 110 gals./day. Connection fee: \$1000.												

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<b>Northampton, City of</b>	\$263	\$2.19/HCF	Biannually	Surface Water	General						16,000+	07/01/00
Notes: Connection fee: \$200 entry fee and costs varies with meter size. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Northborough, Town of</b>	\$258	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise				✓		10,600	10/01/99
Notes: \$21.20/1000 CF up to 4,000 CF; \$22.00/1000 CF - 4,001-12,001 CF; \$22.80/1000 CF - 12,001+ CF. (Min. charge of \$41.00 per billing includes 2,000 CF for residents who use less than 4,000 - this fee is for maintenance and administration). Connection fee: \$4,200.												
<b>Northbridge, Town of</b>	\$338	Descending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						7,000	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$28.90/HCF per billing includes 1,000 CF. \$2.786/HCF - 1,000-14,000 CF; \$1.561/HCF - 15000+ CF. Connection fee: \$1,800 (5/8" - 2"). Minimum quarterly charge varies by meter size (\$28.90/quarter for 5/8").												
<b>Northbridge, Whitinsville Water Co.</b>	\$338	Descending	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A						14,000	07/01/99
Notes: Base charge: \$28.90 per billing includes 1,000 CF. \$2.786/HCF - 1,000-14,000 CF; \$1.301/HCF - 15000+ CF. Connection fee: \$150.												
<b>Northfield East Northfield Water Co.</b>	\$200	\$1.253/HCF	Biannually	Surface Water	Enterprise						1,700	NR
Notes: Base charge: \$25.00 per billing.												
<b>Northfield Water District - Fairview Gardens</b>	\$363	\$1.85/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	General						850	1998
Notes: Base charge: \$100 per billing up to 1,000 gals; then \$1.85 every 1000 gals. Connection Fee: \$500.												
<b>Norton, Town of</b>	\$204	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise	✓					17,000	07/01/02
Notes: Minimum bill: \$30.00 up to 2,000 CF. \$1.80/HCF up to 2,001 - 6,000 CF; \$2.10/HCF - 6,001 - 10,000 CF; \$3.10/HCF above 10,000 CF.												
<b>Norwell, Town of</b>	\$318	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue			✓			9,800	01/01/01
Notes: \$3.00/1000 gals. first 30,000 gals.; \$3.65/1000 gals. - 30,000-50,000 gals.; \$4.30/1000 gals. over 50,000 gals. Customary charge: \$14.00 per billing -3/4" & 1" meter charge. Connection fee: \$1,350 - application fee.												

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<b>Norwood, Town of</b>	\$287	Ascending	Bimonthly	Purchase Surface Water	General	✓					28,000	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge is \$5.32. \$1.72/HCF up to 1000 CF; \$2.53 over 1000 CF. Some customers billed monthly. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Oak Bluffs Water District</b>	\$357	\$1.45/1000 gals.	Annually	Groundwater	General	✓		✓		✓	3,300	07/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$313 per billing includes 60,000 gals. \$1.45/1000 gal. usage over 60,000 gals. Connection fee: \$450.												
<b>Onset Fire District</b>	\$260	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue						6,500	01/01/94
Notes: Base charge: \$75.00 per billing includes up to 3,500 CF; \$2.19/HCF - 3,501-7,000 CF; \$2.24/HCF - 7,001-50,000 CF; \$2.29/HCF over 50,001 CF. Connection fees: \$750 plus labor. Inspection fees: \$50 back flow. System development fee: \$750 less than 2-inch service. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Orange, Town of</b>	\$288	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						3,855	1996
Notes: \$2.20/HCF up to 25,000 CF; \$2.30/HCF over 25,000 CF. Water meter service charge: \$6.00 per quarter. Connection fee: \$1,000/inch.												
<b>Orleans, Town of</b>	\$320	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue						20,301	1990
Notes: Base charge: \$40.00 per billing includes up to 15,000 gals.; \$3.50/1000 gals. - 15,001-30,000 gals.; \$4.50/1000 gals. - 30,001-50,000 gals.; \$5.50/1000 gals. over 50,000 gals. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Oxford, MA American Water</b>	\$397	\$2.78/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A	✓					7,426	05/01/01
Notes: Service charge: 5/8" meter - \$36.75 per billing.												
<b>Palmer Bondsville Fire &amp; Water District</b>	\$337	\$37.40/10,000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A						1,416	07/01/96
Notes: Connection fee: \$302.50. Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Palmer Fire &amp; Water District #1</b>	\$458	Ascending	Monthly	Groundwater/ Surface Water	Enterprise						3,000	01/01/98
Notes: \$36.12/1000 CF - 0-434 CF; \$39.80/1000 CF - over 435 CF.												
<b>Palmer Thorndike Fire &amp; Water District</b>	\$178	\$1.65/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Purchased Groundwater	General						1,425	2000
Notes: Base charge: \$13.50 per billing includes 5,000 gals. Customary charge: \$2.00 meter rental per billing. Connection fee: \$550.												
<b>Palmer Three Rivers Fire District</b>	\$176	\$2.00/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓			3,100	2001
Notes: Base charge: \$17.50 per billing includes 10,000 gals. Customary charge: \$1.50 meter rental per billing. Connection fee: \$500, plus all costs which includes inspection fees.												
<b>Paxton, Town of</b>	\$380	\$3.44/1000 gals.	Monthly	Surface Water	General						3,400	01/01/98
Notes: Customary charge: \$5.83 - billing fee. Connection fee: \$3,500.												
<b>Peabody, City of</b>	\$235	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	General	✓					48,000	07/01/98
Notes: \$1.81/HCF - first 15 HCF; \$1.98/HCF - over 15 HCF. Commercial rates: \$2.07/HCF - first 15 HCF; \$2.27 - over 15 HCF. Customary charge: \$7.50 per year for meter maintenance.												
<b>Pembroke, Town of</b>	\$280	Ascending	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	NR		✓				16,167	10/01/98
Notes: \$2.92/1000 gals. up to 25,000 gals.; \$3.35/1000 gals. - 25,001-45,000 gals.; \$3.85/1000 gals. - 45,001 gals. and over. Connection fee: \$1950. Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Pepperell, Town of</b>	\$223	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						11,500	04/01/99
Notes: Service charge: \$24.00 per bill. \$1.40/HCF up to 5000 CF; \$1.75/HCF - 5000-10,000 CF; \$2.00/HCF - 10,000-15,000 CF; \$4.00/HCF over 15,000 CF. Connection fee: \$400. Inspection fee: \$10.00.												
<b>Pittsfield, City of</b>	\$129	\$0.99/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Surface Water	NR						43,000	07/01/99
Notes: Service charge: \$10.00 per billing. Unmetered customers \$110 first bath; \$55 additional baths - billed annually. Swimming pools \$50. Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												

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Plainville, Town of	\$540	\$6.00/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue						7,800	07/01/02
Plymouth, Town of	\$157	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue Enterprise						53,000	11/01/97

Notes: \$1.23/HCF for up to 4,000 CF; \$1.47/HCF - 4,001-10,000 CF; \$1.75/HCF - over 10,000 CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.

Provincetown, Town of	\$331	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise		✓				4,000 (winter) 60,000 (summer)	03/14/02
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Notes: 2 Different rate periods. May 1 through Nov. 15 - Base charge: \$32.50 per billing includes 22,000 gals.; \$6.00/1000 gals. - 23,000-40,000 gals.; \$8.00/1000 gals. - 41,000-100,000 gals.; \$10.00/1000 gals. - over 100,000 gals. Nov. 16 through Mar. 14th - Base charge: \$32.50 per billing includes 17,000 gals.; \$4.00/1000 gals. - 18,000-40,000 gals.; \$5.00/1000 gals. - 41,000-100,000 gals.; \$6.00/1000 gals. - over 100,000 gals. Connection fee: \$1,110.

Quincy, City of	\$258	\$2.15/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	General		✓	✓	✓		88,000	07/01/01
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Notes: Connection fee: \$300, inspection fee included.

Randolph, Town of	\$198	\$1.65/HCF	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	General			✓			32,500	07/01/02
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Notes: Minimum charge: \$5.00 per billing. Connection fee: \$1000. Per MWRA Survey.

Raynham Center Water District	\$140	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A						8,000	1994
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Notes: Base charge: \$12.50 per billing includes 30,000 gals. annually; \$1.50/1000 gals. - 30,000-200,000 gals.; \$1.75/1000 gals. - 200,000-400,000 gals.; \$2.00/1000 gals - over 400,000 gals.

Raynham North Water District	\$60	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	NR	✓					4,150	10/01/99
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Notes: Base charge: \$15.00 per billing includes 40,000 gals.; \$1.75/1000 gals. - 40,001-100,000 gals.; \$2.00/1000 gals. over 100,000 gals. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.

Reading, Town of	\$450	\$3.75/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise					✓	23,800	08/01/02
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Notes: Base charge: \$7.32 per billing includes 200 CF. Connection fee: \$100 plus time and material - installation of service done by town force. Per MWRA Survey.

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<b>Revere, City of</b>	\$235	\$1.96/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	General	✓		✓			47,500	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$12.00 per billing includes 0-2,000 gals. Connection fee: \$500.												
<b>Rockport, Town of</b>	\$470	\$5.15/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						7,800	NR
<b>Rowley, Town of</b>	\$334	\$4.20/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓		✓	5,000	05/01/96
Notes: Base charge: \$20.00 per billing includes up to 10,000 gals. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Russell, Town of</b>	\$234	\$234/year	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue	✓					1,000	10/01/00
Notes: Fixed rate \$234.00 per year. Connection fee: \$500.												
<b>Rutland, Town of</b>	\$332	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						4,000	07/01/99
Notes: \$2.20/HCF - first 500 CF; \$2.88/HCF - 501 - 3,500 CF; \$3.10/HCF - 3,501 - 4,500 CF; \$3.50/HCF - 4,501 CF and over.												
<b>Salem, City of</b>	\$222	\$1.85/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise	✓				✓	37,926	07/01/02
Notes: Minimum charge: \$18.53. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Salisbury Water Supply Company</b>	\$556	\$3.04/1000 gals.	Monthly	Groundwater	N/A		✓				5-25,000	01/01/96
Notes: Service Charges - \$16.74 monthly (\$50.22 quarterly); Capital Improvements Surcharge - Beach Road Booster Station and 0.6 MGD Storage Tank Capital Improvements - \$3.79 monthly (\$45.48 per season); 1,000,000 Gallon Tank Capital Improvement Surcharge - \$3.04 monthly (\$36.48 per season). Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Sandwich Water District</b>	\$140	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	NR						17,000 (winter) 25,000 (summer)	1993
Notes: Base charge: \$20.00 per billing includes up to 20,000 gals., \$2.00/1000 gals. for next 30,000 gals.; \$3.00/1000 gals. over 50,000 gals. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Saugus, Town of</b>	\$257	Ascending	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						26,000	07/01/02
Notes: \$53.28 for first 30 HCF; \$2.50/HCF - 31-100 HCF; \$2.59/HCF - 101-200 HCF; \$3.33/HCF - 201-500 HCF; \$3.55/HCF - 501-1000 HCF; \$3.77/HCF over 1000 HCF. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Scituate, Town of</b>	\$288	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater Surface Water	Enterprise	✓					20,000	12/15/01
Notes: \$0.49/HCF - 1 - 12 HCF; \$2.18/HCF - 13 - 30 HCF; \$3.50/HCF - 31+ HCF. Connection fee: \$1,500. Meter charge is \$26.88 per quarter for 5/8".												
<b>Seekonk Water District</b>	\$251	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						13,500	07/01/02
Notes: Account charge: \$12.50 per billing. \$2.47/1000 gals. - 0-50,000 gals.; \$3.22/1000 gals. over 50,000 gals. Customary charges: Annual Meter Rent - \$4.00 for 5/8" meter; \$6.00 for 3/4" meter.												
<b>Sharon, Town of</b>	\$270	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue	✓					17,500	04/01/98
Notes: Usage under 15,000 gals. - \$30.00; \$39.00 for first 15,000 gals.; \$3.00/1000 gals. - 15,000-30,000 gals.; \$3.40/1000 gals. - 30,000-45,000 gals.; \$5.00/1000 gals. - over 45,000 gals. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Sheffield Water Company</b>	\$330	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A						1,750	05/15/01
Notes: Based on 5/8" meter - Base charge: \$57.00 includes up to 7,500 gals. per quarter; \$1.70/1000 gals. next 20,000 gals.; \$2.60/1000 gals. next 30,000 gals.; \$2.70/1000 gals. Next 40,000 gals.; \$2.80/1000 gals. Over 90,000 gals. Sheffield Water Company is a privately owned company.												
<b>Shelburne Falls Fire District</b>	\$204	\$1.70/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	General						2,200	2002
Notes: Base charge: \$42.50 per billing includes up to 2,500 CF.												
<b>Shirley Water District</b>	\$336	\$2.80/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						3,400	07/01/94
Notes: Base charge: \$21.00 per billing includes 750 CF. Connection fee: \$2000 (1" service). Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Shrewsbury, Town of</b>	\$222	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	General		✓				32,000	1997
Notes: Base charge: \$24.00 per billing for first 5,000 gals.; \$1.80/1000 gals. - 5,000-50,000 gals.; \$2.40/1000 gals. - over 50,000 gals.												

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<b>Somerset, Town of</b>	\$190	Ascending	Biannually	Surface Water	Enterprise						17,500	04/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$25.00 per billing for up to 10,000 gals.; \$2.00/1000 gals. - 11,000-100,000 gals.; \$2.40/1000 gals. - 101,000+ gals. Connection fee: \$200 minimum for 1", \$100 each additional inch.												
<b>Somerville, City of</b>	\$305	Ascending	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	General						78,385	07/01/02
Notes: \$2.54/HCF - first 50 HCF; \$2.67/HCF - 51-100 HCF; \$2.77 HCF - over 100 HCF. Minimum charge is \$10.16. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>South Deerfield Water Supply District</b>	\$225	\$0.90/1000 gals.	Biannually	Surface Water	Enterprise						3,800	11/01/86
Notes: Water tax rate \$0.85 per \$1000 property value, assumed \$125,000 property value. Service charge: \$15.00 per billing (\$30/year). \$4.00 meter charge per billing.												
<b>South Grafton Water District</b>	\$250	\$0.40/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise						4,000	7/02
Notes: Base charge: \$57.00 per unit/per billing includes 8,750 gals. \$0.40/1000 gals. over 8,750 gals.												
<b>South Hadley Fire District #1</b>	\$349	Ascending	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Special Revenue						13,600	07/01/01
Notes: Service charge: \$5.00 per billing/per family unit. \$2.74/HCF - 0-250,000 CF; \$2.86/HCF over 250,000 CF. Connection fee: \$1,200 Improvement Fee.												
<b>South Hadley Fire District #2</b>	\$288	Ascending	Triannually	Groundwater	N/A					✓	5,876	07/01/00
Notes: \$2.40/HCF up to 200,000 CF; \$2.45/HCF over 200,000 CF. Unmetered homes are a flat rate of \$72.00 per billing. Connection fee: \$1500+ cost of installation of service to curb box. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>South Sagamore Water District</b>	\$183	\$1.50/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	NR						1,000	1997
Notes: Service charge: \$24.00 per bill. Connection fees: \$950. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Southampton, Town of</b>	\$284	\$284/year	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise	✓					2,500	1992
Notes: \$142 fixed rate billed biannually. Customary charge: \$25 turn on/off fee.												
<b>Southborough, Town of</b>	\$262	\$2.18/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Special Revenue			✓			8,500	11/01/91
Notes: Base charge: \$21.80 per billing includes 1000 CF. Connection fees: \$500/1/2" pipe size. Inspection fee: \$30/hour.												
<b>Southbridge Water Supply Co.</b>	\$240	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	NR						17,000	07/01/94
Notes: Base charge: \$39.89 per billing up to 1000 CF; \$1.00/HCF next 7,000 CF; \$1.20/HCF next 12,000 CF; \$1.40/HCF over 12,000 CF. Connection fee: \$1500. Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Southwick, Town of</b>	\$366	\$4.00/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue		✓	✓			4,068	03/20/03
Notes: Base charge: \$60.00 per billing includes up to 15,000 gals. Customary charge: \$3.00 per billing/meter charge. Connection fee: \$1,000.												
<b>Spencer, Town of</b>	\$305	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue						6,663	NR
Notes: Base charge: \$38.12 per billing up to 1,500 CF; \$2.55/HCF for next 3,500 CF; \$2.68/HCF for next 3,000 CF; \$2.87/HCF for next 8,000 CF. Connection fee: \$1,000. Inspection fee: \$100.												
<b>Springfield Water and Sewer Commission</b>	\$161	\$1.09/HCF	Monthly	Surface Water	Enterprise	✓		✓			250,000	07/01/02
Notes: Service charge: \$2.50 per billing. Industrial Rate = \$0.46/HCF - company needs to fit into a specific definition.												
<b>Sterling, Town of</b>	\$244	1.25/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise	✓					6,000	4/02
Notes: Base charge: \$24.00 per billing includes first 4,000 gals.; \$2.00/1000 gals. - 4,001 - 30,000 gals.; \$2.25/1000 gals - 30,001 - 50,000 gals.; \$2.50/1000 gals. - 50,001 - 75,000 gals.; \$2.75/1000 gals. - 75,001 - 100,000 gals.; \$3.00/1000 gals. - more than 100,000. Connection fee: \$1500.												

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<b>Stockbridge, Town of</b>	\$234	\$1.95/HCF	Biannually	Surface Water	Rates receivable						2,800	1996
Notes: Base charge: \$39.00 per billing for 2,000CF. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Stoneham, Town of</b>	\$330	\$2.75/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise			✓			23,000	07/01/02
<b>Stoughton, Town of</b>	\$306	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓			29,500	3/02
Notes: Meter charge: \$6.84 per billing. \$2.18/HCF for 0-2,600 CF; \$3.23/HCF for 2,601-5,900 CF; \$4.48/HCF for over 5,900 CF. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Sturbridge, Town of</b>	\$258	\$2.15/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue						3,820	07/01/97
Notes: Connection fee varies. Inspection fees included in connection/meter fees.												
<b>Sudbury Water District</b>	\$180	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	N/A	✓	✓				16,000	10/01/00
Notes: \$2.00/1000 gals. for first 60,000 gals.; \$6.00/1000 gals. - 60,000-80,000 gals.; \$8.00/1000 gals. - 81,000-100,000 gals.; \$10.00/1000 gals. - 101,000-120,000 gals.; \$12.000/1000 gals. - above 120,000 gals. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Sunderland Water District</b>	\$98	\$1.05/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	N/A						3,500	NR
Notes: Base charge: \$20.00 per billing includes first 20,000 gals. Customary charge: \$2.50 meter fee per billing. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Sutton, Manchaug Water District</b>	\$300	\$25.00/1000 CF	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						516	NR
Notes: Connection fee: \$2000. Customary charge: \$12.50 turn on-off fee. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Sutton, Wilkinsonville Water Company</b>	\$305	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	General	✓					2,268	1998
Notes: Base charge: \$48.00 per billing up to 16,000 gals; \$3.60/1000 gals. - 16001-50,000 gals.; \$5.00/1000 gals. over 50,000 gals. Fire Protection charge: \$480/year. Connection fee: \$2000. Inspection fee: \$50/hour.												
<b>Swampscott, Town of</b>	\$455	\$3.79/HCF	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						14,500	09/10/02

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<b>Swansea Water District</b>	\$176	Ascending	Annually	Groundwater	Enterprise						17,349	08/01/99
Notes: Base charge: \$43.00 per year includes 20,000 gals.; \$1.90/1000 gals. up to 500,000 gals.; \$3.80/1000 gals. over 500,000 gals. Inspection fee: \$25.00/hour for residential; \$25.00/hour for business.												
<b>Taunton, City of</b>	\$286	\$2.38/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise						60,000	1991
Notes: Minimum charge: \$23.80 per billing. Connection fee: \$350.												
<b>Templeton Municipal Light and Water</b>	\$311	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						6,967	12/05/01
Notes: \$3.00/1000 gals. up to 25,000 gals.; \$3.13/1000 gals. - 25,000-75,000 gals.; \$3.41/1000 gals. - 75,000 gals. and above. Customary charge: \$36.00 per year for Service Charge. Connection fee: \$2,000/inch. Inspection fee: \$40.												
<b>Tewksbury, Town of</b>	\$338	Ascending	Biannually	Surface Water	General						29,074	07/01/92
Notes: Minimum charge for unmetered accounts: \$147.30 per billing. \$3.75/1000 gals. up to 150,000 gals.; \$4.50/1000 gals. - 151,000 gals. and over. Customary charge: \$75.00 Backflow Testing & Sprinkler Charge. Connection fee: \$900. Inspection fee: \$0.40/foot.												
<b>Tisbury Water Works</b>	\$292	\$1.55/1000 gals.	Annually	Groundwater	Enterprise	✓		✓			11,000	07/01/00
Notes: Base charge: \$214 per billing up to 40,000 gals.; \$1.55/1000 gals. over 40,000 gals. Connection fee: \$400.												
<b>Topsfield, Town of</b>	\$548	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						6,376	04/01/02
Notes: \$4.50/1000 gals. - 0 - 20,000 gals.; \$5.25/1000 gals. - 2,001 - 40,000 gals.; \$7.05/1000 gals. - 40,000+ gals. Based on annual consumption. Connection fee: \$300. Inspection fee: \$100.00 - backflow survey fee. 20% of Town are on private wells.												
<b>Townsend, Town of</b>	\$276	\$1.70/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						4,500	07/01/01
Notes: Service charge per bill: \$36.00 per unit (business(s) or dwelling unit). Town determines annual cost using 100 HCF. Connection fee: \$3,600.												
<b>Turners Falls, Village of</b>	\$122	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	NR						7,057	11/01/99
Notes: \$1.35/1000 gals. - 0 - 200,000 gals.; \$1.45/1000 gals. - 201,000 - 400,000 gals.; \$1.55/1000 gals. - 401,000 - 600,000 gals.; \$1.65/1000 gals. - 601,000 - 800,000 gals.; \$1.75/1000 gals. - 801,000 - 1,000,000 gals.; \$1.85/1000 gals. - 1,001,000 gals. and above. Connection fee: \$500-\$3,500.												

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<b>Tyngsboro Water District</b>	\$393	\$3.25/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	General						1,353	1984
Notes: Base charge: \$25.00 per billing includes 750 CF.												
<b>Upton, Town of</b>	\$211	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	NR						3,000	07/01/98
Notes: \$1.96/1000 gals. up to 20,000 gals.; \$2.66/1000 gals. - 20,000-50,000 gals.; \$3.60/1000 gals. over 50,000 gals. Connection fee: \$2500. Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Uxbridge, Town of</b>	\$264	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	NR						9,279	10/01
Notes: Base charge: \$35.20 per billing includes up to 1,600 CF; \$2.20/HCF - 1,601-6,000 CF; \$2.56/HCF - over 6,000CF.												
<b>Wakefield, Town of</b>	\$318	\$2.05/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise					✓	24,800	07/08/02
Notes: Service charge: \$18.00 per billing. Connection fees start at \$135. Inspection fee: \$50.00; \$50.00 backflow fee and cost of meter. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Walpole, Town of</b>	\$323	\$26.88/1000 CF	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue						22,000	07/01/02
Notes: Fire protection fee: \$970 per connection; Connection fee: \$3,818 per unit.												
<b>Waltham, City of</b>	\$238	Ascending	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						57,589	01/01/02
Notes: The following rates are based on monthly consumption: \$1.87/HCF - 0-700 CF; \$2.25/HCF - 701-1,500 CF; \$2.98/HCF - 1,501-4,000 CF; \$3.67/HCF over 4,000 CF. Connection fee: \$150. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Ware, Town of</b>	\$185	\$1.25/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						7,000	1999
Notes: Base charge: \$15.00 per billing includes 500 CF. Connection fee: \$300.												
<b>Wareham, Town of</b>	\$246	\$2.40/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Water Rate						20,000	7/02
Notes: Base charge: \$75.00 per billing up to 4,000 CF. Connection fee: \$739 system development fee for 1" services.												

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<b>Warren Water District</b>	\$290	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	N/A						1,501	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$25.00 per billing for first 500 CF; \$1.90/HCF up to 200,000 CF; \$2.00/HCF over 200,000 CF. Connection fee: \$300.												
<b>Watertown, Town of</b>	\$307	Ascending	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						30,237	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$6.38 per billing for 5/8" meter; \$2.45/HCF - 0-7,500 CF; \$3.26/HCF - 7,501-100,000 CF; \$4.58/HCF over 100,000 CF. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Wayland, Town of</b>	\$164	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	General	✓					13,095	1995
Notes: Base charge: \$15.00 per billing includes up to 1,200 CF; \$1.40/HCF -1,201-7,800 CF; \$1.60/HCF - 7,801-10,000 CF; \$2.00/HCF over 10,000 CF. Connection fee: \$750 up to 1". Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Webster, Town of</b>	\$264	\$2.20/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise			✓			14,950	2002
Notes: Base charge: \$22.00 per billing includes 1,000 CF. Connection fee: \$250.												
<b>Wellesley, Town of</b>	\$284	\$2.02/HCF	Monthly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise		✓				25,000	08/01/99
Notes: \$3.39/HCF if water usage is over 2,500 CF in a month. Service charge: \$3.45 per billing. Inspection fee: \$100. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Wenham, Town of</b>	\$110	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						3,405	05/19/99
Notes: Base charge: \$19.00 per billing includes up to 25,000 gals.; \$1.75/1000 gals. - 26,000-75,000 gals.; \$4.50/1000 gals. over 75,000 gals. Customary charge: \$1.00 to \$8.00 depending on size of meter per billing. Connection fee: \$175 to \$685. Inspection fee: \$20.00 per hour. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>West Boylston Water District</b>	\$203	\$1.75/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						6,200	04/01/99
Notes: Base charge: \$20.00 per billing includes up to 5,000 gals. for every 3 months. Connection fee: \$1270. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>West Bridgewater, Town of</b>	\$300	\$2.50/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	NR						6,665	08/07/02
Notes: Minimum charge: \$60.00 per billing.												

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<b>West Brookfield, Town of</b>	\$290	\$1.30/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	NR						2,700	NR
Notes: Base charge: \$40.00 per billing up to 500CF.												
<b>West Groton Water Supply District</b>	\$350	Ascending	Triannually	Groundwater	N/A						2,100	10/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$50.00 per year. \$2.50/HCF - up to 40 HCF; \$3.50 - 41-80 HCF; \$4.50 - above 81 HCF. Connection fee: \$3,000. Inspection fee: \$25.00. Hourly Rate: \$25.00.												
<b>West Newbury, Town of</b>	\$653	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	General/ Special Revenue						867	10/01
Notes: \$7.25/1000 gals. - 0-50,000 gals.; \$9.25/1000 gals. - 50,000+ gals. System development: \$3000. Inspection fee based on employee hourly rate.												
<b>West Springfield, Town of</b>	\$149	\$1.02/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						28,000	07/01/96
Notes: Service charge: \$6.60 per billing.												
<b>West Warren Water District</b>	\$238	\$1.70/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	NR						1,000	1985
Notes: Base charge: \$34.00 per billing up to 1,500 CF. Connection fee: \$900.												
<b>Westborough, Town of</b>	\$219	Ascending	Biannually	Groundwater	Special Revenue			✓	✓		18,000	07/01/02
Notes: Base charge: \$36.00 per billing includes up to 2,000 HCF; \$1.834/HCF - 2,000-3,600 HCF; \$1.847/HCF 3,600-6,000 HCF; \$2.700/HCF 6,000-10,000 HCF; \$3.351/HCF - over 10,000 HCF.												
<b>Westfield, City of</b>	\$251	\$1.81/1000 gals.	Quarterly	Groundwater Surface Water	Special Revenue						38,000	07/01/95
Notes: Meter charge: \$22.00 per billing. Connection fee: \$700. Inspection fee: \$35/hour.												
<b>Westford, Town of</b>	\$288	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	NR	✓					16,500	01/01/01
Notes: Customer service charge: \$11.00 per billing; \$2.03/HCF - 0 - 3,000 CF; \$3.18/HCF - 3,000 - 7,000 CF; \$3.49/HCF - 7,000 - 15,000 CF; \$3.70/HCF - over 15,000 CF.												

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<b>Westminster, Town of</b>	\$400	\$5.00/1000 gals.	Biannually	Surface Water	NR						4,810	07/01/97
Notes: Base charge: \$75.00 per billing includes 20,000 gals. Connection fee: \$2500. Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Weston, Town of</b>	\$185	Ascending	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	General		✓				11,500	07/01/97
Notes: Base charge: based on meter size - 5/8" - \$21; 3/4" - \$27.00 per billing. Summer Rates (May 1 - Oct 30): Step 1 - \$1.14/HCF - 0-5,000 CF; Step 2 - \$2.00/HCF - over 5,000 CF. Winter Rates (Nov 1 - Apr 30): Step 1 - \$0.95/HCF - 0-5,000 CF; Step 2 - \$1.82/HCF - over 5,000 CF.												
<b>Weymouth, Town of</b>	\$298	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise	✓		✓			5,500	01/01/00
Notes: 0-27 units - \$2.10/HCF; \$3.50/HCF over 27 units. 1 unit = 100CF. Customary charge: \$7.28 per billing for service charge. Connection fee: cost of meter & supplies. Inspection fee: \$72.00/cross connection inspection.												
<b>Whately, Town of</b>	\$315	\$3.50/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	NR						1,000	1987
Notes: Connection fee: \$5000. Rates from 1999 Water Rate Survey.												
<b>Whitman, Town of</b>	\$360	\$3.00/HCF	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise			✓			14,000	1999
Notes: Base charge: \$25.00 per billing includes 833.3 CF. Connection fee: \$2000. Inspection fee: \$50.00.												
<b>Wilbraham, Town of</b>	\$228	Ascending	Biannually	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise	✓					10,000	04/01/01
Notes: Minimum charge: \$27.75 per billing. \$1.90/HCF up to 100 HCF; \$2.10/HCF - 101-200 HCF; \$2.30/HCF - 200 HCF and up. Per MWRA Survey.												
<b>Williamsburg, Town of</b>	\$468	\$3.90/HCF	Biannually	Groundwater	Enterprise						2,515	11/01/96
<b>Williamstown, Town of</b>	\$373	\$2.51/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	Enterprise				✓		6,340	07/01/99
Notes: Customary charge: \$18.00 meter service charge per billing. Inspection fee: \$48.00 Backflow Testing. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

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<b>Wilmington, Town of</b>	\$310	\$2.58/HCF	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue						21,326	07/15/02
Notes: Connection fee: \$575 - 3/4" plus inspection fee; \$1125 - 1". Inspection fee: \$25.00/day.												
<b>Winchendon, Town of</b>	\$366	\$3.05/HCF	Biannually	Surface Water	Enterprise						5,600	2/02
Notes: Connection fee: \$450.												
<b>Winchester, Town of</b>	\$219	Ascending	Quarterly	Surface Water	Special Revenue	✓		✓	✓		21,000	07/01/02
Notes: \$0.87/HCF - first 1,500 CF; \$2.78/HCF - 1,600-4,500 CF; \$4.45/HCF - over 4,500 CF.												
<b>Winthrop, Town of</b>	\$306	\$2.55/HCF	Quarterly	Purchased Surface Water	Enterprise						19,200	07/01/98
<b>Woburn, City of</b>	\$136	\$136/year	Biannually	50% Groundwater 50% Surface Water	Enterprise	✓		✓			36,000	07/01/96
Notes: Flat fee.												
<b>Worcester, City of</b>	\$264	\$2.20/HCF	Quarterly	Surface Water	Enterprise			✓			180,000	07/01/01
Notes: Base charge: \$4.50 per billing includes 0-200 CF.												
<b>Worthington Fire District</b>	\$400	\$400/year	Quarterly	Groundwater	General						500	1997
Notes: Fixed fee based on 40,000 gals. Connection fee: \$1500.												
<b>Wrentham, Town of</b>	\$153	\$1.75/1000 gals.	Biannually	Groundwater	General						8,500	NR
Notes: Base charge: \$50.00 per billing includes up to 30,000 gals. Connection fee varies. Per 2000 Water Rate Survey.												

Community	Typical Annual Homeowner's Cost	Water Rate	Billing Cycle	Primary Water Source Type	Funding	Separate Business Rate	Seasonal Rate	Elderly Discounts	Low Income Discounts	Early Payment Discounts	Population Served	Last Rate Change
Yarmouth, Town of	\$235	Ascending	Quarterly	Groundwater	Special Revenue						60,000	07/01/99

Notes: Meter charge: \$21.00 per billing. \$1.68/1000 gals. up to 100,000 gals.; \$2.22/1000 gals. - 100,000-300,000 gals.; \$2.60/1000 gals. - 300,00+ gals. Connection fee: New water service - \$150. Inspection fee: Backflow device inspection and test - \$75.00.

1. Tighe & Bond's 1999 and 2000 Water Rate Surveys were used as a reference.
2. The MWRA Advisory Board's Annual Water & Sewer Retail Rate Survey - December 2002 was used as a reference.
3. Typical Annual Homeowner's Cost was determined assuming consumption of 120 HCF = 90,000 gals.
4. HCF is hundred cubic feet.
5. N/A = Not Available
6. NR = No Response