

Christchurch City Council - Targeted Rates for Water Supply and Wastewater

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Relevant Word Sections

WATER SUPPLY

Water Supply Targeted Rate:

The purpose of this rate (in conjunction with the separate targeted rates for Restricted Water Supply, Fire Connection, and Excess Water Supply described below) is to recover the cash operating cost of Council’s water supply activity (including interest costs on related borrowing), plus a significant share of the expected cost of related asset renewal and replacement (charged in lieu of depreciation – the balance being borrowed for) over the planning period.

It is assessed on every rating unit located within the serviced area, where the serviced area includes all rating units that are actually connected to the on-demand water reticulation system, those that have a connection kit installed at the boundary, and those located within a specified distance of any part of the on-demand water reticulation system, **except** where connection of properties within the specified distance is not possible for technical reasons (for example, if connection would require crossing third party land or if we do not permit connection due to capacity constraints). For developed properties the specified distance is 100 metres, measured from the water reticulation system to a building on the land. For undeveloped properties the specified distance is 30 metres, measured from the water reticulation system to the property boundary.

The serviced area does not include rating units supplied by a registered drinking-water supplier other than Council. Those drinking water suppliers are Christchurch International Airport, Devondale Estate, Living Springs and Waterloo Business Park.

The Water Supply Targeted Rate is set differentially, depending on whether a rating unit is actually connected – connected rating units are charged at the “Connected” differential, and non-connected rating units are charged the “Serviceable” differential which is set at half of the Connected differential.

Liability for the Water Supply Targeted Rate is calculated as a number of cents per dollar of capital value.

Categories	Rates (cents / \$)	Differential Factor	Rev (\$000)
Connected	0.073559	1	127,685
Serviceable	0.03678	0.5	1,421

Restricted Water Supply Targeted Rate:

The purpose of this rate is to contribute to the cost recovery of the activities described as being funded by the Water Supply Targeted Rate (above), by charging a uniform amount to properties not located within the Water Supply Targeted Rate serviced area but receiving a restricted water supply. It is assessed on every rating unit receiving the standard level of restricted service (being 1,000 litres of water supplied per 24-hour period). Where a rating unit receives multiple levels of service, they will be assessed multiple Restricted Water Supply Targeted Rates.

Liability for the Restricted Water Supply Targeted Rate is calculated as a uniform dollar amount for each standard level of service received by a rating unit.

Categories	Rates (\$)	Revenue (\$000)
Connected	419	316

Water Supply Fire Connection Rate

The purpose of the Water Supply Fire Connection Rate is to contribute to the cost recovery of the activities described as being funded by the Water Supply Targeted Rate (above), by charging a uniform amount to properties benefitting from a fire service connection. It is assessed on all rating units connected to the service on a per-connection basis.

Liability for the Water Supply Fire Connection Rate is calculated as a uniform dollar amount for each connection:

Categories	Rates (\$)	Revenue (\$000)
Connected	140	183

Excess Water Supply Commercial Targeted Rate

The purpose of this targeted rate is for commercial properties that place an unusually high demand on the water supply system to contribute an additional amount to the cost recovery of the activities described as being funded by the Water Supply Targeted Rate (above). It is set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and assessed as the water meters are read on every liable rating unit (see below), with invoices sent after each reading.

Liability for the Excess Water Supply Commercial Targeted Rate is calculated as a number of dollars per cubic metre of water consumed in excess of the water supply targeted rate allowance for that rating unit:

Categories	Rates (\$ per m³ of excess water supplied)	Revenue (\$000)
Liable	1.52	3,858

This rate will be charged to all rating units which receive a commercial water supply as defined in the Water Supply and Wastewater Bylaw 2022, **plus:**

- a. boarding houses
- b. motels
- c. rest homes

Each liable rating unit has a water supply targeted rate

The water supply targeted rate allowance for each property is effectively the amount of water already paid for under the Water Supply Targeted Rate – i.e. the total Water Supply Targeted Rate payable, divided by the above cubic-metre cost, then divided by 365 to give a daily cubic metre allowance. The Excess Water Supply Targeted Rate will be charged if actual use exceeds this calculated daily allowance, **provided that** all properties will be entitled to a minimum allowance of 0.6986 cubic metres per day.

For example, if a rating unit is assessed \$1,000 for the Water Supply Targeted Rate, that rating unit's water supply targeted rate allowance for the year is 657.9 cubic metres (\$1,000 divided by \$1.52/m³), which is 1.80 cubic metres per day. If the meter readings are 91 days apart then the allowance is 164.0 cubic metres for that billing period (1.80 m³/day x 91 days). Liability for the Excess Water Supply Commercial Targeted Rate for that billing period is for any consumption by that rating unit over 164.0 cubic metres. So, if 300 cubic metres were used in that billing period, the liability for the Excess Water Supply Commercial Targeted Rate for that billing period would be \$206.72 incl. GST, which is the excess usage of 136.0 cubic metres (300m³ – 164.0m³) times the rate of \$1.52/m³.

The annual rates assessment identifies those ratepayers who are potentially liable for the Excess Water Supply Commercial Targeted Rate. It does not include the calculated liability as the water reading does not coincide with the assessment. Water meters are read progressively throughout the year. Following each reading, a water-excess charge invoice is issued for those rating units which are liable. The invoice will refer to the assessment and will bill for the consumption for the period of the reading. The latest water supply targeted rate allowance will be used, calculated on a daily basis.

Excess Water Supply Residential Targeted Rate

This targeted rate also contributes to the cost recovery of the activities described as being funded by the Water Supply Targeted Rate (above), by assessing additional charges on those residential properties placing an unusually high demand on the water supply system. It is set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and assessed as the water meters are read on every liable rating unit (see below), with invoices sent after each reading.

Liability for the Excess Water Supply Residential Targeted Rate is calculated as a number of dollars per cubic metre of water used in excess of an allowance of 0.9 cubic metres per day per separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit.

Categories	Rates (\$ per m ³ of excess water supplied)	Revenue (\$000)
Liable	1.52	2,988

This rate will be charged to all metered residential rating units where the meter records usage for a single rating unit. The rate will also be charged where the meter records usage for multiple rating units where there is a special agreement in force specifying which rating unit/ratepayer is responsible for payment.

The annual rates assessment identifies those ratepayers who are potentially liable for the Excess Water Supply Residential Targeted Rate. It does not include the calculated liability as the water reading does not coincide with the assessment. Water meters are read progressively throughout the year. Following each reading, a water-excess charge invoice is issued for those rating units which are liable. The invoice will refer to the assessment and will invoice for the consumption for the period of the reading.

WASTEWATER

Sewerage Targeted Rate

The purpose of this rate is to recover the cash operating cost of Council's wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal activities (including interest costs on related borrowing), plus a significant share of the expected cost of related asset renewal and replacement (charged in lieu of depreciation – the balance being borrowed for) over the planning period. It is assessed on every rating unit located within the serviced area, where the serviced area includes all rating units that are actually connected to the wastewater network, those with a connection kit installed at the boundary, and those located within a specified distance of any part of the wastewater network **except** where connection of properties within the specified distance is not possible for technical reasons (for example, if connection would require crossing third party land or if we do not permit connection due to capacity constraints). For developed properties, the specified distance is 100 metres, measured from the wastewater network to a building on the land. For undeveloped properties, the specified distance is 30 metres measured from the wastewater network to the property boundary.

Liability for the Sewerage Targeted Rate is calculated as a number of cents per dollar of capital value.

Categories	Rates (cents / \$)	Revenue (\$000)
Within serviced area	0.09239	167,299