

WATERLINE

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WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

Water Rates:

Minimum Service Fee	\$6.38
First 50,000 gal	\$2.16/1,000 gal
Next 200,000 gal	\$1.78/1,000 gal
Over 250,000 gal	\$1.48/1,000 gal

*The Minimum Service Fee is for residential customers and includes the first 2,000/gal of usage. Rates for Standard ¾" meter.

Wastewater Rates:

Minimum Service Fee	\$23.15
Rate Per 1,000 gal	\$7.45/1,000 gal

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ACQUIRING LAND TO PROPEL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LONG-TERM STABILITY

One of the most exciting Avon Lake projects in our lifetimes is the ongoing removal of the landmark electric generating station on the shores of Lake Erie. Few realize that the original headworks for the Avon Lake water plant was directly behind what became the power plant. The modern water plant is a few blocks to the east of the original one, and it's now becoming time for a massive expansion to meet anticipated demands in the county. As a result, the Board of Municipal Utilities has authorized Chief Utilities Executive Robert Munro to acquire adjacent property to the west of the existing water plant and this has resulted in numerous completed and a number of anticipated property swaps and transfers that will bring significant economic development and vastly improved public access to the lake shore. Avon Lake Regional Water is working closely with the City of Avon Lake, local property owners, other government agencies and technical consultants to bring new life to these formerly industrial and vacant lands. We are simultaneously working with Lorain County to consolidate sewer services for greatest efficiency.

Our goal is to continue emphasizing "Serving the region, protecting our resource" with the highest quality water and related services at the most competitive rates. We will encourage sustainable development with low environmental impacts on the newly available land. It will be a long term effort, but most can already see that good things are happening.

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**Annual Backflow Tests Must
be Submitted by June 25th**



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DEADLINE DATE FOR ANNUAL BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND FIRE PROTECTION DEVICE INSPECTION AND TESTING RESULTS

For customers with a backflow prevention and/or fire protection device on their property, the device must be inspected and tested annually, with the results sent to Avon Lake Regional Water. The deadline for Avon Lake Regional Water to receive the results is 4:30 p.m. on June 25th. Annual testing of the devices ensures that they are working properly to prevent any contaminants from backflowing into the public water system.

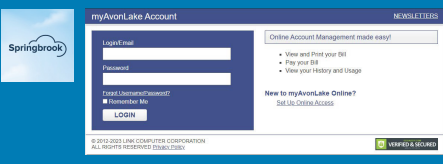
In April, customers with a device on their property will receive a reminder postcard of the deadline. Visit [avonlakewater.org/backflow-prevention/](https://www.avonlakewater.org/backflow-prevention/) for more information.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: ENHANCEMENTS COMING TO ALRW'S CUSTOMER PORTAL

Soon, you will have more detailed usage information and a clearer breakdown of charges when paying your bill. ALRW will launch new billing software in the coming weeks. The goal is to enhance transparency and help customers better understand their billing statements. ALRW will provide additional details closer to the launch date.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work towards providing you with an even better experience through our updated systems.



2024/25 WATER BUNDLE PROJECT INFORMATION

ALRW is in the design phase of our next water bundle project. Water mains that have reached the end of their useful life will be replaced to greatly decrease the likelihood of service interruptions and emergency repairs. As part of ALRW's quality initiative we use numerous metrics such as breaks per mile to identify when replacement is warranted to utilize funds in the most efficient manner to maintain low water rates for our customers. The bidding phase for this project will occur in the fall of this year with construction beginning in late 2024 or early 2025.

ALRW Engineering Services are completing the list of streets and once finalized detailed information will be posted to our website and Facebook page in an effort to keep customers informed and engaged throughout the process.

WATER FILTRATION PLANT UPGRADES

Avon Lake Regional Water will undergo significant upgrades to its water filtration plant thanks to two loans totaling over \$32 million. These upgrades will cover a range of projects, including improvements to filtration and disinfection systems and the demolition of old buildings. Key upgrades to the water filtration plant include replacing 12 original water filters with four new, more efficient filters. Additionally, the plant will transition from a chlorine gas-based disinfection system to one using liquid sodium hypochlorite, which is safer for both employees and the public. The project will include the demolition and removal of older, unnecessary buildings to allow room for enhanced storage for water treatment chemicals. The entire process is expected to take approximately two years, with payments on the loans commencing after project completion. Avon Lake Regional Water's ability to secure below-market interest rates through the Ohio Water Development Authority helps keep utility fees low for customers.