

Water and Sewerage Rates to Increase Starting With Usage From June 2026

Water supply and sewerage services are essential lifelines for residents. In response to the damage caused by the Noto Peninsula Earthquake and the increased probability of a Nankai Trough earthquake, the City of Shizuoka has decided to accelerate seismic reinforcement of water and sewerage pipes and facilities.



Until now, reinforcement has progressed mainly on individual facilities, but not along entire water supply and drainage routes. This means that if any part of a route is damaged during a major earthquake, water supply and sewerage services may become unavailable across a wide area. In fact, during the Noto Peninsula Earthquake, widespread water outages occurred and wastewater accumulated inside sewerage pipes. To address this, the city will prioritize seismic reinforcement of the most critical routes so that a basic level of water supply and sewerage services can be restored quickly after a major earthquake. By 2035, the city aims to ensure water and sewerage services are available at at least one evacuation shelter in each junior high school district, and by 2040, at least one evacuation shelter in each elementary school district.

These measures will allow water and sewerage services to be used at evacuation shelters and other key facilities, reduce water outages, and enable faster recovery after disasters.

New rates will apply starting with water usage from June 2026.

Water and sewerage charges are billed every two months. The increased rates will appear in payments as follows:

- For areas with meter readings on odd-numbered months, the increase will apply from August billings.
- For areas with meter readings on even-numbered months, the increase will apply from September billings.

Note: Rates for municipal simplified water supply systems in hilly and mountainous areas, as well as usage fees for agricultural community wastewater treatment facilities, will also be increased.



Payment Schedule for New Rates

	May	June	July	August
Meter readings in odd-numbered months	Previous rates	New rates	● Meter reading	★ Payment for May–June
Meter readings in even-numbered months		New rates		● Meter reading ★ Payment for June–July

Previous rates for May usage, New rates for June usage

Important Point Regarding the Rate Revision

When compared with nine ordinance-designated cities with populations under one million, Shizuoka City's previous rates ranked fourth highest for low-volume users, while rates for medium- to high-volume users (such as large-scale business operators) ranked lowest (the most affordable).

For this reason, the rate increase under the new pricing structure has been set lower for low-volume users (general households) and higher for medium- to high-volume users.

Comparison with other cities:

<https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s2432/s009038.html#document>

For a typical household (2–3 people, combined water and sewerage charges), the increase will be approximately 880 yen per two-month billing period.

Rate table (for water meter diameters of 13 millimeters and 20 millimeters)

Two-month charges, tax included

Water usage (m ³)	Previous rates (yen) A			New rates (yen) B			Increase (yen) B – A		
	Water supply charges	Sewerage charges	Total	Water supply charges	Sewerage charges	Total	Water supply charges	Sewerage charges	Total
0	1,540	2,034	3,574	1,778	2,258	4,036	+238	+224	+462
10	2,200	2,420	4,620	2,438	2,644	5,082	+238	+224	+462
20	2,860	2,804	5,664	3,098	3,028	6,126	+238	+224	+462
30	4,036	4,180	8,216	4,374	4,514	8,888	+338	+334	+672
40	5,214	5,554	10,768	5,650	5,998	11,648	+436	+444	+880
50	6,776	7,150	13,926	7,586	8,044	15,630	+810	+894	+1704
60	8,338	8,744	17,082	9,522	10,090	19,612	+1184	+1346	+2530

Note: Most water meters used by general households have a diameter of 20 millimeters.

Comparison of Charges Using Model Cases

Two-month charges, tax included

Usage category (assumed)	Low usage		Medium usage		High usage	
	General households (2–3 people, etc.)		Supermarkets, businesses, etc.		Large-scale business operators, etc.	
Water meter diameter	20 mm		40 mm		75 mm	
Water usage	40 m ³		1,000 m ³		10,000 m ³	
Water supply charges	5,214 yen→5,650 yen +436 yen (+8.4%)		198,000 yen→245,400 yen +47,400 yen (+23.9%)		2,145,550 yen→2,705,370 yen +559,820 yen (+26.1%)	
Sewerage charges	5,554 yen→5,998 yen +444 yen (+8.0%)		208,834 yen→263,266 yen +54,432 yen (+26.1%)		2,375,834 yen→3,080,366 yen +704,532 yen (+29.7%)	
Total	10,768 yen→11,648 yen +880 yen (+8.2%)		406,834 yen→508,666 yen +101,832 yen (+25.0%)		4,521,384 yen→5,785,736 yen +1,264,352 yen (+28.0%)	

Note: Rate increase percentages are rounded to the second decimal place.

Please check the **water meter diameter** and **water usage** on your meter reading slip.

For details on calculation methods and other information, see here:

<https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s9267/s000969.html>

Water supply rates and sewerage usage fees will be reviewed every three years.

During the focused investment period through 2040, water supply rates and sewerage usage fees will be reviewed every three years. Details of any rate revisions will be determined after considering factors such as intergenerational fairness and social conditions, including price trends.

The Waterworks & Sewerage Bureau will further strengthen its management base by making every possible management effort, including cost reductions and securing revenue, and will continue to aim for safe and secure water supply and sewerage services for the future.



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