



## **R&T Water District/Western Area Water Supply Authority Rural Water Information**

The Western Area Water Supply Authority (WAWSA) is a large regional domestic water supply project. WAWSA is a regional water system that delivers water to rural areas in Burke, Divide, McKenzie, Mountrail and Williams counties. The R&T Water District is a member of WAWSA.

The \$1,500 down-payment on the \$3,000 hook-up fee is to show you are sincerely interested in obtaining water from the system and to allow for the start of preliminary design to determine feasibility in your area. If it is determined that your location cannot be served by the system, these funds will be returned to you and you will have no further obligation to the system. However, if it is determined that you can be served by the system, you will be required to pay an additional \$1,500 as a full-payment of the hook-up fee, which will be due and payable when water is provided to your location. If you are signing up for water after the project has been advertised for bid, the cost is \$5,000 due to construction costs to add your service, since the project has been designed and bid.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE \$1,500 DEPOSIT WILL ONLY BE REFUNDED IF THE SERVICE LOCATION YOU ARE REQUESTING CAN NOT BE SERVED BY THE SYSTEM.**

Fees are as follows:

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| 1. Initial Partial Hook-up Fee:                 | \$1,500                    |
| 2. Remaining Hook-up Fee:                       | <u>\$1,500</u>             |
| <b>TOTAL HOOK-UP FEE:</b>                       | <b>\$3,000</b>             |
| <b>HOOK-UP FEE (after project has been bid)</b> | <b>\$5,000</b>             |
| 3. Water rates upon Water Service Availability: |                            |
| <b>Current Base Fee:</b>                        | <b>\$55 per month</b>      |
| <b>Current Water Usage Rate:</b>                | <b>\$8.00/1000 gallons</b> |

**BILLING WILL START WHEN WATER IS AVAILABLE AT THE METER PIT.**

Please review the FAQ's on the back. If you decide to participate, please complete the enclosed water user survey and mail with a \$1,500 check for the partial fee to:

**R&T Water District  
PO Box 126  
Ray, ND 58849**

If you have questions, please contact us at [rtwater@nccray.net](mailto:rtwater@nccray.net) or call 701-568-3422.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT RURAL WATER PROJECTS

**Why is it important for me to sign-up for rural water now and not when the project is being designed or constructed?** Sign-ups are very important to allow R&T and the engineers to understand the overall user density in an area to complete a preliminary design and to estimate the cost-per-user for construction of the project. This is what determines if the project is feasible to construct. If the cost-per-user becomes too high due to low user interest, the project will not be approved by the Department of Water Resources and will not be constructed.

**How is the project funded?** If the project is feasible to construct, approval of funding is requested from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by the Western Area Water Supply Authority (WAWSA). Rural water projects are funded with 75% grant dollars from the DWR and 25% loan dollars.

**How much is the sign-up fee for rural water service?** A total of \$3,000. A new customer will pay \$1,500 up front when a water user survey is filled out and an additional \$1,500 is required when service is available to the customer. If a project has been advertised for bid, the sign-up fee increases to \$5,000, due to the added cost of adding services that weren't designed.

**What is R&T's rate?** For a typical rural water customer, a \$55/month base fee and \$8.00 per 1000 gallons of water used is currently charged. The fees are subject to change by the board of directors at any time.

**Do I have a bill each month if I don't use water?** Yes, you will receive a bill whether water is used or not. Billing starts as soon as water is available, whether or not you have your connection ready to use.

**Why does R&T charge a base fee?** This is how you keep your allocation of water from the pipeline for your connection to ensure that your allocation isn't given to a new or different user in the system. This also helps R&T understand the estimated usage on each pipeline, so they know if they have additional capacity to provide for new customer requests.

**Can I have water service to more than one building in my yard?** Yes, R&T allows for service to be made to multiple buildings in the yard from the same meter, but the customer should be aware there is only so much water available that can be fed through one meter at a time, so there may be some pressure issues.

**What is the minimum pressure I can expect at my residence?** Design standards require a minimum of 30 PSI to be provided to rural customers. The goal is to provide a minimum of 40 PSI, which can be dependent on the distance from the main pipeline and the elevation of the residence.

**Are easements required for the construction of a rural water project?** Yes, easements are critical for the construction of water projects. If easement acquisition becomes difficult in a project area, it can significantly delay the start of construction, or may mean water service will **not** be provided if an easement cannot be obtained.

**R&T WATER DISTRICT WATER USER SURVEY**

**COMPLETE ONE DATA SHEET FOR EACH WATER SERVICE LOCATION**

The purpose of this survey is to provide confidential information for use by the Project Engineer to determine overall water requirements in the area for the design of a rural water distribution system. To be effective, it is requested that complete and accurate information be provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Property Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person living on property, if not property owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

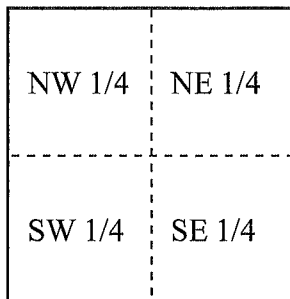
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Service Address

Present water source \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate with a dot on the sketch the location where you would want water service:



1. If service is rural:  
Sec. No. \_\_\_\_\_ TWP Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
TWP. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Range No. \_\_\_\_\_

2. If service location is in a rural city or subdivision:  
City or Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Block No. \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSEHOLD USAGE:

Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_

LIVESTOCK USAGE:

	Present Livestock Numbers	Foreseeable Future Livestock Numbers (be as accurate as possible)
Feeder & Beef Cattle		
Hogs		
Dairy Cattle		
Turkeys		
Poultry		
Horses		
Sheep		

1. How much water do you wish to buy from the rural water system? \_\_\_\_\_

Be as accurate as possible, and circle the answer that best describes your expected usage:

Present Livestock Usage- (All) (3/4) (1/2) (1/4) (None) (Standby)

Foreseeable Livestock Usage- (All) (3/4) (1/2) (1/4) (None) (Standby)

4. Other major usages, if any – Please itemize and explain – Estimate gallons per day:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed (Water User): \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_