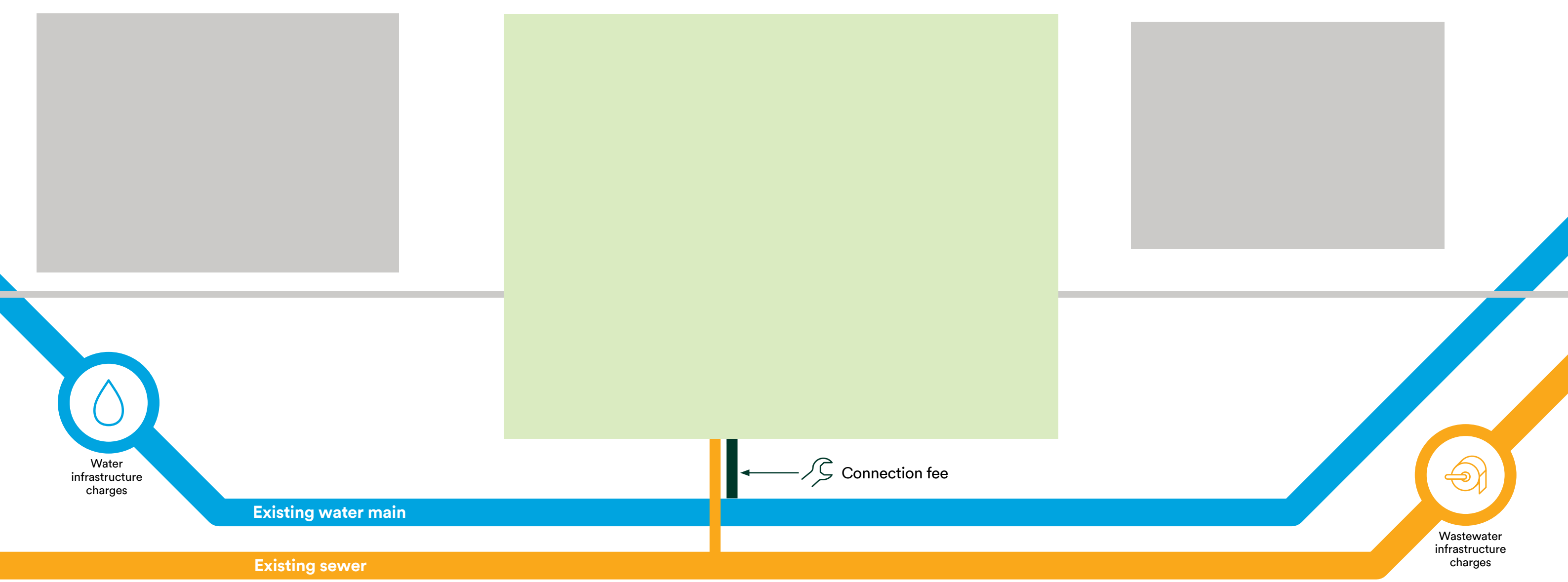


# Charges for a new water connection

## A quick guide for house builders (2025/2026)



# How we calculate your water connection charge



## Connection charges

Charges to connect your property to a water main are payable when the work is complete. These charges include:

- A connection fee - between £749.01 and £2,326.74**  
This will depend on the type of ground the pipe is being put into ie soil or footpath or if you dig the trench.  
The fee includes:
  - A site visit to inspect the pipework you've laid on your site to check it's been installed correctly.
  - Two metres of pipe\* and the work to lay it from your boundary or other point of connection to the water main.
  - Connecting the pipe to the water main.
  - Filling in any holes or trenches we've dug.
  - The cost of installing a meter†.

- Building water** - water used during development must be from either a new metered temporary connection, the utilisation of an existing metered supply or through an approved hired standpipe.
- Re-inspection fee - £146.06**  
If the water pipe you've laid fails our check, you'll need to correct it, and we'll need to re-inspect it.
- Additional traffic management**  
Where you need any traffic management, including two way lights, additional charges will apply. ‡

## Infrastructure charges

- Water - £393.72**  
This applies if you're connecting a new property to our water network for the first time, you won't need to pay this if you're replacing an existing water supply pipe.
- Wastewater - £442.04**  
This applies if you're connecting your drains to a public sewer for the first time.  
Each new property connected to water mains and public sewers puts extra demand on our water and sewerage systems. To provide enough clean water and to deal with increases in sewage, we have to keep improving and expanding our network of water pipes and sewers. Your infrastructure charge helps to cover the cost of this.












## Environmental component

- Water - £77.54**
- Wastewater - £59.35**  
This component funds environmental incentives scheme payments and applies to each household premises connected for water and/or sewerage services.

**Sustainable developments**  
You may be eligible for our environmental incentives scheme if your development meets certain qualifying criteria. Please see our website for further information. §

**Previous water and/or sewerage supply**  
If your site was previously built on, and it had a water and/or sewerage connection, you may be entitled to a credit against the overall cost of your new supply.

## Example of a single water connection charge

Type of charge		Charge 2025/2026
	Water connection application fee	£349.31
	Administration fee	£257.98
	Connection fee (25mm surfaced)	£2,326.74
	Meter provision	£73.35
	Building water	Standard measured charge
	Re-inspection	£146.06
	Water infrastructure charge	£393.72
	Wastewater infrastructure charge	£442.04
	Environmental component water	£77.54
	Environmental component wastewater	£59.35
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,989.20</b>

This is an example for one property on a site that hasn't previously had a water supply and where a re-inspection of the pipework is required. If traffic management is needed this would be added onto the quote, prices start from £799.78. For properties where drains are to be connected to a public sewer, a separate application will need to be made.

Further information on our charges is available on [unitedutilities.com/charges-scheme](https://unitedutilities.com/charges-scheme). If you've got any questions about our charges please call us on **0345 072 6067** and we'll be happy to help.

### Notes

All prices quoted are valid from 1 April 2025 until 31 March 2026. Unless otherwise stated prices are exclusive of VAT which will be charged at the rate applicable for your development.

Information is based on 25mm connections for a house, other charges may apply for flats and apartments and commercial properties.

\* If more than two metres of pipe is required there will be an additional charge.

† This is for a 25mm pipe normally used for houses. For larger water pipes there is an additional cost for the meter fit, this will be the cost of the meter and the installation.

‡ This will be identified at the site visit.

§ Conditions apply, for further information see our website.

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