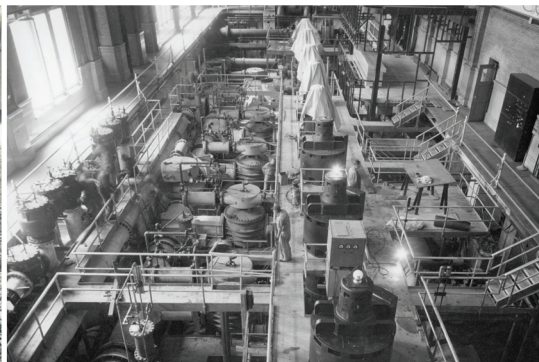


# Our aging water system needs to be replaced



EARLY 1900s



MID 1900s



TODAY

Parts of our water system date back to the early 1900s and the median age of a water main in DC is 79 years old. In fact, some pipes and infrastructure were put in the ground during the U.S. Civil War in the 1860s. Over the years, as the District has expanded and developed, more water infrastructure was added.

Unfortunately, in the past, this vital system received little maintenance, leading to broken mains and service disruptions today. This problem is not unique to DC but is

occurring across the country, especially in older cities.

Our water system—pipes, valves, pumps—needs investment now. To replace the system in 100 years, we need to construct about 13 miles of pipes annually at a cost of \$40 million per year. To pay for this initiative, DC Water studied what other utilities nationwide were doing. The most equitable solution—and one embraced by many other utilities—is a fixed fee based on the amount of access to the water system a property needs.

DC Water is adding a new fee based on meter size and the amount of access to water at your property. This **Water System Replacement Fee** will go into effect October 1, 2015 and your specific meter size will be printed on your monthly bill. Those enrolled in the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) will not pay the fee. See the chart on the back for details on the new fee.

For more information, please visit [dcwater.com/rates](http://dcwater.com/rates), call (202) 354-3600 or email [custserv@dcwater.com](mailto:custserv@dcwater.com).



# Water System Replacement Fee

91% of DC Water customers have meters sized 1" and under.

Meter Size	Monthly Fee
5/8"	\$6.30
3/4"	\$7.39
1"	\$9.67
1" x 1 ¼"	\$15.40
1 ½"	\$41.35
2"	\$83.75*
3"	\$232.13
4"	\$561.02
6"	\$1,292.14
8"	\$5,785.51
8" x 2"	\$1,899.60
8" x 4" x 1"	\$2,438.35
greater than 10"	\$6,679.65

\*DC Water is proposing a measure that will allow households with 2" meters solely for fire suppression to pay the 1 ½" meter rate.  
Note: Customers enrolled in the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) will not pay the fee.