



Kaipara te Orangahui

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DISTRICT

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Water Rates

Your first invoice

The first invoice you receive contains the cost for your first cubic metre of water. This cost is higher than any subsequent water supply charge, as it covers much of the significant infrastructure works associated with transporting the water from its source to your home. Any land connected to the Council water network with a water meter (as 30 June 2023) is charged the first cubic metre of water. This year the fixed charge for the first cubic metre of water has also been reduced from \$373 to \$211. Any charge after that is only if you use water.

Reducing the first cubic metre charge makes it more affordable for people who may not have the income to pay the first charge when it is invoiced. However, by reducing the level of the first cubic metre charge the rate for subsequent water use has increased (from \$4.18 to \$4.51 per subsequent cubic metre).



Your first invoice (continued)

If your water use is low, you may see a decrease in your overall yearly costs. If you use a lot of water, your overall yearly costs will be higher because the charge for subsequent water use has increased.

Everyone in Kaipara pays the same amount for their first cubic metre (which covers the treatment plants and overhead costs) and water supply. This evens out the cost of maintaining the service for all those connected to the network. It means the cost of increasing the capacity or reliability of the schemes is shared by everyone on a Council water scheme and reduces the significant costs of maintenance to those on smaller schemes.

How much do we spend on the water supply network?

In 2023-2024 we're planning to spend approximately \$6.1 million on the water networks. About \$2.6 million of that will be on network improvements funded from loans and reserves funds.

The Government is progressing its Affordable Waters reform (previously known as Three Waters reform), where water services in the Northland and Auckland regions will be supplied by a publicly owned entity (Entity A) from July 2024. For the 2023-2024 period, we assume no changes to our current model and we will continue to deliver drinking water (and stormwater and wastewater) services to the district.



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Having trouble making payments?

If you're having difficulty meeting the cost of your water rates, talk to our friendly revenue team about developing a payment plan.