

TOWN OF BERRYVILLE

WATER AND SEWER



Shenandoah River, Clarke County

Availability Fees

Availability fees are charged for new connections to the water distribution and/or sewer collection systems. Such fees are also charged when an existing connection is increased in size. Please contact the Town Manager at townmanager@berryvilleva.gov or 540-955-1099 for more information.

Water Leaks and Sewer Blockages

Water: If you have or suspect that you have a water leak in your home or in the water lateral between your building and the water meter, you should contact a plumber to correct the problem. The Town will assist residents with leak detection. If such detection assistance is needed, then please call the Town Business Office at 540-955-1099 to schedule this service.

Sewer: If you have a sewer blockage in your home or in the sewer lateral between your building and the sewer main, you should contact a plumber to correct the problem. The Town will assist residents with determining whether a blockage is the Town's sewer main or not. If such assistance is needed, please call the Town Business Office at 540-955-1099.

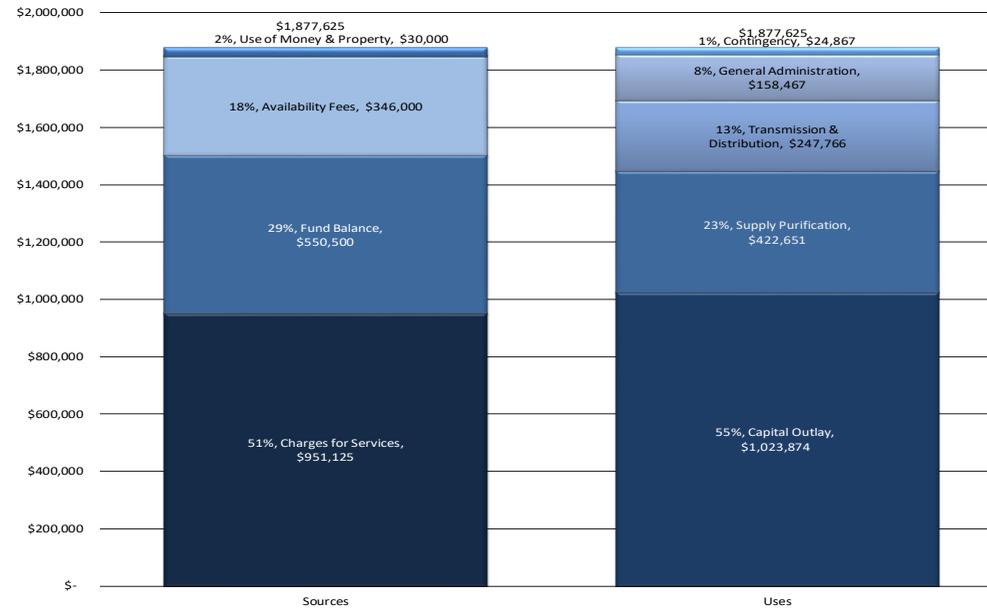
Water and Sewer Emergencies Occurring After Regular Work Hours or on Holidays: For water and sewer emergencies occurring outside of work hours or on holidays, call Clarke County Communications at 540-955-1234, and they will contact Town personnel.

Disclaimer

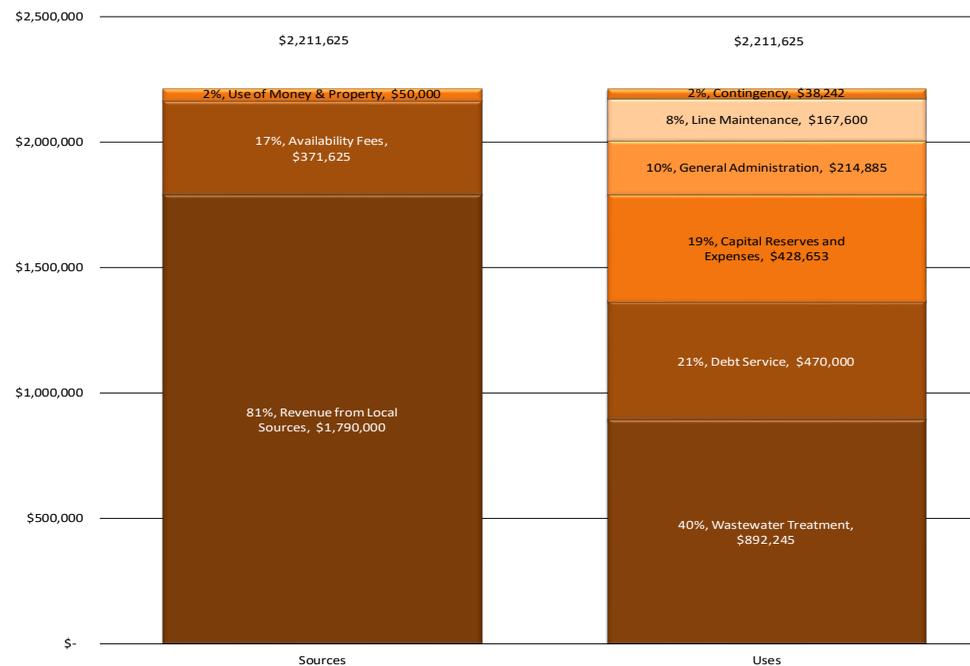
This brochure contains general information on various laws and regulations and should only be used as a guide. As this document is general in nature it cannot fully explain how laws and regulations are applied to specific situations and invariably such guides contain some errors. Further, laws and regulations are added or changed periodically and may not be immediately amended in this brochure. Please contact the appropriate agency to obtain specific information on a given law or regulation.

November 2021

FISCAL 2021 WATER FUND – SOURCES AND USES



FISCAL 2021 SEWER FUND – SOURCES AND USES



The Town of Berryville is committed to providing its customers with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water and with being a good steward of the Shenandoah River and the Chesapeake Bay when treating wastewater. This brochure provides our customers with information regarding water and sewer utilities and billing.

Additional information can be found at www.berryvilleva.gov

Berryville-Clarke County Government Center
101 Chalmers Court, Suite A
Berryville, VA 22611
540-955-1099

Treatment of Your Drinking Water

The Town of Berryville obtains its water from the Shenandoah River. This water is treated at the Roy E. Potts Water Treatment Plant by means of mixed-media filters. Once treated, the water is pumped into the Town’s water distribution system which provides water service to over 1,800 service connections.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Each year a Water Quality Report is published. The report includes detailed information about the Town’s water. The Town’s water meets or exceeds all state and federal requirements. The most current report can be found on the Town’s website at berryvilleva.gov/2160/Water-Sewer.

Water Conservation

To find out more about water conservation, read the Water Saving Tips (PDF) document found online at berryvilleva.gov/2160/Water-Sewer. It is in everyone’s best interest to conserve water.

Wastewater Treatment

The Town of Berryville owns and operates a 700,000 gallon per day Advanced Membrane Bioreactor Wastewater Treatment and Nutrient Reduction Facility. The treatment process is a four-stage activated sludge system which biologically removes organic waste and nitrogen and chemically precipitates phosphorus from the Town’s wastewater. After biological treatment, all water must pass through a membrane microfiltration unit. Water is disinfected with ultraviolet light prior to returning to the Shenandoah River. The Town’s wastewater treatment plant treats wastewater to a level that exceeds permit requirements.

Meter Reading

Meters are read monthly, usually the last week of the month, although snow and ice may cause a delay. Meter readings are recorded to the lowest thousand gallons of usage. For example, 1,999 gallons of usage will be billed as 1,000 gallons in the current period. The 999 gallons not billed in the current month will be included in the next billing period. As a result of this usage carry over, you may notice fluctuations in your bills.

Billing

Water and sewer bills are due the 15th of each month. In the event meter reading is delayed, bill due dates may be modified. Wastewater (sewer) usage is determined and billed based on the water meter reading.

Billing Questions and Concerns: Questions or concerns about your bill should be directed to the Town Business Office at 540-955-1099 immediately. Applications for water and sewer bill adjustments must be filed with the Town Business Office no more than 10 days after the date of billing. For more information regarding water and sewer bill adjustments, please see the Water and Sewer Billing Adjustment Policy (PDF) and Water and Sewer Adjustment Request Form (PDF) at berryvilleva.gov/2160/Water-Sewer.

Rates

Rate Type	Rate Per 1,000 Gallons of Usage	Minimum Monthly Charge
Water	\$ 8.15	\$ 5.00
Sewer	\$ 17.27	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 25.42*	\$ 20.00*

*Effective November 18, 2021 monthly bills will include an administrative and facilities fee of \$12.34 for water and \$7.22 for sewer.

See Utility Rate Study:

<https://www.berryvilleva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/843/Pennoni-Utility-Rate-Sudy>

Water Rates: The Town Council sets water rates at a level that provides for payment of expenses related to water treatment, water distribution, and administration. The Water Fund receives all of its revenues from user fees (water bills), availability fees (fees charged to connect to the Town’s water system), or borrowing. This income must pay for all water system expenses including debt service. Sources (revenues) and uses (expenses) for the water fund are illustrated in the graph on the reverse of this brochure. More details about the Water Fund revenues and expenses can be found in the **FY 22 Operating Budget and CIP for 2022-2026** on our website at berryvilleva.gov/2175/Treasurer (Specifically pages 81, 88-90, 115-117)

Sewer Rates: The Town Council sets rates at a level that provides for payment of expenses related to sewer collection, treatment, and discharge. The Sewer Fund receives all of its revenues from either user fees (sewer bills), availability fees (fees charged to connect to the Town’s sewer system), or borrowing. This income must pay for all sewer system expenses including debt service. Sources (revenues) and uses (expenses) for the sewer fund are illustrated in the graph on the reverse of this

brochure. More details about the Sewer Fund revenues and expenses can be found in the **FY 22 Operating Budget and CIP for 2022-2026** on our website at berryvilleva.gov/2175/Treasurer (Specifically pages 81-82, 90-91, 119-121)

Penalty/Late Fees: A 10% late payment penalty is assessed to accounts on which full payment is not made by the due date.

Second Notice: After the penalty is assessed a second notice will be mailed. This notice will inform the customer that service will be disconnected if payment is not made by the cut-off date. PLEASE NOTE: No additional notice will be provided.

Disconnection of Service for Non-Payment: If the bill is not paid in full before 9:00 a.m. on the cut-off date noted on the bill, a fee will be assessed and the service disconnected. The fee, which will be applied at 9:00 a.m. on the cut-off date, will be charged whether service is disconnected or not.

The Town strictly enforces this policy. Please refer to the back of your bill for additional information.

Payment Extension Policy

Customers who are unable to pay their bill on time may request an extension. A payment extension is provided to temporarily extend the due date of the bill for those situations when a customer is in need. The account holder may request this service provided that the request is made prior to the scheduled cut-off day and they meet all requirements of the Payment Extension Policy. More details about the Payment Extension Policy can be found online at berryvilleva.gov/2160/Water-Sewer or by contacting the Town Business Office at 540-955-1099.

Payment Methods

1. In Person - At the town office at 101 Chalmers Ct., Suite A, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays.
2. By Mail - Please enclose bottom portion of you bill with your check or money order.
3. In the Drop Box - An after hours drop box is located at the Government Center at 101 Chalmers Ct. Please do not leave cash in box.

4. ACH Debit - Complete an Authorization Form and have your payment deducted from you bank account. To enroll, complete the form found online at berryvilleva.gov/2160/Water-Sewer.
5. Drive Thru - Located on the Rose Hill side of the Government Center at 101 Chalmers Ct.
6. Online - www.berryvilleva.gov. Click the Pay Online icon. (fees may apply)
7. By phone - 1.877.885.7968 (fees may apply)

Water and Sewer Accounts

New Accounts: To set up a new account, please call the Town Business Office at 540-955-1099.

Customer Responsibilities: Customers are responsible for contacting the Town Business Office to ensure the account for a new residence is properly placed in their name, when contact information changes, and to notify the Town Business Office when they plan to vacate a property.

Security Deposit: A refundable security deposit is required for all customers who are renting their occupancy. The amount of the required deposit varies depending on the use of the space. Effective November 18, 2021 required deposits are:

- Residential: individually metered single-family units, town homes, and duplexes: \$255
- Residential: multi-family with master meter \$200 per unit
- Business / Commercial: \$255
- Laundry: \$4,575*
- Restaurant: \$850*
- Institutional: \$1,595*
- Industrial: \$5,615*

*Town Manager may increase or decrease on the basis of actual usage.

Note: Town Manager may establish reasonable deposit amounts for use types not anticipated by this schedule.

Landlord Responsibilities: The Owner and/or Landlord must complete the *Owner Authorization for Tenant Utility Service Form*, authorizing renters to have water and sewer service placed in their name at the rental property. This form can be found online at berryvilleva.gov/2160/Water-Sewer.