



## Henry County Water Authority

Customer Support Services Division

### APPLICATION FOR WATER/SEWER SERVICE

### Homeowner Purchasing Meter

**Welcome to Henry County Water Authority:**

Applications must be completed to purchase a residential water meter and set up new service. Please complete the following form and mail, fax, or email the signed agreement, along with all requested supporting documentation, to:

Henry County Water Authority  
1695 Highway 20 West  
McDonough, Georgia 30253  
Fax: 678-583-2875  
Email: [msales@hcwa.com](mailto:msales@hcwa.com)

## ALL APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE PHOTO ID AND PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OR LEASE ATTACHED

**PLEASE PRINT:**

Applicant Name:

Service Address:

City:

Zip:

Subdivision Name:

*(if applicable)*

Billing Address:

City:

Zip:

Social Security #:

Date of Birth:

Driver's License #:

State:

Phone #:

Phone #:

Email Address:

Preferred Method of Contact:    Cell Phone    Email    Other Phone:

**ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION** along with a copy of the applicant's active government-issued picture ID (i.e. driver's license, passport, state identification card). Incomplete applications or missing documentation will result in your request being **REJECTED**. Please allow **48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) for application processing**. Payment in full for the cost of the meter, your deposit, and a **\$5.00 application fee** are required to begin service.

HCWA uses Online Utility Exchange (OUE) to check the applicant's credit history for all residential (non-business) accounts. This soft credit check looks at payment history with other utilities and customers with a "Low Risk" rating (a score in the range of 668-850) will be eligible for a reduced deposit. This process will not affect your credit score but will be utilized to verify identity and validate a customer's social security number as part of our compliance with the Red Flag Rules mandated by the Federal Trade Commission. *The Red Flag Rule is published at 16 C.F.R. ' 681.1. See also 72 Fed. Reg. at 63,771 (Nov. 9, 2007).*

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIABILITIES:** On the day your service starts, it is the customer's responsibility to ensure that all faucets are in the OFF position and that all plumbing is in compliance with the current Georgia State Minimum Standards Plumbing Code and that said system is in water tight condition. The Authority assumes no liability for damages caused to private plumbing systems by varying pressure, interrupted services, initiation of services, or water quality changes. This includes water loss due to broken or leaking pipes for any reason, or damages to person or property (before and/or after water loss). The Authority assumes no liability for replacement of and/or damage to landscaping, fencing, or other items that hinder the Authority's ability to provide service and/or maintenance to Authority's property.

**REDUCED DEPOSIT INCENTIVES:**

**WANT TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR DEPOSIT?**

**SIGN UP FOR OUR CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE (bill round-up) PROGRAM, PAPERLESS BILLING AND AUTO-PAY**

Incentives available at the time of application:

- 1. **Charitable Assistance Participation: \$10** reduction in deposit. (**\$20** for accounts with Sewer).
- 2. **Credit Score reduction: \$25** reduction in deposit (score between 668-850). (**\$50** for accounts with Sewer).

**Incentives available after the first billing statement is generated:** Note: deposit amounts must be paid upfront and once enrollment is confirmed, will be credited to the customer account. [It is the responsibility of the customer to notify HCWA when enrollment is active.](#)

- 3. **\$10** reduction in deposit for enrollment in paperless billing. (**\$20** for accounts with Sewer).
- 4. **\$25** reduction in deposit for enrollment in automated draft payments. (**\$50** for accounts with Sewer)

**Terms and conditions:** Once accepted, these incentives will remain in effect as long as the account remains current and the customer maintains enrollment in the selected programs. Should the customer choose to terminate enrollment or **if service is disconnected due to nonpayment, the full deposit will be required immediately.**

**SAVE MONEY ON YOUR DEPOSIT BY CHECKING THESE BOXES:**

Please indicate the programs you would like to enroll in:

I would like to help my community by enrolling in the HCWA Charitable Assistance (bill round-up) Program

I will be signing up for PAPERLESS BILLING and **will notify HCWA once active**

I will be enrolling in online AUTO-PAY and **will notify HCWA once active**

**SERVICE LOCATION INFORMATION:** (PLEASE CHECK **ALL** APPLICABLE BOXES)

I am a NEW Customer (never had service with HCWA before)

I am a FORMER customer, (please list prior service address)

I am TRANSFERRING service from another address in Henry County (please list the address)

➤ If transferring, would you like the service disconnected at the previous address?

Date to disconnect: \_\_\_\_\_ If no date is entered, service will remain **ON** and you will continue to be billed

**ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED**

I OWN the home (MUST submit a copy of your **SIGNED** settlement statement, deed, or tax assessment)

If this property has an **IRRIGATION SYSTEM**, make sure you know when your system is coming on and how often. **WATERING YOUR GRASS MAY LEAD TO VERY HIGH WATER BILLS**

***Applications will not be processed without required documentation***

**RESIDENTIAL METER PURCHASES:**

Subdivision:

Phase/Unit:

<b>Type of Service:</b>	Water Only	Water/Sewer	
<b>3/4" Meter – HCWA installs meter only:</b>			\$ 1,960.00
<i>Includes: Impact Fee - \$1,500</i>			
<b>3/4" Meter – HCWA makes tap and installs meter:</b>			\$ 3,330.00
<i>Includes: Impact Fee - \$1,500</i>			
<b>1" Meter – HCWA installs meter only:</b>			\$ 2,190.00
<i>Includes: Impact Fee - \$1,500</i>			
<b>1" Meter – HCWA makes tap and installs meter:</b>			\$ 3,550.00
<i>Includes: Impact Fee - \$1,500</i>			
<b>Sewer Impact Fee:</b> (If sewer is present, please add to cost of meter)			\$ 4,000.00

Once the account has been established, **if the lot is already tapped**, you will need to **email [meterset@hcwa.com](mailto:meterset@hcwa.com) when you are ready for the meter to be installed**. **If a tap is required**, please allow 30 days for meter installation and position your location card as soon as possible. *Rates as of 10/01/24 and are subject to change.*

**NEW INSTALLATION WATER/SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT**

- By requesting service and establishing an account with the Authority, the Customer acknowledges acceptance of the Authority's terms and conditions of service and must remain in compliance with the provisions of Authority Water Ordinance No. 2014-18, Sewer Ordinance No 2014-19, or latest amendments, as well as the Authority's Cross Connection Control Program.
- The builder must install sanitary sewer clean-out boxes and it is the builder's responsibility to protect sanitary sewer clean-outs, particularly during the period of construction/landscaping. Routine maintenance is the Customer's responsibility. The Authority may discontinue water service to any location having a damaged or unacceptable sewer clean-out. Clean-out boxes must meet HCWA required specifications.
- In the event of damage to the meter or any parts thereof, the Customer is responsible for all repair costs (parts, repair fee, labor, etc.).
- Tampering with any Authority appurtenances and Theft of Service are violations of Authority Ordinance No. 2014-18. Tampering will result in a fee of \$100.00 per occurrence. Theft of Service (unmetered water) will result in a fine of \$1,000 per occurrence. Any fines, fees and/or charges for repair of damages to the meter that remain unpaid within 30 days after billing, will result in an interruption of service.

<b>Lot #</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Meter Cost</b>	<b>Deposit/Fee</b>
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**The total amount due for this transaction (*Amount paid is subject to site verification*):**

**GENERAL SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

Upon receiving service from Henry County Water Authority (HCWA), the applicant agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions as outlined in this Agreement on the date service begins, and as thereafter amended. The terms of this Agreement may be modified by HCWA without notice to Applicant. Any such amendments to this Agreement shall be posted on HCWA's website and shall become effective upon the date of such posting.

1. Applicant hereby applies for water and/or sewer service at the address listed above, and in consideration of such service being supplied by HCWA, Applicant agrees to adhere to the rules and regulations of HCWA now in force or which may hereafter be adopted.
2. The Applicant hereby grants permission to HCWA and/or its affiliates to run a credit check and/or other identity verification by using any of the Applicant's personal information including but not limited to social security number, current address, or phone number.
3. At the acceptance of service from HCWA, Applicant acknowledges that Applicant is responsible for payment of the billing on the meter(s) at the requested service address until Applicant notifies HCWA to discontinue service. Applicant agrees to pay all applicable deposits. HCWA may elect to allow electronic paperless billing. It is the customer's responsibility to maintain an updated electronic billing address. When HCWA takes the normal action of sending an electronic paperless bill (or notice of bill), that bill (or notice of bill) is deemed to have the same standing as a paper bill delivered to the customer's physical address. Failure to pay an electronic paperless bill by the due date will be treated in the same manner as traditional billing. Failure of the customer to receive the electronic paperless bill (or notice of bill) does not relieve the customer from the obligation to pay by the due date. If the customer believes a bill to be in error, HCWA must be notified before the bill becomes delinquent. Any claim shall not be effective in preventing discontinuance of service as heretofore provided. The customer may pay such bill under protest and said payment shall not prejudice the claim. Settlement of claims and adjustments of bills are subject to the following additional provisions: (1) any customer who fails to notify HCWA within thirty (30) days after the date of said bill of any irregularities or errors that may be in said bill shall waive any right or claim for correction or refund; and (2) if it is determined that a leak is present on a customer's property, and satisfactory documentation of repair is presented to HCWA, then a leak discount may be applied to the customer's account.
4. Applicant's acceptance of service from HCWA shall constitute Applicant's acceptance of the terms of this Agreement and Water and Sewer Ordinances of Henry County Water Authority. Further, Applicant hereby grants access to HCWA and its agents, officers, and employees to the Property for the purpose of repairing, installing, removing, checking, turning on and off, and reading the meter. The applicant also acknowledges that the meter box, lid, and all materials inside the meter box are the property of HCWA and shall remain so, and HCWA shall have the authority to control and regulate their use. Applicant hereby acknowledges that he/she is prohibited from cross-connecting their plumbing system to any other water source such as wells located on the property or any other water supply. The applicant is required to notify HCWA in writing of any such source present either now or in the future. It is the Applicant's responsibility to install and maintain a pressure-reducing valve on Applicant's plumbing line. HCWA does not regulate pressure. During each meter installation, HCWA installs a backflow preventer. There is a potential for the Applicant to have a problem with thermal expansion from hot water in the water heater, and it is Applicant's responsibility to have the water heater inspected. The applicant is responsible for maintaining adequate insulation for the system to prevent freezing during the winter. Applicant understands it is the Customer's responsibility to maintain his or her water system in compliance with the current Georgia State Minimum Standards Plumbing Code and ensure that said system is in a watertight condition. HCWA assumes no liability for damages caused to private plumbing systems by varying pressure, interrupted services, or water quality changes. This includes water loss due to broken or leaking pipes for any reason, or damages to a person or property (before and/or after water loss).
5. Applicant agrees that they will not tamper with, alter, bypass, or modify the connection from HCWA's system to any device utilized by HCWA to meter and measure the water usage to the Applicant's premises. In the event that HCWA discovers any circumstance whereby the Applicant has, or has allowed, a violation of this provision, HCWA shall immediately disconnect the premises from its System. In such circumstance, the Applicant agrees, and shall be required, to pay: (1) any and all costs incurred by HCWA to disconnect the premises; (2) all water and sewer charges estimated by HCWA (using all available evidence, including historical service records) as being reasonably due to HCWA for water usage by the Applicant during the existence of the condition (in no case shall the charge be less than one month's average historical normal service); and (3) if the applicant wishes to reestablish water and/or sewer service, both items (1) and (2) and a "meter tamper fee".
6. Failure to pay all invoices in a timely manner shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and cause for: (a) termination of service; (b) collection action and reporting to credit agencies; (c) civil legal action, attorney's fees and court, and other costs; (d) criminal prosecution where such failure to follow requests constitute a crime or an ordinance violation; and (e) any other remedies or actions deemed reasonable by HCWA and local, state or federal law. If Applicant has more than one account with HCWA, a default on one account shall constitute a default on all accounts. In such event, failure to pay an invoice on one account shall be considered a material breach of this agreement for all related accounts, and the remedies stated above, including termination of service for all related accounts, shall be available to HCWA.
7. Applicant acknowledges understanding that payments must be received, not postmarked, by the due date on the statement to avoid a late charge. Applicant understands that untimely or fraudulent payments, theft of service (unmetered water), or tampering with and/or damaging HCWA equipment may result in immediate disconnection and additional fees. Please refer to our website for more detailed fee information.
8. Applicant acknowledges that on the day service starts, it is the customer's responsibility to ensure that all faucets are in the OFF position and that all plumbing is in compliance with the current Georgia State Minimum Standards Plumbing Code and that said system is in water tight condition. The Authority assumes no liability for damages caused to private plumbing systems by varying pressure, interrupted services, initiation of services, or water quality changes. This includes water loss due to broken or leaking pipes for any reason, or damages to person or property (before and/or after water loss). The Authority assumes no liability for replacement of and/or damage to landscaping, fencing, or other items that hinder the Authority's ability to provide service and/or maintenance to Authority's property.

By signing below, Applicant agrees to the terms and conditions of this service agreement, as well as all Water and Sewer ordinances adopted by the Board of Henry County Water Authority (HCWA), and certify that all of the information contained in this application is true and correct.

Printed Applicant Name

Authorized Signature

Date

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