

Multi-Family and Mixed Use FAQ

What is changing?

ReWa has adopted changes to multi-family and mixed use new account fees. All new account fees are currently based on meter size; however, this creates an inequity among customer classes. To address this inequity, ReWa has assessed multi-family and mixed use new account fees based on the estimated daily wastewater flows as provided by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Regulation 61-67, Appendix A. Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities (UCL).

Why are the changes necessary?

ReWa has made this intentional change in fee calculations to be fair and equitable across our entire customer base. Multi-family developments can connect varying numbers of units with varying number of bedrooms to a single master meter. If we charge those multi-family developments based on meter size, it results in inequities in the number of gallons typically used and the associated new account fee. When a master meter is used, typically the capacity paid for is much less than the capacity used by the units.

How will it be calculated?

The estimated daily wastewater flow will be multiplied by the capacity cost per gallon of \$8.33, which is based on the current new account fee of \$2,500 for single family homes with a 5/8" meter divided by the 300 gallons capacity per day per the UCL.

The table below shows the flow and the respective new account fees for multi-family housing per unit.

| Multi-Family Housing | Flow (gpd) | NAF |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Three (3) Bedrooms (Per Unit) | 300 | \$2,500 |
| Two (2) Bedrooms (Per Unit) | 225 | \$1,875 |
| One (1) Bedrooms (Per Unit) | 150 | \$1,250 |

The table below presents a sample multi-family housing new account fee calculation using the methodology.

| Sample Multi-Family Housing | Units | Flow (gpd) | Cost per Gal. per day | NAF |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Three Bedroom Apartments | 10 | 3,000 | \$ 8.33 | \$ 25,000 |
| Two Bedroom Apartments | 50 | 11,250 | 8.33 | 93,750 |
| One Bedroom Apartments | 30 | 4,500 | 8.33 | 37,500 |
| Total New Account Fee | 90 | | | \$ 156,250 |

**See attached sample calculations in Appendix A

How will townhomes be calculated?

Townhomes are considered single-family and will continue to fall under the residential single family new account fee structure.

How will tiny homes be calculated?

Tiny home developments will fall under the multi-family rate structure as one bedroom apartments.

When will this take effect?

The effective date for these changes is January 1, 2019.

Fees on developments previously approved but not yet paid at January 1, 2019 will be calculated based on the above methodology.

For questions, please call ReWa Customer Service at 864-299-4000.