

# Kanagawa Prefecture Water Rates Going Up

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This notice is for Kanagawa Prefectural Waterworks users.

Starting in October 2024, Kanagawa Prefectural Waterworks rates will increase in stages. The main points related to the rise in water rates are provided below. The actual rates you pay will vary depending on the “caliber” (inside diameter) of your water meter’s pipe and the amount of water you actually use.

We ask for your understanding regarding the revised rates, which is necessary to allow us to steadily improve our water facilities in preparation for large-scale earthquakes and to ensure that we can maintain the delivery of potable water.

## Water Rates Lookup Table

- The rates listed below are for **common household water meter calibers (13 mm, 20 mm, and 25 mm)**.
- The amounts are for **water rates only**, excluding sewerage charges, and are calculated on a **bimonthly, tax-inclusive** basis.
- Sewerage charges vary depending on the municipality in which you reside.

Usage volume	From October 2024: 16% increase	From October 2025: 19% increase	From October 2026: 22% increase
0 to 8 m <sup>3</sup>	1,861 yen	1,909 yen	1,958 yen
9m <sup>3</sup>	1,882 yen	1,931 yen	1,980 yen
10m <sup>3</sup>	1,903 yen	1,953 yen	2,002 yen
11m <sup>3</sup>	1,923 yen	1,975 yen	2,024 yen
12m <sup>3</sup>	1,944 yen	1,997 yen	2,046 yen
13m <sup>3</sup>	1,965 yen	2,019 yen	2,068 yen
14m <sup>3</sup>	1,986 yen	2,041 yen	2,090 yen
15m <sup>3</sup>	2,007 yen	2,063 yen	2,112 yen
16m <sup>3</sup>	2,028 yen	2,085 yen	2,134 yen
17m <sup>3</sup>	2,187 yen	2,249 yen	2,302 yen
18m <sup>3</sup>	2,347 yen	2,413 yen	2,470 yen
19m <sup>3</sup>	2,506 yen	2,577 yen	2,638 yen
20m <sup>3</sup>	2,666 yen	2,741 yen	2,807 yen
25m <sup>3</sup>	3,463 yen	3,560 yen	3,648 yen
30m <sup>3</sup>	4,261 yen	4,380 yen	4,490 yen
35m <sup>3</sup>	5,119 yen	5,260 yen	5,392 yen
40m <sup>3</sup>	5,977 yen	6,140 yen	6,294 yen
45m <sup>3</sup>	7,126 yen	7,322 yen	7,504 yen
50m <sup>3</sup>	8,276 yen	8,505 yen	8,714 yen

# Revised Kanagawa Prefecture Water Rates

## Main Points

### 1. Change from Purpose-Based to Caliber-Based Rate System

Until now, our rate system was based on usage, such as for household purposes or commercial purposes. As stated above, we have revised the rate system to be based on the “caliber” of the water meter’s pipe.

### 2. Reviewing Basic Fees

The basic fee has been uniformly set at 710 yen per month (1,420 yen for two months) for all users, regardless of usage. However, since maintenance costs vary with meter caliber, basic fees also vary in the new rate system to reflect those costs.

### 3. Reviewing Basic Water Volume

The basic volume of water included in the basic fee has been uniformly set at 8 cubic meters per month and 16 cubic meters for two months for all users regardless of usage. After the rate change, different basic water volumes will be set according to the meter caliber.

Note: Although rates will be primarily based on meter caliber, a uniform rate will be used for calibers that general households commonly use (13 mm, 20 mm, and 25 mm).

### 4. Rate Level Increase

We have estimated the rate level needed for business operations until FY2028 and will gradually increase rates as follows:

October 2024 to September 2025: Average increase of 16%

October 2025 to September 2026: Average increase of 19%

October 2026 onward: Average increase of 22% per year

For billing periods that span October 1 of each year, charges will be calculated on a daily prorated basis using the old and new rates.

## Dedicated Website about Revised Kanagawa Prefecture Water Rates

<https://www.pref.kanagawa.jp/docs/r4a/tokusetu/sitetop.html>

For details on the rate revision, as well as information on the background and public relations regarding it, please visit the dedicated website above.

Note: This website offers machine translation into languages other than Japanese using Google Translate.

