

Fire Service Schedule of Rates FY2025/26

Fire Hydrant Maintenance

Fire Hydrants are provided for use by authorised agencies/personnel and for Fire Service use in an emergency, training environment or to replenish water supplies on appliances etc.

As a water undertaker, we are governed by The Water Industry Act 1991 and have the statutory responsibility to provide fire hydrants on our mains when requested by the Fire Authority and, are required to keep fire hydrants in good working order.

The Fire Service is governed by the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004. Under this act, the Fire Authority must take all reasonable measures for providing and securing an adequate supply of water for extinguishing fires or protecting life and property in the event of fire. They must also have efficient arrangements to obtain information about water supplies and access to water. The Fire Authority has the responsibility to pay or arrange payment to the Water Company in respect of its costs in complying with their obligations above.

This document will outline the charges to be charged to the Fire Authority in financial year 2025/26 for the maintenance carried out on hydrants adopted by the Fire Authority.

PART A: PROVISION OF PRICING SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

- 1.1 The initial pricing schedule of charges effective from and including 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 is set out in this document below.
- 1.2 The Water Company shall be entitled to revise the pricing schedule of charges and apply an annual increase in line with the annual CPIH rate for the previous 12 months, effective from 1 April each year.
- 1.3 Before implementing a revised pricing schedule of charges permitted, the Water Company will provide the Fire Authority with its revised pricing schedule of charges (adjusted for inflation) by 1 February of each year.
- 1.4 For any other changes to the pricing schedule of charges not encompassed by the below, the Water Company will notify the Fire Authority in writing at least three calendar months prior to the change being implemented.
- 1.5 All charges encompassed in the below omit any additional Traffic Management and will be recouped at cost.
- 1.6 All charges encompassed in the below omit any additional Street works fees as set out by the respective councils and, will be recouped at cost.

**PART B: PRICING SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR BRISTOL REGION FOR PERIOD
1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2026***

Description	2025/26 Rates
Installation of fire hydrant on existing main up to 150mm diameter	1,419.00
Installation of fire hydrant on existing main up to 150-300mm diameter	1,620.00
Replace Fire Hydrant<=150mm	£1,232.00
Replace Fire Hydrant >150mm	£1,433.00
Abandon Fire Hydrant	£865.00
Repair Fire Hydrant	£842.00
Chamber works only	£625.00
Cover and Frame Works only	£589.00
Post and Plate inclusive if required separately	£195.00
Section 81	At Cost
Exceptional installations - Agreed mutually	Agreed Mutually by Quotation

*The above charges will generally apply to the provision and repair of hydrants. However, in situations where we foresee specific difficulties, and the costs prove significantly higher than the normal standard charge the Company reserves the right to charge the actual cost of the work.

Note: Please refer to Appendix 1 for further description of each activity above.

Appendix 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Replace	Denotes full replacement of the asset which consists of excavation, removal, reinstallation of a new asset and reinstatement.
Abandon	Denotes full abandonment of the asset and will include costs for excavation, removal, and reinstatement.
Abandon In Situ	In some instances an asset cannot be removed therefore, this includes costs for capping/disconnecting the asset. The asset will remain buried.
Repair	Denotes works carried out to the existing hydrant. If an excavation is required, this will be included in the rate.
Chamber Works	Denotes works being undertaken to a hydrant chamber i.e. chamber rebuild. A surface box realignment following chamber works are included in the rate.
Cover and Frame Works	Includes works undertaken to the surface box and cover only.
Section 81	Works instructed by the council for completion.
Exceptional installations	Any works that fall outside the standard schedule (above) or, require specialist equipment, traffic management or street works outside the norm will be quoted and agreed prior to maintenance being undertaken.