

INFORMATION  
TO  
WATER TAKERS  
OF  
**Columbus Water Works  
Company**



**COLUMBUS, GEORGIA,**  
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## NOTICE.

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The Columbus Water Works Company furnishes meters and pipe from the main to the curb, or sidewalk, free of charge to the consumer.

The consumer furnishes pipe and all necessary fittings, from the meter to his premises.

The Water Works Company has no control over any pipe beyond the meter, and all the water which passes through the meter will be charged to the consumer, whether used or wasted.

All water takers are cautioned to keep their pipes and all openings free from leaks, and when a leak is discovered let them notify the Water Works authorities immediately, and the water will be cut off until the necessary repairs can be made.

No one is allowed to turn on or off water, except the duly authorized agent of the Water Company.

## Information for Water Takers.

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The following information is given for the benefit of Water Takers of the Columbus Water Works Company:

### METER RATES.

For private dwellings, and other small outlets, \$3.00 per quarter, payable in advance, which will entitle the consumer to 15,000 gallons of water per quarter. Any excess, up to an average of 500 gallons per day, will be charged at rate of 20 cents per thousand gallons, payable at end of the quarter. Above this amount, our rates are as follows:

Gallons Daily	Per 1,000 Gallons
500 to 1,000.....	20c.
1,000 to 5,000.....	16c.
5,000 to 10,000.....	14c.
10,000 to 15,000.....	12c.
15,000 or more.....	10c.

All quarterly bills are payable in advance, at the office of the Company, the first days of January, April, July and October of each year. Monthly bills are payable on the first day of each month of the year. If water rents are not paid within

eleven days after becoming due, the water will be cut off, without further notice, and one dollar in addition to the bill must be paid before the water will be turned on again.

All applications for water will be held to bind the applicant to take the supply for at least one year, and shall also bind him to comply with the established rules and rates of the Water Works Company.

In no case will more than one party be supplied with water through one stop, unless a separate rate is charged for each one so using it.

When two or more tenements are supplied with water through one meter, or otherwise, the minimum rate will be charged for each tenement.

No person or family supplied with water by the Company will be permitted to use the water for any other purposes than that stated in the application or agreement, or that estimated for in fixing the rates; nor supply water in any way to other person or persons without a written permit from the Engineer or Superintendent of said Company, nor shall they permit others to use their hose or attachments, or leave them exposed for use by others.

When two or more parties occupy one and the same premises, the bill for water rent will only

be made to one party, who will be held responsible for the payment. A change of premises will not relieve a water taker from the responsibility of paying a bill for water rents, and until all bills are paid, the Water Company reserves the right to cut off the water at any and all places at which the party owing such bill has been taking water.

Water rents once paid are not refunded under any circumstances, but licenses may be transferred from one party to another, with the consent of the Water Company.

Whenever it is desired to discontinue the use of water, notice must be given at the office of the Water Works Company, otherwise, bills will be made and rents collected until the water is shut off.

The Columbus Water Works Company is supplying its system with the best and most reliable meters that can be had, and the reading of these meters must be accepted as showing the quantity of water used.

After exhaustive tests, it has been ascertained that a water meter may get out of repair and FAIL TO REGISTER, but that it CANNOT REGISTER ANY MORE WATER THAN PASSES THROUGH IT, and hence, whenever a meter gets out of repair, the result is in

favor of the consumer, and against the Water Company. It has also been ascertained that, as water meters become old and worn, they pass more water than they register.

Water takers can have their meters tested, to establish the truth of the above.

To show how easily water may be wasted through a small leak, we give the following table, showing amount of water that will pass through different openings in twenty-four hours, under a pressure of 34.65 pounds.

	Gallons
1-32 of an inch will discharge. . . .	230
1-16 " " " " . . . .	936
$\frac{1}{8}$ " " " " . . . .	3,744
$\frac{1}{4}$ " " " " . . . .	14,832

## CITY ORDINANCE.

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"BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, That any person who shall, without authority, in any manner interfere with, injure or remove any of the fixtures or appurtenances of the hydrants, pipes, or appendages thereto, belonging to the system of Water Works in the City of Columbus, or who shall, without authority, use the water or suffer others to use it, or shall wantonly or negligently waste the water, or permit others to waste the same; or who shall use any of the hydrants or fixtures for hitching-posts, shall be guilty of disorderly conduct; and, upon proof thereof, before the Mayor of said city, such offender shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, or by confinement and labor on the public works of the city or county, in the discretion of said Mayor, and the police shall be diligent, and report every infraction of this ordinance.

Adopted in Council January 3rd, 1883.

M. M. MOORE,  
*Clerk of Council.*