Herefordshire Council

DIRECT SERVICES SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES

Environmental Health and Trading Standards water monitoring fees

from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

DRINKING WATER CHARGES

Charges for carrying out risk assessments, investigations and sampling for drinking water supplies under The Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2016 (as amended) and other legislation.

Risk Assessment and Investigation

Item	**Fee**
Risk assessments: Regulation 6 specifies the legal requirement for a risk assessment every five years: Typically a risk assessment and follow up report on a small supply may take 3-5 hours. Time charged includes travel to site, time on site, updating records and completion of report. The charges for the sample collection and analysis will be in addition to the risk assessment. Costs are as stated below.	£68.76 per hour plus any sampling costs
Investigations: Undertaken when there is a sample failure and an investigation to find the cause is required, may be substituted by risk assessment. The charges for the sample collection and analysis will be in addition to the risk assessment. Costs are as stated below.	£68.76 per hour plus any sampling costs

Sampling

Item	Fee
A flat rate sampling fee is charged for each sampling visit; this includes all officer time, mileage, the keeping of records and associated overheads for the reasonable cost of the service. The fee is in addition to the laboratory sampling costs quoted below.	£138.33 per visit
• **Group A parameters monitoring sample:** The sampling regime for a private water supply serving a regulation 9 supply (water used in commercial activity including rented properties or where the water is used for a larger scale or public purpose) is specified in Schedule 2 of the regulations. The frequency is determined by the amount of water supplied. • The parameters are specified in Part A of Schedule 1 of the Regulations. Group A tests include conductivity, colour, ammonium, nitrate, nitrite, hydrogen ion concentration, odour, taste, turbidity, iron, manganese, arsenic, antimony, aluminium, boron, cadmium, selenium, mercury, cyanide and coliform bacteria, general bacterial colony count and Escherichia coli (E Coli) and any other potential local contaminants such as sodium as shown by risk assessment. • Single domestic premises where the water quality is not known will be analysed for the same parameters in the above Group A suite to check that the water complies with the standards and to aid guidance on water treatment processes. **Additional Group B parameters may also be required.** ***Please note: If the presence of certain contaminants, in the water supply, is suspected (i.e. the presence of lead, pesticides, chlorination by-products or industrial chemicals etc.) additional testing may be required and these will be recharged as per the laboratory analysis costs only.***	£79.72 + VAT

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• **Regulation 10 sample:** Routine sampling is undertaken under Regulation 10 of The Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2016 (as amended), for small shared water supplies where there is no commercial activity. The sample includes tests for conductivity, hydrogen ion concentration, turbidity, coliforms and for pathogens enterococci and Escherichia coli (E coli) and any other potential local contaminants as shown by risk assessment.	£57.20 + VAT
• **Bacteriological sampling only**: This sampling to be undertaken usually on a retest or as part of an investigation and is for bacteriological parameters only. • Tests are for coliform bacteria, E Coli, Enterococci and Clostridium Perfringens.	£79.81 + VAT
• **Group B parameters monitoring**. The parameters are specified in Part B of Schedule 1 of the Regulations, undertaken less often to ensure that water complies with all safety standards. • Standard fee plus costs of laboratory analysis. Price will vary dependent on the parameters required. This is in addition to the Group A monitoring sample costs. • ***Please note: An audit sample will be required for all supplies not previously known to the authority or to supplies which have been reclassified as regulation 9 supplies where there is no previous sampling data.***	Up to £857.96 + VAT (dependent on required parameters)
• **Bottled water samples**: Sampling of water put into bottles or containers: Sampling frequency for the monitoring of Group A and Group B parameters is dependent on volume of water supplied. • ***Please note: The Bottle Water Regulations 2007 (as amended) apply to commercially bottled waters.*** • Price will vary dependent on the parameters required - bacteriological, Group A and B may all be required.	£66.45 +VAT Bacteriological monitoring only £169.44+ VAT group A monitoring chemical parameters only Up to £857.96 + VAT Group B chemical parameters monitoring only
• **Swimming pool monitoring**: Bacteriological sampling of swimming pool waters. Tests included are for Coliform bacteria, Escherichia Coli, TVC's @37 and Pseudomonas. A poolside test for pH, free and total chlorine, if appropriate, is also undertaken. • For additional chemical analysis please contact to discuss requirements and costs	£32.67 + VAT for bacteriological sample
• **Radioactivity suite:** where a DWI risk assessment or other intelligence determines that monitoring is required.	£190.89 + VAT

Prices may alter for your sample as our sampling parameters may change dependent on the baseline information we have for your premises and the risk assessment.

Please note: - The local authority will share costs between the relevant persons for the all risk assessment and monitoring if requested by one or more relevant persons and information on the relevant persons is provided to local authority. If no request is received the costs will be invoiced to the most relevant person identified by the local authority normally this would be the initial contact for the water supply.