

Water Charges, Yard & Maintenance Savings

Water Savings – Metered Dwellings

(as per Section 39 of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010)

- Single properties are billed for water usage only and each quarter a Debit Note/Invoice is sent to the TENANT advising that payment is due for the current quarter water usage.
- In order to offset these quarterly bills a water savings plan can be put in place wherein an amount agreed upon (eg.: \$5, \$10, \$20 per fortnight depending on the amount of water used) is added to your fortnightly payments and set aside each fortnight to cover the water usage BILL when received from Sydney Water. This money is then used to pay the water usage for that quarter. If there is enough Water Savings to cover this bill it will state “PAID IN FULL” at the bottom of the Debit Note/Invoice.
- In the instance that the Water Savings does not cover your water usage; the outstanding amount will be printed on the bottom of the Debit Note/Invoice. The tenant then has the option to pay this in full through direct debit or allow it to accumulate to the next water bill.

Water Usage Payments – NRAS properties

- As tenants under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) cannot partake in the Water Savings plans they are sent a Debit Note/Invoice requesting full payment of the water usage each quarter.
- Tenants are expected to pay this outstanding amount in full within 30 days.

Water Levy – Unmetered Properties

(as per Section 139 of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010)

- At signup you are required to sign a Water Levy form allowing Ecclesia Housing to deduct a fortnightly \$6.00 amount to go towards your water usage each quarter. (This amount has been calculated by the average water used in these properties. This amount is subject to change should there be a significant rise in water usage).
- Although you don’t receive a Sydney Water invoice directly for water usage each quarter, this \$6.00 per fortnight goes towards this water usage.

Yard and Maintenance Savings – Single dwellings

- During the tenancy signup, tenants are offered the option of using an Ecclesia Housing contractor to carry out yard maintenance of their rented property.
- Tenants are expected to pay for this as needed or a Yard & Maintenance Savings Plan can be set up wherein an extra amount is added to your fortnightly rental payments and set aside in the Yard & Maintenance Savings plan so that contractor invoices are paid using these savings.