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Customer number:  
**36338730**

Payment reference:  
**2036338730010**

Bill/tax point date:  
25/05/2023

Schedule number:  
01

Bill number:  
4011256781

## Your water services bill

**1**
**Amount due**

**Charges for:**  
17 Nov 2022 to  
23 May 2023

**Amount brought forward:**  
£13.17 CR

**New charges:**  
£255.93

**Supply address:**  
25 Pier Close, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 7BU

**Total due**  
**£242.76**

See section 3 for more detail

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**Options to pay**

Great news! We have a few options for you.  
**Your payment reference is 2036338730010**

**Option 1** Pay the total due by 09 Jun 2023

**Option 2** Direct Debit helps you spread the cost of your bill. It's simple to set up by completing the form enclosed, visiting [bristolwater.co.uk/directdebit](http://bristolwater.co.uk/directdebit) or by giving us a call.

**For more information on how to pay see section 5. You'll find the Bank Giro Credit payment slip further in this bill.**

## How can we help?

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### We are here for you

Are you struggling to pay your bills?  
Please don't worry. Contact us and we can help.  
Call **0345 600 3 600** or visit  
[bristolwater.co.uk/struggling-to-pay](http://bristolwater.co.uk/struggling-to-pay)

### Extra support when you need it most

We can communicate with you in the way you choose. Or support you if you are without water. To register for Priority Services call **0345 600 3 600** or visit  
[bristolwater.co.uk/priority-services](http://bristolwater.co.uk/priority-services)

### 3 Your bill explained

#### Account summary

Previous Balance	£225.83
<b>WaterShare+</b>	£13.00 CR
Total payments made	£226.00 CR

**Amount brought forward** £13.17 CR

#### Charges for: 17 Nov 2022 - 23 May 2023

**Water use:** meter no. 03-615414 size: 15mm

<b>Recent reading</b> <b>1816</b> 23/05/2023 (actual)	–	<b>Previous reading</b> <b>1751</b> 16/11/2022	=	<b>Total used</b> <b>65m<sup>3</sup></b>
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#### Water charges

Water supplied to you by Bristol Water.

##### Charges for: 17 Nov 2022 - 31 Mar 2023

Volume Charge	139.70p (per m <sup>3</sup> )	for	47m <sup>3</sup>	=	£65.65
Standing Charge	£44.92 (per year)	for	135 days	=	£16.61

##### Charges for: 01 Apr 2023 - 23 May 2023

Volume Charge	151.17p (per m <sup>3</sup> )	for	18m <sup>3</sup>	=	£27.21
Standing Charge	£48.15 (per year)	for	53 days	=	£6.97



#### Sewerage charges

Sewerage charges provided by Wessex Water.

##### Charges for: 17 Nov 2022 - 31 Mar 2023

Volume Charge	173.85p (per m <sup>3</sup> )	for	47m <sup>3</sup>	=	£81.70
Less 5% water not returned to sewer					-£4.08
Standing Charge	£58.00 (per year)	for	135 days	=	£21.45

##### Charges for: 01 Apr 2023 - 23 May 2023

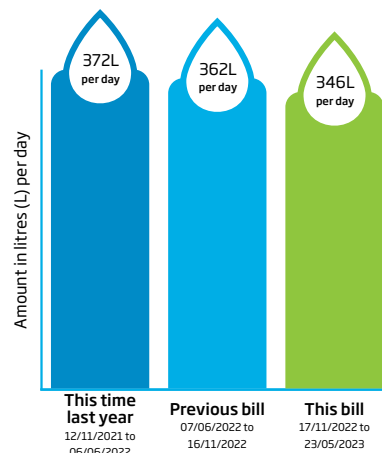
Volume Charge	183.01p (per m <sup>3</sup> )	for	18m <sup>3</sup>	=	£32.94
Less 5% water not returned to sewer					-£1.64
Standing Charge	£63.00 (per year)	for	53 days	=	£9.12

**Total** £255.93

#### Daily water use

The graph below shows your average daily water use per day in litres (L). Did you know there are 1,000L per cubic metre (m<sup>3</sup>)?

How much water are you using?



#### Your water usage has stayed similar

You could cut your water and energy bills by saving water. Simply follow our water saving tips.

Visit: [bristolwater.co.uk/savingwater](https://bristolwater.co.uk/savingwater)  
Don't forget to still check for leaks from time to time.

- For more advice on water use see section 6
- Find out more about charges in section 8


#### WaterShare+


This bill includes your WaterShare+ credit which is detailed within your account summary. For more information, go to [bristolwater.co.uk/watershare](https://bristolwater.co.uk/watershare)

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## Contact us

## Your bill or account

 **0345 600 3 600**  
(Monday to Friday - 8am to 6pm  
and Saturday 9am to 1pm)


 **LiveChat at**  
**bristolwater.co.uk or**  
**wessexwater.co.uk**


 **Submit an enquiry via**  
**our website**

## Water supply

- Loss of supply • Leak
- Water quality problem

 **0345 702 3 797**  
(Monday to Friday - 8am to 6pm,  
emergencies only at other times)

 **Live Chat at**  
**bristolwater.co.uk**


 **Submit an enquiry**  
**via our website**

Calls to 0345 numbers usually cost the same as standard UK landline numbers.  
Text messages are charged at your standard text message rate.  
Please check with your telephone service provider. Please be aware our calls may be recorded.

## Sewerage Service

- Sewage flooding • Blocked sewer

 **0345 600 4 600**  
(Monday to Friday - 8am to 6pm,  
emergencies only at other times)

 **Live Chat at**  
**wessexwater.co.uk**

 **Submit an enquiry via**  
**our website**

## Automated information services

**Submit a meter reading** or request  
information leaflets about **charges,**  
**surface water drainage** or **Pension**  
**Credit discount.**

 **0345 600 6 600**  
Select appropriate option


**We welcome calls via Relay UK**


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## Ways to pay


Payments should be made to Bristol Wessex  
Billing Services Limited. Quote your  
**payment reference: 2036338730010**

 **Direct Debit**  
bristolwater.co.uk/directdebit

 **Internet/mobile banking**  
Sort code 40-02-50  
Account number 61229737.

 **Bank & Post Office**  
Take this bill with you to make payment.  
Post Office is cash only.

 **Payzone**  
If this bill contains a barcode you can take it  
into your local Payzone outlet. To find your  
nearest location visit **payzone.co.uk**

**Credit or debit card**  
 **bristolwater.co.uk/paynow**

 **0345 600 1 019**  
(Automated 24 hours)

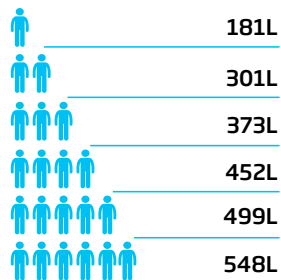
**Post** Write your customer number on the back of  
your cheque and post it with the payment slip to:  
BWBSL, 1 Clevedon Walk, Nailsea, Bristol BS48 1WA.  
Cheques should be made payable to BWBSL. **Do not**  
**send cash or post dated cheques.**

### What is a cubic metre (m<sup>3</sup>)?

A cubic metre of water is 1,000 litres or 220 gallons of water. That's the equivalent of 13 baths.

### How do you compare to the national average?

**Your average daily use is 346 litres per day.**



### Using more water than expected?

If your use is higher than last time, it is worth thinking about the following:

#### 1. Check for leaks

- Look for any dripping taps, overflows or leaking toilets. Leaking toilets can be hard to spot but waste over 200 litres of water a day. If you think you have a leak please visit: [bristolwater.co.uk/leaks](https://bristolwater.co.uk/leaks)

#### 2. More people at home

- Changes at home, even for a short period, can have an impact. Such as:
  - Working from home
  - Retirement
  - Having a baby
  - Having guests to stay

#### 3. Household appliances

- If you have new appliances like a dishwasher, or washing machines make sure you are using them on the Eco setting. A new power shower may mean you're using more water than before.

#### 4. Time of year

- Some people use more water outdoors or take more showers in warmer weather.

#### 5. Additional water use

- Certain medical conditions can mean you use more water. Check if you're eligible for our WaterSure Plus tariff - see section 7.

### Save water, save money

Small changes to how you use water in your home can save you money and help the environment.

#### How long do people in your household spend in the shower?

A minute less in the shower could save you 12 litres a day for each person that does it. Try challenging yourself to shorter showers a few times a week.

#### Do you use the washing machine half full?

A washing machine uses around 50 litres of water. Try to always do a full load and consider doing one less load a week to save water and energy.

For water saving advice and to use our GetWaterFit calculator to understand your water usage more visit:

[bristolwater.co.uk/water-meter](https://bristolwater.co.uk/water-meter)

### Your meter

Reading your meter often could help you spot a leak early and prevent water being wasted.

The water recorded by your meter and the maintenance of the private supply pipe from your home to the outside boundary of your property, is your responsibility.

If you have a leak on the private supply pipe we might be able to help. We may be able to give you a leakage allowance. For advice or a copy of our code of practice on leakage call **0345 702 3797**.

**It's good for us all to save water as it means more is left in the environment.**

**For more top tips and advice visit:**

[bristolwater.co.uk/water-meter](https://bristolwater.co.uk/water-meter)

### Help to pay your bill

Don't worry if you're struggling to pay, talk to us today. We will try to help you:

- Spread the cost of your bill.
- Pay us directly from your benefits.
- Reduce your bill with one of our low rate tariffs.
- Repay your debt.

Visit [bristolwater.co.uk/helptopay](https://bristolwater.co.uk/helptopay) or call us.

Organisations such as Citizens Advice, StepChange and National Debtline offer free, independent and confidential debt advice.

### Are you a pensioner that is missing out?

We give a discount of around £60 a year to pensioners on a low income. You can get a lower bill if all adults in your house get state pension as their only form of income or pension credit. It's easy to apply, call our friendly team or visit [wessexwater.co.uk/pension](https://wessexwater.co.uk/pension)

### Where does your rainwater go?

If you pay sewerage charges and most of the water that falls on your roof or the hard paved surfaces of your property drains to a soakaway, you could claim a rebate of around £20.

Visit [wessexwater.co.uk/surfacewaterdrainage](https://wessexwater.co.uk/surfacewaterdrainage) or call **0345 600 6 600** (24 hour automated service) for an application form.

### Priority Services

If you, or anyone you know, needs extra support, we can help through Priority Services:

- Additional assistance in the event of water supply interruptions.
- Bills and leaflets in braille, large print or a language other than English.
- A security password system to protect against bogus house calls.

It's free and easy to register today at [bristolwater.co.uk/priorityservices](https://bristolwater.co.uk/priorityservices) or [wessexwater.co.uk/priorityservices](https://wessexwater.co.uk/priorityservices) or call us. And you'll find energy companies offer a similar service.

### On a low income and use a lot of water?

Some people have to use a large amount of water for reasons they cannot control. WaterSure Plus can limit how much you pay. You need to be receiving one of the main means-tested benefits or tax credits and either:

- receive child benefit for three or more children under 19 living in your household, or
- have someone in the household with a medical condition that causes them to use significantly more water.

Find out more at [bristolwater.co.uk/watersureplus](https://bristolwater.co.uk/watersureplus)

### Our charges

Our charges for water and sewerage services and any changes to them are controlled by law and by our operating licence. Charges that are applicable from 1 April every year are published by 1 February. For more information on our charges visit [bristolwater.co.uk/charges](https://bristolwater.co.uk/charges) or [wessexwater.co.uk/charges](https://wessexwater.co.uk/charges). Further information about charges is also available from our regulator [www.ofwat.gov.uk](http://www.ofwat.gov.uk).

### What is a standing charge?

Standing charges are fixed amounts, payable by all customers. They include costs of maintaining and reading meters for water supply customers. Your bill includes a proportion of the standing charge based on the number of days since your last meter reading. Included in the Sewerage standing charge is an amount for taking away rainfall running from:

- Roofs
- Drives
- Patios
- Highway Drainage

### Sewerage charges

Sewerage charges assume 5% of the water you use is not returned to the sewer. This takes into account evaporation, car washing, garden watering and changes to weather each year. If more than 5% of your water supply is not returned to the sewer, please let us know to claim a discount. There's further information in section 7 on how to claim.

### Going back to unmetered charges?

If you have switched to a meter in the last two years and are not saving money you can go back to unmetered charges. You may only make this change once. This only applies if you chose to have a meter.

### Meter tampering and testing

Your meter is owned by Wessex Water. Tampering with it is an offence and will result in a fine. If you think your meter is not recording accurately you can ask for it to be tested. If the results confirm the meter is reading accurately, you will be liable for the cost of the test which will be no more than £70 + VAT (total £84).

### Our Complaint Process

We want to provide the best experience possible for our customers, and if we don't get things right we will do everything we can to get it resolved.

The quickest way to get any issue resolved is to call us using our contact details in Section 4. If you are not happy with our resolution, then get back in touch and we will escalate your complaint to a Senior Manager for review.

If you are not happy with the final resolution, your issue is over eight weeks old, or you just want some free, trusted, independent advice. You can call the Consumer Council for Water (CCW) the independent voice for water consumers in England and Wales by calling 0300 034 2222 or use its online form at [www.ccwater.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.ccwater.org.uk/contact-us)

### Ofwat

Ofwat is the regulator for the water industry in England and Wales. Visit [ofwat.gov.uk](http://ofwat.gov.uk)

### Protecting your data

Surveys are carried out to make sure we offer the best possible customer service. The water services regulator Ofwat also conducts surveys, which is allowed under water industry rules. To find out how we use your personal data visit:

[bristolwater.co.uk/privacy-policy](https://bristolwater.co.uk/privacy-policy)

or write: Bristol Water, Bridgwater Road, Bristol, BS13 7AT

[wessexwater.co.uk/privacy-policy](https://wessexwater.co.uk/privacy-policy)

or write: Wessex Water, Operations Centre, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7WW.





EVERY  
DRIP  
EVERY  
DROP



## Save water – save money!

By taking care of every drop, you'll not only help to tackle climate change, you can also reduce your water meter bills.

Visit our website for our top water saving tips:  
[bristolwater.co.uk/everydrop](http://bristolwater.co.uk/everydrop)

Scan for more



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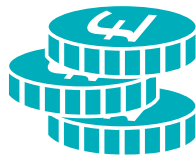
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Amount due:

242.76



# A HELPING HAND



## Get help paying your water bill

If you're struggling to pay your water bills, we have a range of plans to reduce your bills and help manage your payments.



**Talk to us for help and advice**

Call: 0345 600 3600

[bristolwater.co.uk/help-to-pay](https://bristolwater.co.uk/help-to-pay)

## Get a little extra help whatever your needs

If you have additional physical or mental health needs, we can help with meter reading, different bill formats, priority repairs, emergency bottled water and more.



**Find out how we can help you**

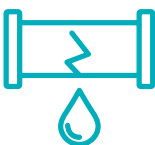
Call: 0345 600 3600

[bristolwater.co.uk/priority-services](https://bristolwater.co.uk/priority-services)



## Be stranger aware – if in doubt, keep them out

Unwanted callers may target elderly or vulnerable people by pretending they work for Bristol Water. All of our staff carry photographic identification and operate a password system where requested.



## What to do if you have a leak

If you think you may have a leak on your pipework, please visit our website for further help [bristolwater.co.uk/help-with-leaks](https://bristolwater.co.uk/help-with-leaks)



## Bristol Water Customer Promise

The Bristol Water Customer Promise details the levels of service around water quality and supply, customer service and billing that you can expect from us. And what compensation we'll pay if we don't meet these targets.

**Visit: [bristolwater.co.uk/promise](https://bristolwater.co.uk/promise) or call 0345 702 3797**





**Wessex Water**  
YTL GROUP

# Your sewerage services

## Where we're investing

**Every day we take away sewage and wastewater and treat it so it can be returned to the environment safely. We work 24/7 to deliver this essential service. Between 2020 and 2025 we are investing £1.4 billion to make things even better for both you and the environment.**

## Tackling storm overflows

Storm overflows automatically operate during heavy rainfall to release diluted wastewater, mainly rainwater, to prevent homes and highways from flooding. We believe overflows have no place in the 21st century, but they are a legacy from the past so it will take time and significant investment to resolve them.

We're investing £3 million a month to tackle overflows and reduce how often they operate, with work already underway.

### How you could help

You pay a charge for rainwater draining from your roof to the sewer. However, you could save around £25 off your bill by disconnecting downpipes, storing rainwater in a waterbutt and distributing any surplus rainwater across your garden or into a soakaway.

That will help ensure rainwater doesn't overwhelm some sewers during intense rainfall and result in storm overflows operating.

Find out more at [wessexwater.co.uk/overflows](https://wessexwater.co.uk/overflows)

## Your drains

While we're responsible for maintaining public sewers, you are responsible for maintaining your private drain - that's the section of pipe which serves only your property and is inside your property boundary. Where your private drain joins other pipework from neighbouring properties it becomes our responsibility. To find out more about sewer ownership visit: [wessexwater.co.uk/pipework](https://wessexwater.co.uk/pipework)

### Our pipework

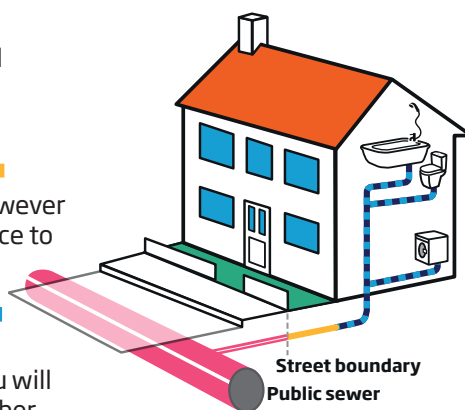
We maintain it and will clear any blockages as quickly as we can.

### Your pipework

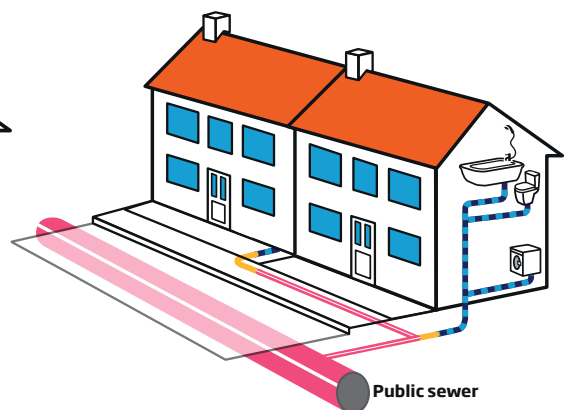
Your responsibility, however we can provide guidance to help you look after it.

### Your pipework and fittings

Your responsibility, you will have to contact a plumber if you have a blockage.



**Typical detached property**



**Typical attached property**

## Important information

### Your comments

If you have any comments or complaints about the services we provide, our core customer information for enquiries and complaints shows how you can get in touch.

For more information visit: [wessexwater.co.uk/policy](https://wessexwater.co.uk/policy) or call 0345 600 3 600 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm; Saturday, 9am to 1pm) for a leaflet.

### Our promises

Wessex Water offers customers one of the best overall guarantees in the industry which apply to our water and sewerage services, such as supply interruptions, sewer flooding, and customer services.

For a full list of our promises visit [wessexwater.co.uk/promises](https://wessexwater.co.uk/promises) or call 0345 600 3 600 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm; Saturday, 9am to 1pm).

### Your view matters

We value your opinion so please join our online customer research panel.

You can tell us what you think of our services, how we can improve and help us plan for the future.

Visit: [wessexwater.co.uk/have-your-say](https://wessexwater.co.uk/have-your-say)

For more information about our services visit: [wessexwater.co.uk](https://wessexwater.co.uk)

