



# **NOT FOR PROFIT**

Three little words that make a big difference.

We're the only water company of its kind in the UK.

We put every penny we make back into looking after your water and our beautiful environment — now, and for years to come.



# YOUR CLEAN WATER

# YOUR WASTE WATER

Although rain falls freely from the sky, we put a lot of work, energy and love into getting every drop of water to you.

The money you pay through your bill goes into looking after and improving our treatment works and 27,000km of pipes to give you fantastic water for years to come.

# Did you know that heating water is a big part of your energy bill?

By using all the hot water you need, but being careful not to waste it, you can save lots of money. Saving water — hot or cold — is also great news for us and your environment, because there's no need to pump and clean all that water that used to go straight down the drain unused.

Getting fantastic water to your tap is only half the job. We then take your dirty water away and clean it before returning it to our beautiful rivers and seas.

The money from your bill helps protect your environment, not just now, but for years to come.

And we can all do our bit to help: by putting our cotton buds, wet wipes and nappies in the bin (and not down the toilet), and binning or recycling our oil and grease, we can keep Welsh water flowing.



#### Rely on us

We carry out 600,000 tests a year to make sure your water is safe and tastes great



Learn how to stop the block and you could win an iPad.

LetsStopTheBlock.com

### Could you save?

#### WaterSure Wales

If you have a water meter fitted, and you receive a qualifying benefit/tax credit and one of the following things apply to you, you may be able to get extra help through our WaterSure Wales scheme:

- You or a member of your household receives child benefit for at least three children under the age of 19, all of whom live at the premises.
- —— Someone living in your home has a health condition that requires them to use extra water.

#### HelpU

For customers who genuinely struggle to pay their water and sewerage bills, we have a special tariff called HelpU. If the total income of your household is less than £15,000 a year, you may be able to join this scheme. To see if you qualify, visit dwrcymru.com/helpu

#### **Customer Assistance Fund**

This fund helps customers in severe financial hardship. If you're eligible, you could pay in more manageable instalments, and we may help to reduce or cancel your arrears.

#### **Water Direct**

If you receive benefits, paying directly through the Department of Work and Pensions could reduce your bill by £25 per year.

#### Switch to Direct Debit

Avoid a big bill by spreading payments throughout the year.







Go online for more information dwrcymru.com/money

# About your bill

# Your metered bill is made up of two parts:

- You pay an amount based on the water you use, measured in cubic metres.
   One cubic metre is 1,000 litres—about 220 gallons of water, or around 12 baths.
   How much water do you use?
   Use our online calculator at dwrcymru.com to find out.
- You also pay a fixed amount based on the size of the water meter you have. This is called the Service Charge.

#### Your water charges

These charges apply from 1 April 2017. We will charge you for any water you have used before this date at the previous year's rates. We assume that your water use was consistent throughout the billing period.

#### Your sewerage charges

Your sewerage charge is for the removal and disposal of used water from your property, including surface water and highway drainage. Our measured sewerage charge is calculated on the assumption that 95% of the water recorded by your water meter is returned to our sewer. If you are a business and you can show that the amount of waste water you return to the sewer is less than 95% please contact us by visiting dwrcymru.com and filling in our Non Return to Sewer form.

# How we calculate your bill

#### Household customers

Measured water charge (based on the amount of water used)

| Volume Charge for 2017-2018 | 3 Water        | Sewerage       |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                             | £1.2954 per m³ | £1.6988 per m³ |

#### Service Charge per year for 2017/18

(based on the size of your meter)

| Size of meter (mm) | Water  | Sewerage |
|--------------------|--------|----------|
| Up to 20mm         | 37.26  | 81.04    |
| 25mm               | 103.70 | 257.33   |
| 30mm               | 176.34 | 369.43   |
| 40mm               | 323.97 | 548.81   |

#### Non-household/Business Customers

Measured water charge (based on the amount of water used)

| Volume Charge for 2017-201 | 8 Water        | Sewerage       |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                            | £1.3382 per m³ | £1.7760 per m³ |

#### Service Charge per year for 2017/18

(based on the size of your meter)

| Size of meter (mm) | Water    | Sewerage  |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| Up to 20mm         | 29.80    | 72.65     |
| 25mm               | 96.24    | 248.94    |
| 30mm               | 168.89   | 361.04    |
| 40mm               | 316.52   | 540.43    |
| 50mm               | 481.11   | 952.41    |
| 65mm               | 644.20   | 1,528.30  |
| 80mm               | 854.00   | 2,212.09  |
| 100mm              | 1,017.09 | 3,884.44  |
| 150mm              | 1,315.10 | 8,790.49  |
| 200mm and over     | 1,315.10 | 15,550.17 |
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# Your questions

#### When will I receive a bill?

Twice a year, unless:

- ---- you are a large user—you may receive a monthly bill
- your charges are more than
   £2,000 a month on average
   you may receive a monthly bill
- your charges are more than £750 a quarter on average
   you may receive your bill every three months

If you're a non-household/business customer, we may amend the billing frequency from time to time but we'll always let you know before we do this.

#### I've had an estimated bill, how do I give you an actual meter reading?

Read your meter if it is safe to do so, and enter the details at **dwrcymru.com**.

#### What happens if I have a leak?

We are normally responsible for the pipe work, including the external stop tap, outside the property boundary. We will usually repair any leaks on this part of the system. Beyond this point it becomes a private supply pipe and is the home or land owner's responsibility. Where that private pipe supplies more than one property, the responsibility for the leak and the repair may be shared between you and the other users.

# Will I have to pay for water lost through a leak?

We will cancel any charges for the water lost, as well as any related sewerage charges, if the leak is our responsibility.

In some circumstances, we will also cancel charges where the leak is your responsibility. Further details can be found in our 'Code of Practice for Leakage', which is available at dwrcymru.com/cop.

#### What happens if I move house?

Please provide us with a meter reading, if it's safe to do so, the day you move at **dwrcymru.com**. We can also read your meter for you. Just let us know at least five working days before you move.

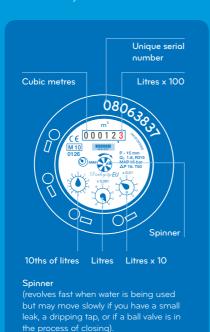
#### Can I pay by instalments?

Yes, please visit **dwrcymru.com** or call us on **0800 052 0140** to request a payment plan. We can then review your request and take the necessary action.

# About your water meter

#### Where is my meter?

- It's usually in the ground under a small metal or plastic cover at the front of your property, at the boundary of your property, or in the pavement. In some cases, particularly in rural areas, the meter may be some distance from your property.
- Meters are sometimes inside your property, near the main internal stop tap. If your meter is located in a garage, outside toilet, etc, it's your responsibility to protect it against damage and frost and to provide access to the meter when necessary.



# How can I read my meter myself if it's outside?

- Lift the lid of the metal or plastic cover, if it's safe to, and take out the polystyrene frost cover. Don't worry if you see some ground water in the meter chamber, this is normal if we've had wet weather. You may need to lift up another lid to view the meter face.
- Each water meter has its own unique serial number, which is also shown on your bill. Check the serial numbers match so you're reading the right meter.
- Read the white on black or black on white numbers. Only these numbers are used to bill you.
   The red numbers can be ignored.
- Please remember to replace the frost cover and close the lid of the boundary box after reading the meter.

# If my meter is inside my home who will read my meter?

We'll attempt to read it every 6 months. If your property is going to be empty for a long period of time, please provide us with the contact details of someone who can provide us with access—phone us or visit dwrcymru.com.

#### Can I have my meter moved?

Sometimes we can move your meter but there is a charge. However, if you are on our additional services register and receive certain benefits we may be able to relocate the meter free of charge.

## Our promise to you

# We try really hard to give you a fantastic service, but sometimes, things do go wrong.

Water companies must meet certain standards. As a company that's owned on behalf of our customers, we go as far as possible to get things right first time, every time. Here is an outline of our promise to you and what you may be entitled to if something ever goes wrong with your service.

Unless stated otherwise, these payments will be automatically made to you — you don't have to claim them. However, if you owe us over six weeks' charges on your water/sewerage bill, we will credit your account instead. There are also certain terms and conditions that apply. This means that we're not able to make a payment in certain circumstances, such as where severe weather conditions, industrial action or the actions of a third party have made it impossible for us to meet our guaranteed service standards.

#### Your water

#### **Planned interruptions**

We will give you at least 48 hours' notice if we have to carry out planned work that means interrupting your supply for over four hours.

If we don't do this, we will give household customers £20 and business customers £50 within 20 working days.

We will restore your supply by the time stated on the notice.

If we don't do this, we will give household customers £20 and business customers £50 within 20 working days.

We will give you further compensation for every additional 24 hours the water supply remains interrupted.

We will give household customers £10 and business customers £25 (per 24 hours) within 20 working days.

#### **Unplanned interruptions**

We will restore your supply within 12 hours of knowing about the problem. Repairs to a strategic main may take longer and in these cases we aim to restore your water supply within 48 hours.

If we don't do this, we will give household customers £20 and business customers £50 within 20 working days.

For every further 24 hours the water supply remains interrupted, you will also be compensated.

We will give household customers £10 and business customers £25 (per 24 hours) within 20 working days. If we weren't aware that your supply had been interrupted, you will need to make a claim by phone on 0800 052 0130 or in writing within three months of the event.

## Drought order (not including hosepipe restrictions)

We will compensate you if your water supply is interrupted due to drought.

We will give household customers £10 per day or part day (up to the limit of last year's average household bill) and business customers £50 per day or part day (up to the limit of last year's water charges for the premises or up to £500 if you were not liable for last year's charges).

#### Water quality

If you telephone about an abnormal taste or smell to your water, or to tell us you think someone is ill as a result of drinking the water, we will get back to you within four hours unless we are already dealing with the problem in your area.

If we don't do this, you can claim £20.

If we take a water sample as a result of your call, we will give you the result within 10 working days.

If we don't do this, you can claim £20. These payments must be claimed within three months of the incident. Call 0800 052 0130 and ask for a compensation claim form. If you owe us over six weeks' charges on your water/sewerage bill, we will credit your account.

To find out about the water quality in your area, visit dwrcymru.com or call 0800 052 0130.

#### Water pressure

We will ensure that your water pressure is at the correct level. Minimum pressure is seven metres static head, equivalent to a flow of 9 litres per minute. Where we are aware that your water pressure has dropped below this level for an hour or longer twice in a four-week period, we will give you compensation, unless the drop is due to essential work or drought.

We will give you £25 within 20 working days. (Only one payment can be made a year.) If we weren't aware that you were affected, you will need to make a claim by phone on 0800 052 0130 or in writing within three months of the second accasion.

#### Fitting meters

We will fit your meter within three months of receiving your application.

If we don't do this, we will give you £20 per month or part thereof within 10 working days of installation.

# Complaints & the Consumer Council for Water

If you're unhappy with our service, please contact us. We also have a booklet, 'How we handle your complaints and compliments.' Visit dwrcymru.com or call 0800 052 0145 for your copy. If you're still dissatisfied, the booklet provides details of the Consumer Council for Water, which represents customers and investigates complaints. You can contact the Consumer Council for Water by email at wales@ccwater.org.uk or on 0300 034 3333, or visit ccwater.org.uk.

Other publications that may be of interest, such as 'Leakage Code of Practice' and our 'Code of Practice for the collection of unpaid charges from household customers', are available a dwrcymru.com/cop.

#### Your service

#### **Appointments**

If we need to offer you an appointment, it will be in the morning (8am-12pm) or in the afternoon (12pm-6pm) from Monday to Friday, or from 8am-12pm on Saturdays. If you ask us, we can offer you a two-hour appointment slot.

If we miss an appointment, or don't give 24 hours' notice for a cancellation or change, we will give you £20 within 10 working days.

#### Complaints and queries

If you write with a complaint about our service or with a query about your bill, we will respond within 10 working days of receiving your contact

If we don't do this, we will give household customers £20 and business customers £50 within 10 working days.

#### Payment arrangements

If you write with a request to change your payment arrangement or frequency we will respond within five working days of receiving your request.

If we don't do this, we will give you £20 within 10 working days.

### Your waste water

#### Internal sewage flooding

We will give you a payment equivalent to your annual sewerage bill if sewage enters your home or premises and it's our fault.

We will give you a minimum of £150 and a maximum of £1,000 per incident within 20 working days.

#### External sewage flooding

We will give you a payment equivalent to 50% of your annual sewerage bill if sewage enters your land or property causing you to be materially affected by flooding and it's our fault.

We will give you a minimum of £75 and a maximum of £500 per incident within 20 working days. If we were not aware that you were affected at the time of the flooding, you will need to make a claim by phone on 0800 085 3968 or in writing within three months of the incident. For external flooding, the claim must be made in writing.

#### Other matters

#### Incorrect summons or judgments

If we incorrectly issue a county court claim against you for a debt for which you are not liable and for which you have previously informed us that you are not liable, we will correct the situation and withdraw the fees and costs.

You can claim £100.

#### Credit references

If we incorrectly register a default against you with a credit reference agency we will correct the situation.

You can claim £100.

These payments must be claimed within three months of the incident; they will not be paid automatically. Call 0800 052 0145 and ask for a compensation claim form. If you owe us over six weeks' charges on your water/sewerage bill, we will credit your account.

#### **Penalty payments**

If we fail to make any of these payments within the stated time, then we will automatically give you a penalty payment.

We will give household customers £20 and business customers £50.

# Standard Terms and Conditions for a Metered Supply of Water

At all times the meter remains the property of Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water. It is your responsibility to ensure that it is kept in a safe environment and that access is allowed to Welsh Water employees and/or their representatives so that they can read and maintain the meter.

Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water (hereinofter called 'the Company') will supply water by meter subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The customer shall take the supply subject to The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999 made under the Water Industry Act 1999 currently in force or any regulations from time to time made by the Secretary of State under the Water industry Act 1991 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for preventing the waste, undue consumption, misuse or contamination of water, and shall abide by, observe and comply with such byelaws and regulations.
- 2. For the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of water supplied, the Company will provide a meter of such size and description as it may prescribe and shall maintain and replace the same as it may consider necessary. The said meter or any substituted meter shall belong to the Company and shall not be removed or in any way disturbed or interfered with except by an official of the Company, except under Clause 12 below. Unauthorised

- tampering with a meter is an offence under S175 of the Water Industry Act 1991 and carries a fine on summary
- 3. If water escapes from an internal meter installation for whatever reason, the customer is responsible for any resulting damage. The customer is responsible for ensuring that any internal meter installation is protected from freezing whilst still allowing easy reading of the meter.
- 4. The record of the meter of the consumption of water shall be taken by an official of the Company (or, on occasions, with the agreement of the Company, by the customer) and form the basis of any charges to be levied in accordance with water consumed, together with any fixed charges prescribed by the Company in accordance with its published Scheme of Charges. Should any doubt arise on either side as to the correctness of the meter register of the water supplied, the Company may, and at the written request of the customer shall, remove and test the meter in accordance with the

Water (Meters) Regulations 1988 and the Measuring Equipment (Cold-water Meter) Regulations 1988 and the Measurina Instruments (Cold-water Meters) Regulations 2006 or such other Regulations as may be made. Where a reduction of charges under S.147 of the Water Industry Act 1991 applies, the arrangements for measurement shall be determined by the Company. The Company seeks to read meters at least once every 12 months. If it cannot read a meter the Company may ask the customer to provide a reading. In the absence of a reading the Company will estimate usage based on previous consumption. The next bill based on an actual meter reading will adjust the figures to the correct amount. If a customer is dissatisfied with an estimated bill, the customer may notify the Company of the actual reading and the Company will issue an amended bill. The customer is responsible for ensuring that any internal meter installation is protected from freezing whilst still

allowing easy reading of the

meter

- 5. The customer shall be responsible for all water after it has passed through the meter and shall pay therefore notwithstanding for any loss or leakage, waste or misuse. This responsibility shall not be relieved by any repairs to pipes and fittings which are the customer's responsibility to maintain being carried out by the Company or any other person. Consequently it is in the customer's own interest to read the meter at frequent and regular intervals in order that any unaccountable increase in consumption will not continue without investigation. (See the Company's Leakage Code of Practice and 'Your Water Meter').
- 6. The Company reserves the right to require the customer to install a stop valve on the customer's part of the service pipe within his own land as near as is reasonably practical to the meter. It should be noted that the customer is responsible for the maintenance of all pipes and fittings (which term, by virtue of Clause 2 above. does not include the meter) on the customer's part of the service pipe irrespective of the position of the meter. The customer's part of the service pipe extends from the Company stop valve generally at the highway boundary into the customer's premises. The responsibility for some parts of the service pipe is sometimes shared with other customers.
- 7. The Company reserves the right to require the customer to install cold water storage facilities having a volume considered adequate by the Company in relation to the use of water at the site to be connected.

- The supply of water may be interrupted or suspended for the purposes of carrying out any necessary works subject to any safeguards relating to prior notification under the Company's Service Guarantee.
- 9. Subject to the Company's Service Guarantee the Company shall not be responsible for any damage or loss that the customer may sustain or any accident to any of the customer's employees by reasons of any interruption or suspension of the supply or any excess or deficiency of pressure or any failure of any employees, works, machinery, pipes or apparatus of the Company, save that the Company does not exclude or restrict liability for death or personal injury caused by its nealigence.
- 10. For household customers, whenever the customer has failed to pay the Company's charges, the Company's Code of Practice for the Collection of Unpaid Charges from Household Customers will be observed.
- 11. For Non household customers who have failed to pay the Company's charges, the supply of water may be discontinued and/or the service pipe disconnected in accordance with S.61 of the Water Industry Act 1991.
- 12. The supply of water may also be discontinued at the request of the customer in accordance with S.62 of the Water Industry Act 1991. Provided the customer has given notice to the Company under S.62 of the Water Industry Act 1991 for the supply of water to be disconnected, the Company will make no charge for permanently disconnecting the service pipe. If the arrangements to

- supply water by meter are discontinued for any reason and the meter is within the curtilage of the customer's premises, the customer will be required at his/her expense to remove and to deliver the meter to the Company in good condition, unless the customer and the Company agree that the meter becomes the property and liability of the customer.
- 13. Any notice from the Company under these terms and conditions may be served by leaving it for the customer at the premises to be supplied or at the customer's last known address or place of business or (in the case of a company) at its registered office or by putting it into the general post addressed to the customer at such premises, and shall be sufficiently authenticated if it bears or purports to bear, in print or otherwise, the signature of the Director or any other authorised officer of the Company. Any notice from the customer to the Company shall be signed by or on behalf of the customer. and shall be sent to: Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water, P.O. Box 690, Cardiff, CF3 5WL by post or otherwise.
- 14. The Company will specify details of the meter location, type, size and installation arrangements, in accordance with S.47(2) and S.162 of the Water Industry Act 1991 subject to any overriding statutory regulations. If the meter is not located in the highway, and not on the customer's own premises, the customer must have a legal right of access thereto for the benefit of himself and the Company.

## How we use your data

We know how important it is to you that we look after your data. These pages explain how we collect, hold, share and use your personal information. We may use your data in the following ways:

#### Account administration

To administer your account, collect payments and recover outstanding amounts due to us. This may involve consulting your records held at credit reference agencies (see below).

#### Your tariff

So that we can apply a tariff that is appropriate to your circumstances. We will review your tariff regularly—usually on an annual basis—using household income information obtained from credit reference agencies and billing information from your account with us.

If you are eligible to move to a reduced tariff scheme (such as HelpU or WaterSure Wales) we may place your account on a reduced tariff, and let you know that this has been done. Find out more about the qualifying criteria for our reduced tariff schemes, and what happens when your household circumstances change, at dwrcymru.com. If you don't want to be considered for a reduced tariff scheme please contact us on 0800 052 0145.

#### Paying your water bill

- To administer any application you may make under our Customer Assistance Fund (you will find out more about what this involves when you apply).
- To collect payments directly from any applicable welfare benefits. Where we believe that social benefits may apply we may apply to the Department for Work and Pensions to have our charges paid directly from your benefits. We will pass your name, date of birth and billing information to determine eligibility and to administer direct payments to us. They will notify you if direct payment is to be made or of any eligibility changes. You can find out more at dwrcymru.com

#### Improving our services

In constantly trying to improve the way we work:

- For training or system testing purposes.
- To produce statistics and analysis for internal management and reporting and regulatory purposes.
- To look at your relationship with us and contact you to invite you to participate in our customer surveys (which may be carried out on our behalf by third parties).

#### Regulatory requirements

To comply with obligations, industry standards, codes of practice and guidance in connection with our regulated status. Where you contact us with any queries about our services, we are required to provide your name and telephone number in periodical reports—usually quarterly—to the water regulator, OFWAT, so that they can carry out their functions.

OFWAT will randomly select customers on a quarterly basis to provide feedback on the way your query was handled by us. OFWAT will share this feedback with us. If you agree, OFWAT will share with us a copy of the recording of your call and their feedback will be used to help us improve our services, or as appropriate, to follow up with you on any concerns you have raised.

#### Open Water

If you are a business customer, using more than 50 MI of water at a single site per year in our area of appointment, we will share information about you with Market Operator Services Limited ("MOSL") which facilitates the Open Water Programme. You can find out more information about how MOSL uses your information at www.mosl.co.uk/privacy-notices/.

### Collecting your personal information

We may collect your details directly from you or a thirid party (e.g. credit reference agencies, Registered Social Landlords, government departments, local authorities).

If you are a tenant, we may also collect your data from your landlord or via Landlord Tap Limited, where they have notified you that they are passing it on, for the purposes of all billing requirements including debt collection, tracing and enforcement (where appropriate). If you are a landlord, we may ask you for your data or collect it from Landlord Tap Limited for these purposes. This data will form part of our customer records and may be used in any way identified under the heading 'How we use your data'.

#### Sharing your personal information

We may also share your details as follows:

- With any companies in the Dŵr Cymru group to use in the same ways as us, and to get an overall picture of your relationship with the group.
- Where we engage a third party to assist us with, or carry out our activities on our behalf, and/or to improve our services to you. We will impose appropriate controls in these circumstances.
- With Landlord Tap Limited, if you are a tenant (and your landlord has notified you) or a landlord, for the purposes of all billing requirements including debt collection, tracing and enforcement (where appropriate).
- Where appropriate, with law enforcement agencies including the police and local authorities, to help prevent, detect and prosecute crime, or where we consider it appropriate to do so to protect our business, staff and customers.

 With government departments, local authorities, regulators and other agencies where appropriate for the exercise of their or our functions, or where we are legally required to do so.

#### Sensitive personal data

From time to time, we may need to handle sensitive personal data such as information about your health or medical condition or that of someone in your household, so that we can adapt our dealings with you accordingly. We will explain this at the relevant time and, where appropriate, ask you to indicate vour agreement to the use of such information. We may also hold information about you or a member of your household where we think priority services or extra care may be needed (e.g. because of age, health, disability or financial circumstances). We may share this information with third parties (e.g. other utilities, emergency services or other support organisations).

## Handling your personal information outside the UK

If we, or our appointed third parties, handle your personal information outside the UK, we will put in place appropriate protective measures.

#### **Subject Access Request**

You are entitled, on written request and payment of £10, to ask for a copy of any personal information we hold about you (subject to certain exceptions). Call us on 0800 052 0145, email us at SubjectDataAccessRequests@dwrcymru.com or visit dwrcymru.com to find out more.

#### A condensed guide to the use of your personal information by us and at credit reference and fraud prevention agencies

 When you are a customer of Dŵr Cymru Cyfyngedig we may check all or some of the following records about you and others (see 2): a) Our own, b) Those at credit reference agencies (CRAs). When CRAs receive a search from us they will place a search footprint on your credit file that may be seen by other lenders. They supply to us both public (including the electoral register) and shared credit and fraud prevention information, c) Those at fraud prevention agencies (FPAs).

We may make checks such as: assessing how we might want to set up the payment terms and frequency on your account with us; and verifying identities to prevent and detect crime and money laundering. We may also make periodic checks at CRAs and FPAs to manage your account with us.

- 2. If you tell us that you have a spouse or financial associate we will link your records together so you must be sure that you have their agreement to disclose information about them. CRAs also link your records together and these links will remain on your and their files until such time that you or your partner successfully files for a disassociation with the CRAs to break that link.
- Information on accounts we hold or open will be sent to CRAs and will be recorded by them. Where you have credit from us (i.e. where you have services before they are paid for by you), we give details of your accounts and how you manage it/them to CRAs.

If you owe us money and, when requested, do not repay in full and on time, CRAs will record the outstanding debt. If we consider that your account is in default we will notify you and if you do not pay us we will report the unpaid debt to CRAs. This information may be supplied to other organisations by CRAs and FPAs to perform similar checks and to trace your whereabouts if you have moved without advising of a forwarding address so that they can recover debts that you owe. Records remain on file for 6 years after they are closed, whether settled by you or defaulted.

4. If you give us false or inaccurate information and we suspect or identify fraud we will record this and may also pass this information to FPAs and other organisations involved in crime

- and fraud prevention.
- If you move and do not make payments that you owe us, we will trace your whereabouts and recover debts.
- We and other organisations may access and use from other countries the information recorded by FPAs.
- 7. Your data may also be used for other purposes for which you give your specific permission or, in very limited circumstances, when required by law or where permitted under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998.

#### Credit reference agency details

You can contact the CRAs currently operating in the UK; the information they hold may not be the same so it is worth contacting them all. They will charge you a small statutory fee.

#### CallCredit

Consumer Services Team PO Box 491 Leeds LS3 1WZ 0870 060 1414

#### Equifax PLC

Credit File Advice Centre PO Box 3001 Bradford BD1 5US 0870 010 0583 | myequifox.co.uk

#### Experion

Consumer Help Service PO Box 8000 Nottingham NG80 7WF 0844 481 8000 | experian.co.uk

Find out more about credit and CRAs in the Information Commissioner's guide; 'Credit Explained': ico.org.uk/for\_the\_public/topic\_ specific\_quides/credit



#### Find out more

This is a condensed version.
Full details are available in 'How we share your data—A Guide to the use of your personal data by Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water and Credit Reference and Fraud Prevention Agencies'.
Please visit dwrcymru.com or phone 0800 052 0145 for a copy.

### Get in touch



#### dwrcymru.com

It's easier to do most things online — pay your bill, sign up for online billing, change your details or to check what's going on in your area.



### Clean water

Spot a leaking pipe? 0800 281 432



#### Waste water

0800 085 3968 (24 hour)



# Money

#### Pay your bill

0800 028 5209

#### Question about your account?

0800 052 0145

### Hearing or speech difficulties

Phone or textphone us on 18001 followed by the relevant number

### Are you a landlord?

If you let out a property where services are supplied by us, there are new Welsh Government regulations that apply to you.

- tell us when there is a change of tenancy at any of your properties within 21 days of the change.
- provide full tenancy details including full name, address, date of birth (where you hold it) and the dates any new tenants have been occupying the property.

- through our website dwrcymru.com
- online at landlordtap.com
- by calling us on **0800 052 5842**

If you don't let us know these details, you could become responsible for charges.

#### **Bogus callers**

All of our staff carry an identity card. If you're in any doubt about helpline on 0800 281 141.

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