

# Imagine a Day Without Water



- No drinking water.
- No coffee.
- No shower.
- No laundry.
- No toilet flushing.
- No hospitals.
- No firefighting.
- No agriculture.
- No crops.
- No livestock.
- NO LIFE.**



## Cotuit Fire District Water Department

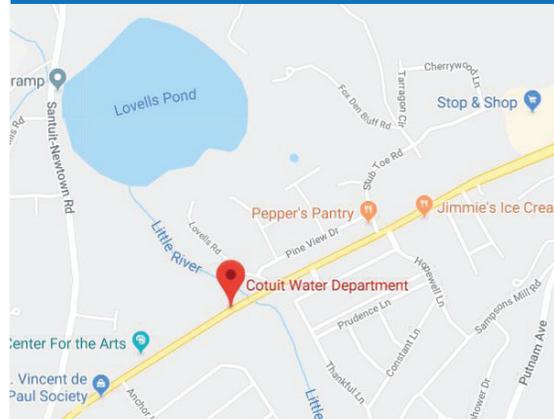
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### Main Office Hours

M-F: 8:00am-4:30pm  
(excluding holidays)

### Driving Directions



From Bourne Bridge head southwest on MA-28S (0.3 mi). At Bourne Rotary S, take the 2nd exit onto MA-28S/General MacArthur Blvd/MacArthur Blvd (4 mi). At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto MA-28S (3 mi). Take the MA-151E exit toward Mashpee/N Falmouth (0.2 mi). Turn right onto MA-151 E (6.7 mi). At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto MA-28S/Falmouth Rd (3.1 mi). Destination will be on the left - 4300 Falmouth Rd.



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# The Value of Water



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# THE VALUE OF WATER

## UTILITY COST COMPARISON

Utility	Avg. Monthly Cost	Avg. Annual Cost
Electric <sup>1</sup>	\$120	\$1,440
Cable/Internet <sup>1</sup>	\$225	\$2,700
Cell Phone <sup>1</sup>	\$75	\$900
Water <sup>2</sup>	\$11	\$132

<sup>1</sup>Cotuit Customer

<sup>2</sup>Based on Average Customer Usage from 2017 Annual Statistic Report and Existing Water Rates



## OUR MISSION:

*Our mission is to provide a clean and adequate water supply for the Cotuit District through a central system for drinking, domestic and commercial use and fire protection. We need to own and control sufficient natural land areas for wellfield production and aquifer protection. We are constantly evaluating our infrastructure, ensuring regulatory compliance for public health and planning for future needs of the villages we serve. We aim to provide efficient and friendly service to our ratepayers and customers.*

## Cotuit Fire District Water Department Proposed Water Rates

YEAR	FY20 - FY24
Base Charge <sup>1</sup>	\$40.00
Meter Charge <sup>1</sup>	\$10.00
Tiered Rate (per 1,000 Gallons) <sup>2</sup>	
10,001 - 20,000	\$4.00
20,001 - 40,000	\$5.50
40,001 - 60,000	\$7.15
60,001 - 100,000	\$8.55
100,001 & Greater	\$9.70

<sup>1</sup> Base charge and meter charge will be billed biannually in September and March.

Base charge includes the first 10,000 gallons of water usage.

<sup>2</sup> Customers will be billed biannually in December and June for water usage in excess of the first 10,000 gallons during each 6-month period based on the new tiered rate structure.



## Why Choose Tap Over Bottled Water?

**COST**  
 For the price of one bottle of designer water, you can fill up the same size bottle from the tap once a day, every day — for 14 years. To drink the recommended eight 8-ounce glasses of tap water per day costs about 35¢ annually. The same amount of bottled water costs \$1,700!

**PURITY**  
 Tap water is highly regulated. It is regularly checked for traces of E. coli and fecal coliform bacteria. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) doesn't hold the same rules for bottled water. Tap water must be tested for coliform bacteria 20 or more times a month. Bottled water companies are only required to test once a week. Bottled water doesn't have to list the source, purification methods, or chemical pollutants on the bottle, so there's no telling what you may be drinking.

**STEWARDSHIP**  
 The United States requires \$3-\$5 trillion over the next 20 years to improve its aging water and sewer infrastructure. Drinking tap water keeps your water dollars local so that your community can fund necessary water improvement projects as well as other important water quality initiatives.

**ENVIRONMENT**  
 Over 35 billion water bottles are dumped in U.S. landfills annually, and each of these water bottles will take over 700 years to decompose. Also, 36 ounces of water is needed to produce one 12-ounce plastic bottle, bottling water produces 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide every year, and 17 million barrels of oil are used in the production of a year's worth of plastic water bottles – that's enough to fuel one million cars for a full year.

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