

# Big Sioux

## Community Water System, Inc.

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You have made application for, or at least inquired about getting rural water service. Through experience we have learned that questions regarding costs pertaining to the hookup should be made in writing for future reference.

Costs for those of you along an existing mainline include:

- Hookup fee - presently at \$2000.00.  
This payment is necessary before any action by the board will be made. If you are approved by the board and they feel the system can handle another hookup in your location, you will be put on a “waiting list”.
- Pipe and fitting cost - 1 ½” class 200 PVC pipe is approximately .40 cents per foot (subject to change as our cost increases). You will also be billed for all underground fittings installed up to the point of the meter pit. This will include, but is not limited to, curb stop valve, tapping saddle, corporation stop and all necessary pipe connection fittings.
- Any contractors cost for installation and digging costs - We will assign a contractor to do the actual digging work that is involved. We do not have any construction equipment ourselves, so it is necessary for us to hire an independent contractor. Big Sioux does not guarantee any per foot or per hour cost.

Contractors we hire carry insurance and will warrantee their work for one year from the date of installation. These contractors have proven to us that they will provide their services for a fair price and will install a satisfactory water connection.

Pipe and construction costs are from the mainline whether it is on the other side of the road or presently on your property. Big Sioux Community Water’s responsibility is to see that the installation is according to our specifications. We provide all materials necessary to get the water to the meter pit; these include materials you will be billed for. We install the meter assembly and flush the line. We will not make any water hookups beyond the meter pit. You may contract with the contractor to take the service into your house, or you may wish to use your own general contractor, or other plumber or contractors. **Before any construction starts, you will be provided an estimate of cost (beyond the hookup fee). Payment must be received for the estimated sum before work can begin.** Final payment of construction costs must be settled within 30 days of service or service will be subject to disconnection. For those of you that are not along a mainline but request a mainline extension to serve you, please contact the manager concerning additional costs.

**As soon as the service line construction is completed, and the water is available to the meter pit, you must start paying the present water rate. This is true even if you cannot or do not use the water for a period of time. Please keep this in mind if you start building in the fall and will not move in until the following summer.**

We request that you or a representative be there during the entire construction process. If there are any matters that need attention, they can be handled immediately. Prior to construction, we also need to know the location of any underground utilities that may be in the area where the contractor will be digging.

Construction can proceed only after we have given our approval. We are limited in manpower, and cannot have construction in progress when there are other problems with the system that must be solved first. Installation will generally be made on a “first come-first served” basis. However, if someone has a real water emergency, we will try to help out if we can. New house construction does not fall into that category.

You are welcome to call the office (997-2098) if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

BIG SIOUX COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM, INC.

Martin Jarrett, Manager