

UTILITY COMPANIES

UNDERSTANDING UTILITY RATES

To estimate the cost of utilities, you will need to contact the appropriate providers for your area. Utilities deregulation in Maryland, DC, and Virginia means that you will have many more options to select from in choosing service providers. You should thoroughly research your options before making a decision.

This list includes only the major providers in the area. You should refer to the web site of your specific county for information on alternative providers, who may have lower rates than the major providers. The list is organized by the utilities provided by each company. Note that there are many companies that provide more than one type of service, and they may offer special rates on bundled service packages.

A NOTE ABOUT FEES: Many utility companies require a security deposit (in addition to necessary service charges) if you are requesting service for the first time. Be sure to ask for an explanation of all possible charges when you are calling to initiate service.

COUNTY UTILITY PAGES

- **Anne Arundel**
www.aacounty.org/DPW
- **Charles**
www.charlescounty.org/utilities
- **Fairfax**
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/publicworks/
- **Howard**
www.co.ho.md.us
Choose "Services for Residents"
- **Montgomery**
www.montgomerycountymd.gov
Choose "Residents," then "Newcomers," and then "Utilities."
- **Prince George's**
www.goprincegeorgescounty.com
- **Washington, DC**
www.rrc.dc.gov
Choose "Live in DC," then "Public Works/Utilities"

CABLE & INTERNET

- Cox Communications www.cox.com

CABLE, INTERNET & TELEPHONE

- Comcast www.comcast.com
- RCN www.rcn.com
- Verizon (301) 954-6260 www.verizon.com

INTERNET & TELEPHONE

- AT&T 1-800-222-0300 www.att.com

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE

For long-distance service you have the option of choosing any of several providers. Before deciding on a particular long distance carrier, be sure to keep in mind other alternatives that may be cheaper, such as calling cards and 10-10 numbers. To see clear comparisons of 10-10 numbers, go to: www.10-10phonerates.com.

WATER

- Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
1-800-828-6439
www.wsscwater.com
- Fairfax County Water Authority
(703) 698-5600
www.fcwa.org
- DC Water and Sewer Authority
(202) 787-2000
www.dcwasa.com

ELECTRIC

- Pepco (202) 833-7500 www.pepco.com
- Novec 1-888-335-0500 www.novec.com
- Allegheny Power
1-800-255-3443 www.alleghenypower.com
- Dominion Virginia Power
1-888-782-0455 www.dom.com

ELECTRIC & GAS

- Baltimore Gas and Electric
1-800-685-0123
www.bge.com
- Washington Gas Energy Services
1-888-884-9437
www.wges.com

GAS

- Washington Gas
1-800-752-7520
www.washgas.com