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After handover: electricity, water and the housing fee

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- **Electricity and water:** according to DEWA, you pay a deposit of AED 2,000 for an apartment and AED 4,000 for a villa, plus AED 130 for activation. An owner gets the deposit back when selling.
- **Housing fee:** charged on the electricity bill. A tenant pays 5% of the annual rent. An owner who lives in the property pays 5% of what a similar apartment would rent for, according to the RERA index.
- **Service charges:** the rate varies a lot between buildings. Check it in advance in the Land Department's Service Charge Index.

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