

DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT – QUAKER HILLS WATER SYSTEM

Water Rate Schedule - Effective January 1, 2024

- A. WATER CHARGES ARE BILLED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE BILLING CYCLE:

Billing Periods

November 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024
February 1 – April 30
May 1 – July 31
August 1 – October 31
November 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025*

NOTE: * Rates subject to change on January 1, 2025

- B. WATER CHARGES

Water rates are charged on a flat-rate basis of \$258.35 per three-month billing period, or \$1,033.40 per year.

- C. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

See following definitions.

<u>Charges:</u>	<u>Rates:</u>
Returned Check Charge	\$20.00
Property Transfer Charge - Buyer	\$60.00
Property Closing Charge - Seller	\$85.00
Service Restoration Fee	\$150.00
Service Tampering Charge	\$50.00 *

- D. PAST DUE BILL CHARGE

All arrears of water rents, charges, and penalties after each due date shall be subject to interest computed at the annual rate of 21% or 5.25% per billing period.

- E. RELEVY OF UNPAID BILLS

In September/October of each year all accounts in arrears will be referred to the property tax collector for inclusion on the following year's January tax bill. Included in these amounts will be a late charge of up to 4 months for the total amount due.

- F. PROPERTY TRANSFER CHARGE - BUYER

There will be a charge assessed each time title to a property changes or transfers. The charge will appear on the next scheduled billing of the new property owner. This fee will cover the cost of establishing a new customer account along with preparing pro-rated bills as needed for both the new and former owner.

- G. PROPERTY CLOSING CHARGE - SELLER

There will be a charge assessed to the current owner each time title to a property changes or transfers. The charge will appear on the final bill due on account and presented at closing of the property. This fee will cover operational and administrative costs incurred during the processing of account closeout.

H. RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

There will be a charge for each returned check. The Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (DCWWA) reserves the right not to accept checks in the future.

I. RESTORATION OF WATER SERVICE

A customer may request water service to be temporarily suspended and shut off at the curb valve. However, the customer will remain financially responsible for all monthly service charges and applicable capital surcharges due per billing cycle while service is suspended. Additionally, a service restoration fee upon water turn on will be added to the next billing cycle.

J. SERVICE TAMPERING CHARGE

Water service is turned on or off at the curb or the main by the DCWWA. Unauthorized persons are not permitted to turn water on or off at the curb valve or corporation stop. The owner of the affected property shall be subject to a service tampering charge for each offense* plus a surcharge for labor and materials for replacing and/or repairing the tampered equipment and shall be imposed on the next water bill.