

DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE K – BIRCH HILL WATER SYSTEM

Adopted Water Rate Schedule - Effective January 1, 2023

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

Billing periods

December 1 - February 28
March 1 - May 31
June 1 - August 31
September 1 - November 30
December 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024*

NOTE: *Rates subject to change on January 1, 2024

B. WATER CHARGES

1. Metered Usage Rate: \$23.49 per 1,000 gallons + \$27.65 monthly service charge. (All customers subject to monthly service charge regardless of usage)

2. Domestic Non-metered (Based upon size of connection) + monthly service charge

<u>Size of Connection</u>	<u>Billing period</u>
5/8"	\$ 351.67
3/4"	\$ 351.67
1"	\$ 543.42
2"	\$ 1,242.39
3"	\$ 3,799.88
4"	\$ 7,016.91

C. PAST DUE BILL CHARGE

All arrears of water rents, charges and penalties after thirty (30) days shall be subject to interest computed at the annual rate of 21% or 1 3/4% per month.

D. RELEVY OF UNPAID BILLS

In 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.

E. PROPERTY TRANSFER CHARGE

There will be a charge of \$58.00 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.

- F. **PROPERTY CLOSING CHARGE**
There will be a charge of \$83.00 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.
- G. **RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**
There will be a returned check charge of \$20.00. The Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (DCWWA) reserves the right not to accept checks in the future.
- H. **INACCESSIBLE METER CHARGE**
An inaccessible meter charge of \$100.00 per month may be assessed to customers who refuse to allow access to their property for meter installation, who fail to remove obstructions encumbering access to the water meter or its remote read head, and/or who refuse access to their property for an indoor meter reading.
- I. **MULTIPLE REGISTER METER CHARGE**
Each register billed for gallonage plus service charge
- J. **METER READINGS**
If there is a meter reading discrepancy between the meter (located inside) versus the remote read head (located outside), it is the meter that has precedence. Meter tampering is unlawful and may result in legal action.
- K. **METER TAMPERING CHARGE**
Tampering with meter and meter appurtenances is prohibited. Tampering with meter and meter appurtenances will result in a \$50.00 fine plus a surcharge for labor and materials for replacing and/or repairing the tampered equipment and shall be imposed on the next water bill.
- L. **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 \$75.00 service restoration fee upon water turn on will be added to the next billing cycle.
- M. **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 of \$50.00 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.

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