

**DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

**DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE K – BIRCH HILL WATER SYSTEM**

**ADOPTED** Water Rate Schedule - Effective January 1, 2026

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

Billing periods

- December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
- March 1 - May 31
- June 1 - August 31
- September 1 - November 30
- December 1, 2026 - February 28, 2027\*

NOTE: \*Rates subject to change on January 1, 2027

**B. WATER CHARGES**

1. Metered Usage Rate: \$30.64 per 1,000 gallons + \$42.93 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>Meter/Service Size:</u>	<u>Rate Per Month:</u>
5/8 inch	\$419.09
3/4 inch	\$419.09
1 inch	\$647.61
2 inch	\$1,480.59
3 inch	\$4,528.44
4 inch	\$8,362.27

**C. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES**

See following definitions.

<u>Charges:</u>	<u>Rates:</u>
Property Transfer Charge - Buyer	\$60.00
Property Closing Charge - Seller	\$85.00
Inaccessible Meter Charge	\$100.00 *
Meter Tampering Charge	\$50.00 **
Returned Check Charge	\$20.00
Service Restoration Fee	\$150.00
Service Tampering Charge	\$50.00 ***
Meter Re-Read 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 charge for each returned check. The Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (DCWWA) reserves the right not to accept checks in the future.
- I. **INACCESSIBLE METER CHARGE**  
An inaccessible meter charge may be assessed \*each month 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.
- J. **MULTIPLE REGISTER METER CHARGE**  
Each register billed for gallonage plus service charge.
- K. **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.
- L. **METER TAMPERING CHARGE**  
Tampering with meter and meter appurtenances is prohibited. Tampering with meter and meter appurtenances will result in a 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.
- M. **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.
- N. **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.

# Birch Hill Water System 2026 Adopted Budget

Customer Count - 69

## EXPENSES

OPERATION LINE ITEMS	2025 Budget	2026 Adopted Budget
Accounting	153.62	157.00
Legal	100.00	100.00
Insurance	4,215.33	4,724.16
Telephone	1,296.00	1,295.00
Postage	389.01	385.63
Computer Equipment/Technical Support	610.60	1,674.35
BA Service Fee	1,797.00	1,821.04
Electric	11,588.46	14,500.00
Billing	3,095.32	4,667.93
Fuel (propane) & Generator Maintenance	7,000.00	4,000.00
Bookkeeping	1,550.06	1,641.39
Engineering	5,000.00	5,000.00
Permit Fees	180.00	180.00
Lab Costs	4,000.00	3,092.00
Testing Chemicals	2,200.00	1,500.00
Chemicals	10,000.00	5,000.00
Meter/Collection	910.65	975.72
ERM (Plant)	5,500.00	5,500.00
ERM (System)	15,000.00	15,000.00
Operation	41,765.37	46,758.69
Buildings & Grounds	10,500.00	10,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	975.26	1,002.68
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>127,826.68</b>	<b>129,475.59</b>
Operation Contingency	0.00	0.00
Administration	31,068.87	20,284.60
Debt Service (System)	70,682.30	71,677.61
Debt Service (General)	387.47	389.22
Capital Contingency	2,000.00	5,500.00
<b>OPERATION TOTALS</b>	<b>231,965.32</b>	<b>227,327.02</b>

## INCOME

Water Sales	123,359.34	115,282.33
Monthly Service Charge	33,376.68	35,546.04
Water Penalties	2,750.00	3,000.00
County General Services	1,797.00	1,821.04
Debt Service	70,682.30	71,677.61
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>231,965.32</b>	<b>227,327.02</b>

Water rates would stay at \$30.64/Thousand Gallons in addition to a monthly service charge. The 2025 water rate would remain the same and there is a decrease of 2% to the average annual customer bill.

	2025	2026	Difference	
Rate/Thousand Gallons	\$30.64	\$30.64	\$0.00	0.00%
Average Annual Cost	\$2,272.00	\$2,191.00	-\$81.00	-3.57%
Annual Debt Service	\$1,031.00	\$1,046.00	\$15.00	1.45%
<b>Total Average Annual Cost</b>	<b>\$3,303.00</b>	<b>\$3,237.00</b>	<b>-\$66.00</b>	<b>-2.00%</b>