DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE K – BIRCH HILL WATER SYSTEM

PROPOSED Water Rate Schedule - Effective January 1, 2027

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

Billing periods
December 1, 2026 - February 28, 2027
March 1 - May 31
June 1 - August 31
September 1 - November 30
December 1, 2027 - February 29, 2028*

NOTE: *Rates subject to change on January 1, 2028

B. WATER CHARGES

1. Metered Usage Rate: $30.64 per 1,000 gallons + $44.86 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

Meter/Service Size:	Rate Per Month:
5/8 inch	$419.09
3/4 inch	$419.09
1 inch	$647.58
2 inch	$1,480.53
3 inch	$4,528.25
4 inch	$8,361.92

C. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES
See following definitions.

Charges:	Rates:	
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.

BHW- Birch Hill WATER - 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2026 Annual Budget	2027 Proposed
Revenues		
Metered Water Sales	150,828.37	152,765.71
Water Interest, Penalties	3,000.00	3,743.00
Other Income/Fund Balance	0.00	6,300.00
General Services-County	1,821.04	1,820.95
Dutchess County Support	71,677.61	71,614.43
Total Revenues	**227,327.02**	**236,244.09**
Expenses		
Accounting	157.00	138.81
Legal	100.00	100.00
Insurance	4,724.16	5,078.47
Telephone	1,295.00	1,293.00
Postage	385.63	261.93
Annual Software Support and Maintenance Fee	1,674.35	1,129.74
BA Service Fee	1,821.04	1,820.95
Electric	14,500.00	17,400.00
Billing P.S.	4,667.93	3,360.53
Generator Maintenance	4,000.00	2,000.00
Bookkeeping P.S.	1,641.39	1,539.38
Heat	0.00	2,000.00
Authority Administration P.S.	20,284.60	33,293.46
Engineering	5,000.00	2,000.00
Permit Fees	180.00	180.00
Lab Costs	3,092.00	3,092.00
Testing Chemicals	1,500.00	1,500.00
Chemicals	5,000.00	4,000.00
Meter/Collection P.S.	975.72	1,683.71
Equip Repairs & Maint. (Plant)	5,500.00	5,500.00
Equip Repairs & Maint. (System)	15,000.00	15,000.00
Plant Operations	46,758.69	50,385.61
Buildings and Grounds	10,500.00	10,500.00
Capital Contingency	5,500.00	0.00
Debt Service	71,677.61	71,614.43
Interest (System Contribution to General)	389.22	366.53
Vehicle Maintence	1,002.68	1,005.54
Total Expenses	**227,327.02**	**236,244.09**

Water rates would remain at $30.64/Thousand Gallons in addition to a monthly service charge. This is an increase of 0.00% to the 2026 water rate and an increase of 0.72% to the average annual customer bill.

	2026	2027	Difference	
Rate/Thousand Gallons	$30.64	$30.64	$0.00	0.00%
Average Annual Cost	$2,191.48	$2,214.64	$23.16	1.06%
Annual Debt Service	$1,046.00	$1,046.00	$0.00	0.00%
Total Average Annual Cost	$3,237.48	$3,260.64	$23.16	0.72%