#### **DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

#### DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT - QUAKER HILLS WATER SYSTEM

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

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

#### Billing Periods

November 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026 February 1 – April 30 May 1 – July 31 August 1 – October 31 November 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027\*

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

#### B. WATER CHARGES

Water rates are charged on a flat-rate basis of \$321.24 per three-month billing period, or \$1,284.96 per year.

#### C. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

See following definitions.

Charges:	Rates:	
Returned Check Charge	\$20.00	
Property Transfer Charge - Buyer	\$60.00	
Property Closing Charge - Seller	\$85.00	
Meter Re-Read Charge	\$50.00	
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.

## **Quaker Hills Water System 2026 Adopted Budget**

## **Customer Count - 109**

### **EXPENSES**

•	2025	2026	
OPERATION	Adopted	Adopted	
LINE ITEMS	Budget	Budget	
Accounting	242.67	248.01	
Legal	100.00	300.00	
Insurance	405.67	454.63	
Telephone	96.00	94.00	
Postage	614.52	609.19	
Computer Equipment/Technical Support	879.02	2,644.98	
Security	675.00	675.00	
Electric	7,400.00	6,500.00	
Billing	3,259.80	4,915.98	
Generator Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Bookkeeping	2,448.65	2,592.92	
Engineering	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Permit Fees	180.00	180.00	
Lab Costs	4,675.00	4,743.25	
Testing Chemicals	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Chemicals	1,000.00	1,500.00	
Equipment Repair & Maintenance - Plant	13,000.00	13,000.00	
Equipment Repair & Maintenance - System	25,000.00	30,000.00	
Operation	36,612.36	41,670.45	
Buildings & Grounds	1,380.00	1,380.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	1,540.56	1,583.94	
SUB TOTAL	108,509.25	122,092.35	
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Operation Contingency	0.00	0.00	
Administration	16,813.51	20,358.90	
Debt Service (General)	612.17	614.91	
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OPERATION TOTALS	125,934.93	143,066.16	
INCOME			
Water Sales	122,682.93	140,066.16	
Water Penalties	3,252.00	3,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME	125,934.93	143,066.16	

Water Rates increase to a flat rate of \$107.08/month or \$1,284.96/year. This is a 14.16% increase to the average customer annual bill

**2025 2026 Difference Average Annual Cost** \$1,125.60 \$1,284.96 \$159.36 14.16%