

**DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

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

**APPROVED Water Rate Schedule - Effective January 1, 2012**

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

1st Billing period	December 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012
2nd Billing period	March 1 - May 31
3rd Billing period	June 1 - August 31
4th Billing period	September 1 - November 30
Next Billing period	December 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013*

NOTE: \* First month of this billing period would be at 2012 rates  
Rates subject to change on January 1, 2013

- B. WATER CHARGES

Metered Usage Rate: \$7.77 per 1,000 gallons + \$82.90 per three month billing period service charge. (All customers subject to monthly service charge regardless of usage)

- 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 November 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 5 1/4% (1 3/4% per month for 3 months) for the total amount due.

- E. PROPERTY TRANSFER CHARGE

There will be a charge of \$40.00 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. 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.

- G. INACCESSIBLE METER CHARGE

An "inaccessible meter charge" of \$25.00 charge 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.

- H. MULTIPLE REGISTER METER CHARGE

Each register billed for gallonage plus service charge - see above schedule.

J. METER READINGS

If there is a meter reading discrepancy between the meter-inside versus the meter-outside (called the "remote read head"), it is the meter-inside that has precedence. Meter tampering is unlawful and may result in legal action.

K. RESTORATION OF WATER SERVICE

Water service that has been shut off for delinquency of payments will not be restored until the full amount due plus a \$75.00 charge (includes \$40 service restoration fee) is paid. When water service is shut off at the request of the customer, there will be a \$40.00 charge for restoration of service. When service is switched off at the curb, there is no minimum water charge or monthly service fee. However, any applicable capital surcharges will remain in effect.

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