

RATE SHEET

Rates effective January 1, 2022

FIXED CHARGES

The “Fixed Charges” item appears on each customer’s bimonthly water bill. These charges are billed **in advance**—i.e., each bill includes the Fixed Charges for the **next** two months.

The Fixed Charges consist of the **Basic Charge (\$150.00** for two months), the **Drought Surcharge (\$30.00** for two months), and (if applicable) the **Cross-Connection Program Charge (\$12.00** for two months).

The **Basic Charge** covers Water System expenses that apply equally to all customers without regard to the amount of water used by a customer (such as the costs of reading meters, customer account maintenance, billing, and collection; day-to-day system operations; system improvements and major maintenance projects; administrative services; etc.). The Basic Charge is discounted for qualifying low-income customers on the District’s Lifeline Program.

The **Drought Surcharge** recoups debt recognized during the 2019–2021 drought period. This is a temporary charge that will sunset automatically after June 30, 2023. The Drought Surcharge is discounted for qualifying low-income customers on the District’s Lifeline Program.

The **Cross-Connection Program Charge** applies only to customers who are required by State law to participate in the Cross-Connection Control program, which, typically, is applicable to customers who have a well or a private water storage tank on their premises.

A customer household that qualifies as very low income or extremely low income under Federal guidelines may be eligible for a reduction in the Basic Charge and the Drought Surcharge. Contact the District office for details.

USAGE CHARGE

The usage charge is based on the number of “units” of water you use in a two-month period. One unit is 100 cubic feet, or 748 gallons. Water meters are read every other month, 7-10 days before you receive the bill. Your Usage Charge is determined by the difference between your meter readings at the beginning and the end of the two-month period (the exact number of days between meter readings varies between 56 days and 66 days). Thus, each bill you receive includes a Usage Charge for the past two months and the Fixed Charges for the next two months.

USAGE RATES SCHEDULE (bimonthly)

<i>Units Used*</i>	<i>Rate</i>
1 – 4	No charge
5 – 12	\$3.00 per unit
13 – 24	\$5.00 per unit
25 – 36	\$6.00 per unit
37 – 48	\$10.00 per unit
49 – 60	\$12.00 per unit
61 & up	\$28.00 per unit [†]

* 1 unit = 100 cubic feet = 748 gallons.

[†] This rate is \$12.00 for non-residential customers.

Note: The Usage charges are not cumulative. For example, if you were to use 15 units in a billing period, you would be charged nothing for the first four units, then \$3.00 per unit for the next eight units (units 5-12), then \$5.00 per unit for the next three units (units 13-15), for a total of \$39.00 (or, approximately 1/3 of a cent per gallon).

OTHER CHARGES

These charges are either billed separately or are included on the water bill on the “PAST DUE” line (which does not necessarily mean that you are in arrears in paying the charges).

Refused Payment or Returned Check Charge — \$25.00

Late Payment Charge — A charge of \$35.00 is applied when a 10-Day Notice of Service Termination is issued. If the customer does not resolve the 10-Day Notice, a 48-Hour Notice of Service Termination is issued and posted on the property, and an additional Late Payment Charge of \$65.00 is applied.

Account Setup Charge, Forwarding Setup Charge — \$50.00