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# **Schedule of Water Rates and Fees**

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## **1. Rates and Fees**

- a. Meters are read semi-annually, and bills are rendered semi-annually.  
The Dunstable Water Department will charge water users at least the minimum rate per billing period with no exceptions made for seasonal use or temporary discontinuance of water service.
- b. All bills are due and payable within 30 days of the date on the bill and over due bills are subject to a 1.17% late charge. Water may be shut off for non-payment of bills or disregard of the rules. Before the water can be turned back on; the delinquent bill, interest, plus an additional service charge for turning the water off and on, must be paid. Unpaid water bills will lead to a lien on and collection of committed accounts may be made by the Town through the sale of property (MGL c.40 §§42A-42I).
- c. Where two or more tenants or occupants are supplied on the same premise, the water may be shut off for failure of a tenant or occupant to comply with the billing rules and regulations even though one or more of the tenants or occupants have made settlement for his share of the total amount.

d. Water rates:

- i. Service charge per billing period                      \$40/per account
- ii. Minimum Rate up to 10,000                              \$100
- iii. Over 10,000 gallons                                      \$.008/gallon
- iv. Bulk Water Rate    \$.035/gallon plus Water

Department Supervision Charge of \$42.50/hour

e. In addition to any charges incurred pursuant to section 1.b. above, the Water Department may impose a processing fee for overdue payment notices, this fee would be comprised of \$50 plus any costs incurred for certified mail or service by constable. Any such charge shall be added to the account and subject to the lien process under MGL c.40.

2. Other Standard Fees

a. System Development

Pipe Size	Fee		Pipe Size	Fee
1"	\$4,000 +cost of meter+ install/admin fee		4"	\$16,000 +cost of meter+ install/admin fee
1.5"	\$6,000 +cost of meter+ install/admin fee		5"	\$24,000 +cost of meter+ install/admin fee
2"	\$8,000 +cost of meter+ install/admin fee		6"	\$32,000 +cost of meter+ install/admin fee
3"	\$12,000 +cost of meter+ install/admin fee			

b. Tapping Charge	
c. Inspection and Supervision	
i. By Water Department	\$50/hour
ii. By Engineer	invoiced amount
d. Shut Off Charge	\$100
e. Turn On Charge	\$100
f. Final Reading	\$50
g. Fire Flow Test	\$100
h. Special Meter Reading	\$50
i. Stand-by fee	\$80
j. Hydrant replacement	invoiced amount
k. Freeze Ups	\$50/hour and materials
l. Interest Rate	1.17%/ month after 30 days
m. Large Meter Maintenance	Over 1" - tested and repaired every five years with Water Department time and materials
n. Small Meter Maintenance	1" and under - tested and repaired every five years with Water Department time and materials
o. Back Flow Tests	\$125.00 per device (twice a year)

3. No Person shall turn off, turn on, or tamper with any component of the water system, including but not limited to mains, hydrants, and meters. Any person(s) found violating this policy will be subject to a fine of \$500 per offense.