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## **Welcome to the Boone County Public Water Supply District #9**

As a new water user or builder, we welcome you to the District and hope this information will be helpful. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact our office. We will do everything we can to answer any of your questions.

The Public Water Supply District has been established since 1965. The District is made up of a five-member Board of Directors, and sixteen employees. Our Board meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Our meetings are open to the public. If you wish to attend one of the meetings, please call our office so we may add you to the agenda.

Our office is located at 391 North Rangeline Road in Columbia. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our office observes 10 holidays per year.

The District is in compliance with the current rules and regulations established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) pertaining to the Safe Drinking Water Act. We send samples bi-monthly to an approved DNR laboratory for bacteriological testing. These samples are taken at random locations throughout the District as directed by the Department of Natural Resources.

The District office, also, prepares a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) annually. This report is mailed to all customers to notify them of all constituents found in our drinking water and what levels of each constituent is allowable by the DNR. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the CCR may call our office, and we will mail one to you. This report, along with other information regarding the District is available on the PWSD #9 website: [www.pwsd9.com](http://www.pwsd9.com)

### **Billing Procedure**

The District must be notified immediately if a water bill does not accurately reflect the name of the intended customer. All bills are based on actual meter readings, unless circumstances warrant estimation. If estimated, your bill is based on the previous three-month's readings. The meters are read on or near the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. After the usage is figured; bills are generated and should be received by the first week of the following month. If your address changes, please contact us so that we can update your account. The District is not responsible for the mail service; if you have not received a bill by the end of the first week of the month it is your responsibility to contact our office so we may send you a duplicate copy. ***\*\*Billing begins when a deposit is paid or meter installed.\*\****

**All bills are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.** On the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month a 10% penalty is applied and your account is considered delinquent. The District has a drop box located at the drive-thru, on the south side of the office building for your convenience. We cannot accept post-

dated checks or third party checks. A fee of \$20 is charged for all returned checks, web payments and auto-pay returns.

**\*\*WEB PAYMENT\*\*** Payment may be made on-line through the PWSD #9 website with a credit card (MasterCard or Visa). Please allow 3 business days for this transaction to be credited to your account.

**\*\*AUTO-PAY\*\*** The District offers the convenient free service of auto-debiting your checking account. Just complete the form in this packet and return it with a voided check. We also offer this service for your credit/debit cards

### **New Service and Meter Deposits**

All customers must sign a Water User's Agreement and are required to pay a deposit and service charges for every meter. Please see **Fee Schedule**.

### **Discontinuance & Reconnection of Services**

All water bills become **delinquent if not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup>** of each month. Delinquent notices are mailed to every customer as a convenient reminder that your payment is late. **If the bill is not paid by the last business day of the month the bill was due, your meter will be disconnected and your service interrupted. A reconnect fee of \$50.00 per address disconnected will be charged to every customer's account.** This fee will need to be paid in addition to the total balance of the customer account before water service is restored. If you should have any questions or concerns about your bill do not hesitate to call the office before the due date of your delinquent notice.

If the customer breaks a lock on a meter, there will be a \$25.00 charge for each incident. After the first broken lock, the meter will be removed. When later checked, if tampered with, the Sheriff's Department will be contacted and a report filed. The violator will be prosecuted.

**To reconnect service for non-payment**, the customer needs to come to the office to pay their complete balance plus the reconnect charge during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The customer must be in the office **no later than 4:15 p.m.** in order to be reconnected that same day. **Do not call our emergency line or have our servicemen paged to unlock your meter. They are not authorized to take payments and cannot unlock your meter until payment is made in the office.**

### **Inquiry, Service & Complaint Procedures**

If you ever have any questions or complaints, please call our office during regular office hours and the office staff will be happy to assist you. We hope you will call us when you have a concern. We can all benefit from open lines of communication. Our staff does not make the policies; they are required by the Board of Directors to enforce them. If you have a complaint not handled to your satisfaction, please write to the Board of Directors at our address, and it will be handled at the next Board meeting.

If you feel your meter was read incorrectly or question your bill, please call the office as soon as you receive your bill.

## **Prolonged Absence**

If you are leaving your residence for a prolonged period of time, or if your house will be unoccupied for more than a month, please contact our office to make arrangements to have your water shut off at the meter. This may protect you from any leaks in your home while you are away. You will need to call the office when you have returned to have your meter turned back on and service restored.

## **Service Line Leaks**

The District Rules and Regulations state that the customer is responsible for his/her own water lines. These are the water lines from the structure to the meter. The District maintains and operates the main lines of its system. The amount of water that goes through the meter will be billed to the customer.

The District staff will try and assist you in determining if you have a leak, but the customer can also check for leaks. There is a small device on the face of the meter. This is called a Leak Indicator. You will need to make sure that every water supply is off in the house/structure. Look on the face of the meter at the leak indicator. You will have to watch it for at least 10 minutes. If you see any movement of the leak indicator, or if the number changes on the register, you have a leak. Ground water collects in some meter pits. This is not necessarily an indication you have a leak. Valves on the meter setter should not be operated by a customer except in case of leaks on the customer's service line.

Any usage caused by a leak on residential property amounting to **\$250 or more** may qualify you for a **“one time” leak adjustment**. Please let our office know if you would like to exercise this privilege. Businesses must write the Board of Directors requesting an adjustment to be determined at the next Board meeting.

## **Pressure**

Because the District cannot adjust for different elevations from the water towers, the different elevations will result in differing amounts of water pressure throughout the service area. Customers are responsible for determining the pressure and the need for a pressure regulator valve. The District does not provide the devices, nor can they be installed in the meter pit.

## **Maintenance**

The District makes all reasonable effort to supply continuous service; however, it reserves the right to interrupt service for the purpose of making repairs, connections, extensions, or other necessary work. Efforts will be made to notify customers of interruptions when possible, but the District is not responsible for any loss due to interruption. No one but a District employee or person authorized by the District shall turn on water or shut off water from the District meter to any water user or to any property served by such meter, except in a case of escaping water.

## **Primacy Fees**

Primacy fees are assessed to the District once a year by the DNR. The fee is \$2.76 for a meter one inch or less, \$7.44 for a meter more than one inch or less or equal to 2 inches, \$41.16 for a meter greater than 2 inches or less or equal to 4 inches, and \$82.44 for any meter greater than 4 inches. This fee is divided into 12 equal payments and is billed on each customer's account monthly, and then paid to the State of Missouri for water testing. All public water suppliers in the State of Missouri, in lieu of raising State taxes, collect this fee. It is listed on your bill as *state fee*.

## **Report Suspicious Activity**

The District asks that all customers remain vigilant in watching for suspicious activities or people in or around wells, meters, fire hydrants, etc. Please report all suspicious activity to the District or the Sheriff's Department immediately! We thank you for your efforts to help protect our community and its water supply.

## **Rules & Regulations**

This District abides by the Rules and Regulations adopted to govern the water services by the District in a uniform manner for the benefit of the District and its water users. You may request a copy of these Rules and Regulations of the District at any time.

### **Board of Directors:**

J R Richardson, President	Sub-District 4
Ralph J. Cox, Vice President	Sub-District 5
James Davenport	Sub-District 1
Allen Frost	Sub-District 2
Steve McCray	Sub-District 3

### **Office**

**District Manager** – Roger Ballew  
**Information Systems Manager** – Kyle Baker  
**Office Manager** – Keith Smith  
**Field Services Manager** – Jesse Crane  
**Operations Supervisor** – Tim Darling  
**Construction Supervisor** – Paul Smith

**FOR UTILITY LOCATES, CALL MISSOURI ONE CALL @ 1-800-344-6483**

**Public Water Supply District No. 9  
Fee Schedule**

**Water Rate**

Water Rates are calculated by Usage and Customer Class using the Ascending Rate Block Method.

**Residential Customers**

- 0-14,999 Gallons @ \$3.90 per 1000 Gallons
- 15,000-24,999 Gallons @ \$4.15 per 1000 Gallons
- 25,000 gallons and up @ \$5.25 per 1000 Gallons

**Commercial Customers**

- 0-49,999 Gallons @ \$3.95 per 1000 Gallons
- 50,000-99,999 Gallons @ \$4.15 per 1000 Gallons
- 100,000 gallons and up @ \$5.25 per 1000 Gallons

**Multiple Customer Meter**

- 0-299,999 Gallons @ \$3.95 per 1000 Gallons
- 300,000 gallons and up @ \$4.15 per 1000 Gallons

**Irrigation Only Meter**-dedicated and sole use for irrigation. \$5.25 per 1000 Gallons

**Monthly Base Rate**

Monthly Base Rates are calculated by Meter Size and/or Number of Customers served.

5/8x3/4".....	\$10.00
1".....	\$18.00
1-1/2".....	\$55.00
2".....	\$72.00
3".....	\$145.00
4".....	\$288.00
6".....	\$576.00

*Customers with Multiple users on a Single Meter will be charged by number of Residencies or Units served multiplied by a \$10.00 Base Rate*

**Major Trailer Parks:** For all trailer parks with ten (10) or more pads or sites, operating on a master meter, the monthly base rate shall be \$100.00.

**Combination Meter**

**Business or Residential Properties that also utilize Irrigation or Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems through a single meter serving that property creating a Combination Use will have an additional \$3.00 Monthly Charge added to the normal Monthly Base Rate for that Meter Service.**

**Billing Schedule**

Water Bills are due and payable on the Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the month following the close of the period for which service was rendered. Delinquent on the Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month for which service was rendered. Failure of water user to pay bill by the First (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Month following the close of the period for which service was rendered shall result in the disconnection of the service and such disconnection of the service shall be made without the necessity of notice to the water user.

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### Late Charges

A Ten percent 10% Late Charge will be assessed on all service bills not paid by 8:00 a.m. of the Sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) day of the Month following the close of the period for which service was rendered.

### Meter Deposit

5/8" or 1" Owner (Residential)	\$100.00
5/8" or 1" Renter (Residential)	100.00
5/8" or 1" Commercial Business Establishment	300.00
1 1/2" Commercial Business Establishment	700.00
2" Commercial Business Establishment	700.00
3" Commercial Business Establishment	1,200.00
4" Commercial Business Establishment	1,500.00

For Customers reestablishing service with a prior unpaid balance or Customers who have had an Account sent to Collections the Deposit Amount will be Doubled.

**Fire Suppression System Deposit** 100.00

**Backflow Program Fee** Charged to customers with backflow devices per month. Each 1.00  
 Customers with multiple devices 2.00

### Service Charges

**Processing Fee** (Charged on all accounts except new installations) 10.00

**Connection charge if water is shut off** 10.00

**Same day service** (Customer must be in office by 4:00 p.m.) 10.00

**Transfer charge for transferring deposit** 10.00

(Current bill at old address must be paid before transferring deposit to new address.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY APPLY)

**Returned check charge** 20.00

**Broken lock charge** (Based on number of incidents) for first offence 25.00

(Cost shall increase for customer \$25.00 multiplied by Number of incidents)

**Service Call** 25.00

**After hours service call charge** 45.00

(For all same day Service Calls taken after 4:15 PM)

**Termination Letter** for past due Fire Line accounts and any violation notice 25.00

### Accounts Subject to Disconnect

**Disconnect charge** 25.00    **Reconnect charge** 25.00    **Total** 50.00

**Charge for Water Conservation Violation** for first offence 100.00

(Cost shall increase \$100.00 multiplied by Number of incidents in Addition to Disconnect Fee)

**Convenience Fee** (Charged on each credit card transactions paid by phone) 3.00