



**COPPER MOUNTAIN CONSOLIDATED METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

**WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT 2021 FEE & PENALTY SCHEDULES**

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FEE SCHEDULE**

The purpose of the fees and charges provided in this Fee Schedule is to provide for the payment of all actual costs of operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, and expanding the District Systems. All such fees and charges are made and have been determined by the Board of Directors to be necessary for the recovery of such costs incurred by the District. Explanations of all fees are provided below and additional information can be found on the District website at <http://www.coppermtmetro.org/>.

**2021 CMCMD FEE SCHEDULE**

<b>FEE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COST</b>	
<b>WATER &amp; SANITATION</b>		
Water Tap Fee	\$4,100.00	Per CEU
Sewer Tap Fee	\$5,600.00	Per CEU
Water Service Rate – Tier I	\$8.74	Per 1,000 gallons
Water Service Rate – Tier II	\$13.11	Per 1,000 gallons
Irrigation Rate	\$11.94	Per 1,000 gallons
Water Base Rate	\$43.08	Per Quarter per CEU
Sewer Base Rate	\$158.28	Per Quarter per CEU
Bulk Water Account Processing Fee	\$50.00	Annual Flat Rate
Bulk Water Rate	\$11.94	Per 1,000 Gallons
Bulk Water Rate – Winter	\$35.81	Per 1,000 Gallons
Meter/Backflow Assembly Rental	\$500.00	\$2,600 deposit
<b>CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION</b>		
District Hourly Rate	\$75.00	Per Hour (or Engineer’s Rate)
Residential - Single Family	\$25.00	Per 1,000 SF
Residential - Multi Family	\$30.00	Per Dwelling Unit
Commercial - Restaurant	\$40.00	Per 1,000 SF
Commercial - Other than Food Service	\$20.00	Per 1,000 SF
Water & Sewer Piping	\$3.00	Per Linear Foot
<b>ADDITIONAL FEES</b>		
Water Service Turn-Off/Turn-On	\$60.00	Per Hour (1-hour minimum)
New Account/Property Transfer Fee	\$50.00	Per Account
Service Rate – Water & San Staff	\$60.00	Per Hour Per Person
Sewer Connection/Disconnection	Recovery of cost incurred by the District	
Inclusion Fees	Recovery of cost incurred by the District	
Variance Fees	Recovery of cost incurred by the District	



### WATER & SANITATION

**Water & Sewer Tap Fees:** Tap fees are assessed for new construction that will require connections to the District's Water and Sewer/Sewerage Systems. Modifications to existing residential and commercial properties that include changes to the number of water fixtures and/or drain lines may require adjustments to existing tap fees. Such adjustments will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. More information regarding tap fees can be found on the District website. Tap fees are subject to change on an annual basis and customers should contact the District or check the website for current fee information.

**Water Service Rates:** The District uses a tiered rate structure that increases the cost per 1,000 gallons for water usage that is uncharacteristically high based on historical consumption. Customers will be subject to higher rates when their quarterly usage is higher than their historical peak quarterly demand. More specific information and a more thorough explanation of the Water and Sanitation rate structure can be found on the District website. Water rates are subject to change on an annual basis and customers should contact the District or refer to the website for current rate information.

**Irrigation Water Rate:** Irrigation rates are not based on historical usage patterns and there is no base rate imposed on water used for irrigation. Rather, irrigation water is charged at a flat rate in accordance with Table I above, provided there is an irrigation meter installed to measure this flow. If irrigation water is not metered separately to distinguish it from domestic cold-water use, it is probable that the customer will pay for irrigation at a higher domestic water rate. Depending on the amount of irrigation water being used, it may be in the customer's interest to install a dedicated irrigation meter. Irrigation rates are subject to change on an annual basis and customers should contact the District or refer to the website for current rate information.

**Water & Sanitation Base Rates:** Water & Sanitation Base Rates are fixed costs that are based on a customer's historical usage and that do not fluctuate between quarterly billing periods. Base rates are, however, subject to change on an annual basis and customers should contact the District or refer to the website for current rate information.

**Bulk Water:** The District is capable of providing bulk water to contractors and other users through distribution system fire hydrants and at the filling station located at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility. An annual account processing fee of \$50.00 is required and bulk water is billed at a flat rate in accordance with Table I above. A meter and backflow assembly must be rented from the District for bulk water provided through a fire hydrant. A deposit will be required for use of the meter and backflow assembly and customers will be required to pay for mandatory inspection of the backflow device for each installation. Rental fee, water usage, and inspection fees will be deducted from the deposit. If usage exceeds the deposit, customers will be invoiced for excess charges. The District provides bulk water for winter projects at an increased rate of \$34.77 per 1,000 gallons. The winter rate applies from November 15th through April 15th. Bulk water rates are subject to change on an annual basis and customers should contact the District or refer to the website for current rate information. Rental of the District's meter and backflow assembly



for fire hydrant delivery of bulk water can be coordinated with Water & Sanitation Department staff at 970-968-2390 or the Public Works Director at 970-968-2537 ext6.

### **CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION**

**Residential – Single Family:** All single-family design documents are subject to District review and approval prior to commencement of construction. Fees will be assessed based on the overall square footage of the building. The District will review design documents to evaluate meter size and tap fee implications and to ensure that they are in conformance with District standards. Fees will be assessed in accordance with Table I and will include District plan review, inspection, and initial valve operation (if necessary). Additional requests for valve operation will be charged at the Water Service Turn-off Turn-on rate in Table I.

*Note that these fees are in addition to tap fees or tap fee adjustments. Completion of an Application for Permit – Water and Sewer Taps form must be submitted to the District for properties subject to tap fees or tap fee adjustments. Contact District Public Works at 970-968-2537 ext6 regarding the Application for Permit.*

**Residential – Multi Family:** Multi-family developments consist primarily of townhomes and condominiums in the Copper Mountain service area. All multi-family design documents are subject to District review and approval prior to commencement of construction. Fees will be assessed based on the number of dwellings units rather than square footage. Fee inclusions and additional charges are identical to those for single-family structures.

*Note that an Application for Permit – Water and Sewer Taps form may also be required for multi-family developments. There may be exceptions for modifications to existing multi-family or mixed-use structures. Contact District Public Works at 970-968-2537 ext6 regarding the Application for Permit.*

**Commercial:** All commercial property developments are subject to District review and approval prior to commencement of construction. Fees will be assessed based on overall square footage of the building. Restaurants are subject to higher fees due to the relative complexity of water and sanitary drainage systems associated with food service operations. Fee inclusions and additional charges are identical to those for residential properties.

*Note that an Application for Permit – Water and Sewer Taps form may also be required for commercial property developments. Contact District Public Works at 970-968-2537 ext6 regarding the Application for Permit.*

**Water & Sewer Piping:** Projects that require modifications to or extensions of the District's Water and/or Sewer/Sewerage Systems must be reviewed and approved prior to design completion. The District must be involved at each project design milestone to ensure that the design fully conforms to District standards. Fees will be contingent on the scope and complexity of the design and will be based on either a unit rate included in Table 1 above or on the billable rate of the District's consulting engineer. The contractor/developer will also be responsible for fees incurred by the District for on-site representation during project construction. It is the obligation of the property owner, developer/contractor, engineer, or individual otherwise responsible for project management to involve the District at the beginning of any pipeline project and to become



thoroughly familiar with the District's Rules and Regulations. Contact the Public Works Director at 970-968-2537 ext6 regarding any project that will affect the District's water and/or sanitation infrastructure.

### **ADDITIONAL FEES**

**Water Service Turn-off/Turn-on:** The District will operate valves for contractors to test service connections, backflow preventers, and sprinkler systems during construction. Additional valve operation requested by the contractor will incur a Turn-off/Turn-on Fee that will be assessed on an hourly basis in accordance with Table 1 above. Turn-off/Turn-on Fees will also be charged to property owners that request valve operation or if the District discontinues or resumes water service due to account delinquency. Only District personnel may operate Water System and service line valves. Property owners who turn off or turn on their service connection(s) will be penalized for doing so. See Penalty Fee Schedule below.

**New Account/Property Transfer Fee:** A processing fee will be charged for establishing new Water and Sanitation customer accounts and establishing a new customer account when a property transfers ownership. The processing fee covers the administrative costs incurred by the District.

**Service Rate – Water & Sanitation Department Staff:** Fees for services requested by property owners or services required to correct or repair District assets due to the actions of property owners or their tenants, renters, suppliers, vendors, or any other party, will be assessed on an hourly basis in accordance with Table I above.

**Sewer Connection/Disconnection:** If for any reason, the District deems it necessary to physically disconnect and/or reconnect the sewer service line, the property owner, contractor, or other responsible party shall reimburse the actual costs incurred by the District.

**Inclusion Fees:** Any person who petitions for inclusion of their property into the District pursuant to Section 32-1-401(1), C.R.S. and the District Rules and Regulations shall pay the actual costs incurred by the District in processing the Petition for Inclusion. Refer to the Rules and Regulations on the District website for more information regarding inclusion requirements and procedures.

**Variance Fees:** Whenever a variance from any provision of the District Rules and Regulations is granted by the Board of Directors, a fee shall be assessed to recoup the costs incurred by the District in processing the variance. Variances are considered on a case-by-case basis and processing fees will be due regardless of whether or not a variance is granted.

**Special Services:** Fees will be assessed for any service requested by a property owner or other responsible party that requires Water & Sanitation Department time and resources. Special services will be considered on a case-by-case basis and fees will be imposed to cover time and materials and any other costs incurred by the District.



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## WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT PENALTY SCHEDULE

The purpose of the penalty fees and charges provided in this Penalty Schedule is to provide for the payment of all actual costs incurred by the District in discovering, investigating, curing, and repairing the consequences of violations of District Rules and Regulations, and in order to deter persons from committing such violations. All such fees and charges are made and have been determined by the Board of Directors to be necessary for the recovery of such costs. Explanations of all fees and charges are provided below and additional information can be found on the District website at <http://www.coppermtnmetro.org/>.

### 2021 PENALTY SCHEDULE

PENALTY/VIOLATION DESCRIPTION	PENALTY FEE	
Water & Sanitation Late Fees	1.5%	of Total Past Due
Unauthorized Connection	\$4,100	Per CEU
Unauthorized Connection of Two or More Taps	\$4,100	Per CEU
Unauthorized Use or Discharge	\$1,000	First Occurrence
Tampering	\$5,000	Per Violation
Violation of Suspension/Termination Order	\$2,000	Per Violation
Jeopardizing Purity of Water	\$2,000	Per Violation
False Official Statement	\$1,000	Per Violation
Backflow Program Non-Compliance	\$1,000	First Occurrence
Unauthorized Operation	\$1,000	Per Violation
General Prohibitions	\$500	Per Violation

**Water & Sanitation Late Fees:** 1.5% of the total past due balance, calculated monthly. This fee will appear on Water & Sanitation customers' quarterly bill.

**Unauthorized Connection:** Any connection made to the District water Distribution System without District approval and receipt of appropriate Water Tap Fees. Penalty shall be an amount equal to the Water Tap Fee corresponding to the size of the tap per the most recent water rates resolution adopted by the District Board of Directors.

**Unauthorized Connection of Two or More Taps:** Not more than one separately described parcel of land shall be served by any single tap. Manifolding one or more taps from a single service line without the express written permission of the District is a violation of the District Rules & Regulations. Penalty shall be an amount equal to the Water Tap Fee corresponding to the size of the tap(s) per the most recent water rates resolution adopted by the District Board of Directors.



**Unauthorized Use or Discharge:** Discharging or otherwise putting wastewater into the District Sanitary Collection System without District approval and receipt of appropriate Sewer Tap Fees; or for introducing any foreign materials or wastewater into the Sewer System in violation of any provision of the District Rules & Regulations. Penalty shall be \$1,000 for the first occurrence and \$2,000 for each occurrence thereafter.

**Tampering:** Bypassing, breaking, damaging, destroying, removing, uncovering, altering, defacing, or otherwise tampering with any component of the District's Water and Sewer/Sewerage Systems, obstructing the flow of wastewater in the District's Sewer/Sewerage System, or obstructing access to District facilities. \$5,000 per violation.

**Violation of Suspension/Termination Order:** Failure to stop or eliminate the discharge of wastewater from property affected by an Order suspending or terminating service to such property. Any property owner notified of a suspension or termination of sanitation service shall immediately stop or discontinue the discharge of any and all wastewater from the property affected by such order. \$2,000 per violation.

**Jeopardizing Purity of Water:** The use of any fluid or other substance in such a manner as to present the possibility that such substance could enter the District Water System. This prohibition includes but is not limited to; cleaning products, fuels, poisons, insecticides, pest control products, and fertilizers. Note that these are only examples of a wide variety of substances that have the potential to contaminate and compromise the water quality of the District's Water System. \$2,000 per violation.

**False Official Statement:** The making or filing with the District of any statement, report, or application that an individual or entity knows or has reasonable cause to know is false or substantially inaccurate; or the omission of any material fact in connection with such statement, report, or application when the omission leaves the remainder of the information given misleading or substantially inaccurate. \$1,000 per violation.

**Backflow Program Non-compliance:** Failure of property owners to have and maintain backflow prevention devices required by District Rules & Regulations. \$1,000 per violation.

**Unauthorized Operation:** Only District employees may operate valves, fire hydrants, equipment, or any other components of the District's Water and Sewer/Sewerage Systems. No individual or entity outside of the District's employ may operate said features of the District's Water and Sewer/Sewerage Systems without express written permission by the District. \$1,000 per violation.

### **General Prohibitions**

- **Interceptor Violations:** For bypassing or failure to install and maintain a District approved grease or sand interceptor in accordance with and as defined by the District Rules & Regulations. \$500 per violation.



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- **Interference; Failure to Permit Inspection:** Upon request, the District shall have access to all properties connected to the District's Water and/or Sewer/Sewerage Systems. Interference with employees or agents of the District in performance of their duties, or refusing to permit District employees or agents to inspect the premises or to access District equipment given reasonable request and notice is a violation of District Rules & Regulations. \$1,000 per violation.
- **Prohibited Drains:** No drain may be connected to the District Sewer/Sewerage System which would or could permit groundwater or surface water to enter the District Sewer/Sewerage System. This prohibition applies to basement drains, groundwater and surface water drainage structures or systems, or other clearwater connections, without limitation. Sump pumps and construction dewatering pumps shall not be connected to or permitted to discharge into the District Sewer/Sewerage System without express written permission by the District. \$500 per violation.
- **Easement Violations:** Constructing, installing, or placing any structures or improvements of any kind, surface or subsurface, temporary or permanent, or planting any tree or woody plant of any kind within the boundaries of any District Right of Way or Easement in violation of the terms or conditions of such Right of Way or Easement, without express written permission from the District.
- **Unauthorized Entry:** Opening any manhole or entering any structure, pipe segment, or other feature or segment of the District's Water or Sewer/Sewerage Systems without District authorization. \$500 per violation.
- **Infiltration:** For continuing to permit root infiltration, storm runoff, or groundwater to enter the District Sewer/Sewerage System after reasonable notice to cure such condition. \$500 per violation.
- **Escape of Wastewater:** Allowing wastewater to escape from the District's Sewer/Sewerage System. \$500 per violation.
- **Failure to Report:** Failing to report damage to or alteration of any District facility, or any foreign materials or obstruction in the flow of wastewater in the District Sewer/Sewerage System. \$500 per violation
- **Failure to Notify of Use Changes:** Failure by property owner to notify the District of any use change resulting in the need for grease or sand interceptors or that increases flow to the District's Sewer/Sewerage System. \$500 per violation.
- **Violation of Stop Work Order:** Performing or continuing to perform any work in violation of a Stop Work Order. \$500 per violation.
- **Failure to Use Meter:** Bypassing or tampering with a District required water meter, or otherwise failing to Meter water usage from the District's Water System. \$500 per violation.
- **Failure to Give Notice:** Failure to provide Notice of Excavation to the District in any area where District water lines, sewer lines, or facilities are located. \$500 per violation.