

DURANGO WEST METRO DISTRICT #1 MONTHLY FEES

Total Minimum Bill for paper bills = \$166.00

Total Minimum Bill for email bills = \$163.00

Broken out by Category:

Water Fee Up to 5,000 gallons = \$35.00 (rate for gallons over 5,000 see below**)

Water Royalty Fee per 1,000 gallons = \$1.51 (will expire *)

Lake Dgo Authority Acquisition = \$15.00 (will expire *)

State Testing & Compliance Fee = \$5.00

General Operations = \$25.00

Roads & Commons = \$11.00

Sewage Collection = \$42.00

Wastewater Treatment Plant = \$20.00

Snow Plowing = \$10.00

Billing Fee = \$3.00 (waived for receiving bills via e-mail)

** 5,000 – 10,000 gallons = \$8.00/thousand

10,000 – 20,000 gallons = \$10.00/thousand

Over 20,000 gallons = \$50.00/thousand

(over 20K is a penalty rate to enforce conservation / may be reduced by board when appropriate)

Plus Royalty Fee * = \$1.51 per thousand gallons water used

* Both the Acquisition & Royalty fees are direct pass through fees, meaning the District pays these amounts directly to Lake Durango Water Authority as the cost for purchasing Lake Durango from private ownership. All customers on the Lake Durango water system pay the same amounts for acquisition and for royalty fees. The acquisition is the purchase of physical assets, royalty is for purchase of the water rights. Under the purchase terms, acquisition & royalty fees expire 20 years from start date of July, 2009. In 2019 the Authority announced debt service payments were escalated and the \$15.00 may expire in approximately 2022. As soon as we are able to confirm an exact debt service payoff date, we will update this statement.

The above fee structure is the primary revenue source for the District. Durango West 1 does not have a mill levy in place for operations or for debt service. If comparing rates with other districts, it is important to note many Special Districts use a tax mill levy to generate revenue. Mill levies must be voter approved and can cover debt, general operations, or a combination of both. Please look at all revenue sources to verify if the monthly fee reflects the entire cost to consumers.