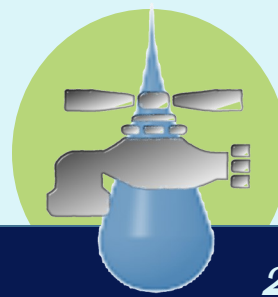


DAVIDSON WATER INC

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DAVIDSON WATER INC

2014 NEWSLETTER



Protect Your Pipes Now

Davidson Water, Inc; is responsible for maintaining main water lines and service lines to the meter. All water lines and pipes beyond the meter are the responsibility of the member.

Preventing Frozen Pipes

- At the end of summer, drain swimming pool supply lines and lawn and landscape sprinkler systems. (Do not put automotive antifreeze in drained lines; it is toxic to animals and plants).
- Remove, drain, and store outdoor hoses. If hose bibs have shut-off valves, close them and drain faucets. If no shut-off is available—or if frost-free faucets have not been installed—cover faucets with insulation or Styrofoam covers.



- Install thermostatically-controlled heat lamps in pump houses.
- Survey property for water supply lines that may be unprotected: unheated basements, attics, crawlspaces, and garages; under cabinets on exterior walls; at the water meter; at the point where main supply lines cross the foundation into the house. Insulate both hot and cold water lines in these areas (hot water lines freeze as readily as cold water lines if water is not flowing through them).
- Protect exposed pipes by wrapping with foam pipe sleeves (taping at all junctions), covering with fiberglass insulation, or installing UL-listed heat tape or heat cable. Even several layers of newspaper will do in a pinch when temperatures aren't expected to remain cold for prolonged periods.
- Meter lid should remain on water meter box at all times.



Davidson Water, Inc. Scholarships 2014

Davidson Water, Inc. has established a scholarship program in memory of all past board members who volunteered their time, knowledge and expertise to form and operate a water system in order to provide safe and affordable water for present and future generations. Four scholarships of \$1,000.00 each are awarded to deserving high school seniors who plan to enter a four-year degree program.

Breana Smith

- ◆ Graduated from South Davidson High School
- ◆ Attending University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Coty Berrier

- ◆ Graduated from West Davidson High School
- ◆ Attending University of North Carolina Wilmington

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- ◆ Graduated from Central Davidson High School
- ◆ Attending University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Jennifer Louya

- ◆ Graduated from Ledford High School
- ◆ Attending University of North Carolina Chapel Hill



Water Rate Increase

Effective Invoice Date
January 1, 2015

Davidson Water, Inc. is committed to providing safe, sufficient and quality drinking water. In an attempt to ensure that Davidson Water, Inc. can continue to provide the same level of quality and support to our members we find it necessary to increase water rates marginally. The increase will be 3.35% and will take effect on January 1, 2015. Please refer to the chart for our new rates.

Rates

Effective January 1, 2015
Water Rate Schedule

(Effective on invoices mailed on or after January 1, 2015)

Gallons Used	Rate*
Minimum Rate	12.25
2,001-10,000	4.35
10,001-50,000	4.95
Over-50,000	4.45

*Rate per thousand gallons except for minimum
*3/4 Residential Minimum Rate includes up to 2,000 gallons

Structured Minimum Bills

(Effective on invoices mailed on or after January 1, 2015)

Meter Size	Included Gallons	Minimum Bill
3/4 in. Meter	0-2,000 Gallons	12.25
1 in. Meter	0-5,000 Gallons	25.30
1-1/2 in. Meter	0-10,000 Gallons	47.05
2 in. Meter	0-20,000 Gallons	96.55
3 in. Meter	0-50,000 Gallons	245.05
4 in. Meter	0-75,000 Gallons	356.30
6 in. Meter	0-150,000 Gallons	690.05
8 in. Meter	0-250,000 Gallons	1,135.05

How to use the Rate Schedule

The minimum monthly bill is \$12.25 and includes usage up to 2,000 gallons. If a member uses 6,000 gallons the first 2,000 is included in the \$12.25 minimum and the remaining 4,000 gallons will cost \$4.35 per thousand. (4 x \$4.35 = \$17.40) If you add this to the minimum the total bill for 6,000 gallons will be \$29.65. (\$17.40 + \$12.25 = \$29.65)

The increase will be less than \$1.00 per month for the average residential home

The average family water bill be approximately \$25.30 a month

The increase for members using 2,000 gallons per month or less will be only \$.055 per month or \$6.60 per year.



Austin Berrier Completes Summer Internship

Austin Berrier of Lexington, a 2013 North Davidson graduate and sophomore at Virginia Tech recently completed a summer internship at Davidson Water, Inc. Austin is a Dean's List with Distinction student majoring in Engineering Science & Mechanics.

Austin worked in the corporate office in Welcome as well as extensive time at the Stabler Water Treatment Plant at the Yadkin River. Austin helped with sampling, water treatment, information data entry and field meter and valve work. We wish Austin great success at Virginia Tech.

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Water Theft



Davidson Water, Inc. is committed to providing our members with safe, clean and reliable drinking water at the lowest possible cost. Theft of water by tampering with or bypassing water meters or the unauthorized use of a fire hydrant costs Davidson Water thousands of dollars a year and ultimately increased rates for our members.

Customer assistance in locating illegal connections is always appreciated and encouraged. Report any suspicion of water theft 336 731-5505.

Tampering Affects Everyone

- ◆ When people steal service from a utility, they are stealing from everyone, because theft of service could lead to increased rates and fees.

Tampering is Against the Law

- ◆ Any type of water theft is a crime! This includes taking water from fire hydrants without paying for it.
- ◆ Report any suspicious activity to Davidson Water, Inc. at 336 731-5505. All calls are confidential.