

Village of Duchess



Bylaw 528-25

Utility Rates

A Bylaw of the Village of Duchess in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of levying rates and charges respecting garbage removal and disposal, water use, sewer service use & recycling.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7 of *the Municipal Government Act*; a council *may pass bylaws for public utilities*.

AND WHEREAS; under authority 191 of the Municipal Government Act chapter M26.1, a council may appeal or amend any bylaw.

NOW THEREFORE, the council of the Village of Duchess, in the Province of Alberta hereby enacts as follows:

1. Short Title "Utility Rates"

- a) This Bylaw may be cited as the "Utilities Rates Bylaw for Water, Sewer, Garbage, & Recycling"

2. Fees

- a) The bi-monthly & monthly Utility Fees applied to all properties within the Village of Duchess shall be in accordance with Schedule "A" attached and forming part of this Bylaw.

3. Collection Procedures

- a) For Purposes of this Bylaw, the collection procedure set out in Schedule "B" hereto shall be followed as nearly as may be practicable to achieve collection of accounts rendered hereunder.
- b) Failure on the part of the Village of Duchess or any of its staff or agents, to comply Strictly with the collection procedures set out in Schedule "B" shall in no way hinder or void the Villages' right to collect the account, nor shall it in any way hinder the Village from pursuing its remedies for collection.

4. Enforcement

- a) All customers receiving utility Services pursuant to this Bylaw shall pay Utility Fees.
- b) A customer shall be deemed to be receiving Utility Services if the building which the customer owns is within the Village of Duchess, whether or not the customer

actually receives the Utility Service except where a motion has been passed by Village Council to the contrary.

- c) The rates charged shall be due and payable when rendered, and a penalty of 2% shall be charged if an account is not paid within 30 days from the date shown on the billing statement. An additional 2% will be charged on all outstanding balances each billing period on the billing date.
- d) In the event that water meters have not been read within 7 days after the end of the bi-monthly billing period, the Village Foreman or the CAO may estimate water consumption for that period, but for not more than three consecutive billing periods, using a reasonable basis of estimation.
- e) The Village of Duchess may discontinue Utility Services as outlined in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw.
- f) The owner/s will be responsible for the utility charges to the property, to which service has been provided and bills will be sent directly to the owner.
- g) The sum payable by the owner for the public utility supplied by the Village of Duchess, including all penalties, costs and charges resulting therefrom, may be transferred to the owners tax roll at any time after sixty (60) days from the date of billing.

6. Bylaw 518-24, as amended, is repealed upon this Bylaw coming into effect.

This Bylaw shall come into force on the date of third and final reading and pricing shall be effective for July 1st, 2025.

READ a first time this 23rd day of April 2025.

READ a second time this 23rd day of April 2024.

READ a third time and passed by unanimous consent this 23rd day of April 2025.

Mayor _____

CAO _____

Village of Dutchess

Utility Rates – Bi-Monthly Utilities & Monthly Bulk Water Rates

This Schedule Change will be effective on July 1st, 2025

Schedule “A” Bylaw 528-25	Water (bi-monthly)	Sewer (bi-monthly)	Garbage & Recycling (bi-monthly)
Residential single family	\$50.00 basic rate plus \$1.35 per cubic meter of consumption	\$30.00 basic rate	\$32.75 basic rate & \$3.55 recycling
Residential multi family	\$80.00 basic rate plus \$1.35 per cubic meter of consumption	\$90.00 basic rate	\$61.79 basic rate plus 32.75 per extra bin required \$3.55 recycling
Commercial A under 30 cubic meters per period	\$80.00 basic rate plus \$1.35 per cubic meter of consumption	\$54.00 basic rate	\$32.75 basic rate per bin & \$3.55 recycling
Commercial B over 30 cubic meters per period	\$80.00 basic rate plus \$1.35 per cubic meter of consumption	\$120.00 basic rate	Based on a private contracted price Plus \$3.55 recycling
Commercial C Industrial	\$80.00 basic rate plus \$1.35 per cubic meter of consumption	\$75.00 basic rate	Based on a private contracted price Plus \$3.55 recycling
Commercial D Public institutions Churches	\$80.00 basic rate plus \$1.35 per cubic meter of consumption	\$45.00 basic rate	Based on a private contracted price Plus \$3.55 recycling
Commercial E School	\$80.00 basic rate plus \$1.35 per cubic meter of consumption	\$225.00 basic rate	Based on a private contracted price Plus \$3.55 recycling
Residential users	Bulk water (monthly) \$4.44 per cubic meter		
Commercial users	Bulk water (monthly) \$5.84 per cubic meter		

SCHEDULE "B" Bylaw 528-25

1. This Schedule may be cited as the Collection Procedure Schedule.
2. The following collection procedure shall be followed as nearly as may be practicable to achieve collection of accounts rendered hereunder on a basis equitable to all utility customers or users.
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 - a) Water meters shall be read during the period comprised of the last four days of a bi-monthly billing month and the first four days of the next following month or an estimate will be made in accordance with Section 2(b) of this Bylaw. The last day of the billing month shall be the billing date.
 - b) A penalty shall be added pursuant to Section 4(c) of this Bylaw and the date it is added shall be the penalty date.
 - c) A past due stamp or reminder notice shall be issued to each consumer or user having a balance outstanding on the next billing date.
 - d) In the event that actions taken pursuant to this collection schedule fail to achieve collection of an account prior to discontinuation of service and where service has been provided to a consumer or user who is not the owner or purchaser of a building or lot to which the service has been provided, a written notice shall be issued to the owner indicating that the account is seriously overdue and service is subject to discontinuation. The date of discontinuation shall be specified in the notice. Such notice is to be provided to the owner not later than four days prior to the discontinuation date.
 - d) All services may be discontinued on each account having a balance outstanding sixteen days after the overdue notice date.
 - f) A reconnect fee of \$50.00 may be charged to each account which has been disconnected.