



CHATFIELD SOUTH WATER DISTRICT

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Dear Chatfield South Water District Residents,

At the District's most recent Regular Meeting, the Board of Directors approved a **15% adjustment to the District's water usage rates and bi-monthly service fee**, effective **June 1, 2026**.

This decision was not made lightly. The Board carefully reviewed current operating costs, regional drought conditions, and the District's long-term infrastructure needs before taking action.

Why Are Rates Increasing?

Denver Water Cost Increases

Chatfield South Water District purchases its potable water from Denver Water. In **January 2026**, Denver Water increased its wholesale water rate.

Because the District purchases and delivers this water to residents, wholesale cost increases directly impact the District's operating expenses and must be reflected in the District's rate structure to maintain reliable service.

Infrastructure Planning and Rising Operational Costs

The increase to the bi-monthly service fee will help the District better manage increasing operational costs, including maintenance, administration, system oversight, and utility-related expenses.

A portion of this adjustment will also fund a much-needed **Reserve Study**, which will evaluate the current condition of the District's infrastructure and help establish a proactive long-term maintenance and capital planning strategy. This planning helps

minimize the risk of unexpected infrastructure failures and allows the District to better prepare for future repair and replacement costs.

Updated Rates Effective June 1, 2026

Service	Current Rate	New Rate
Bi-Monthly Service Fee	\$65.00	\$75.00
1–30,000 Gallons	\$5.10 / 1,000 gallons	\$5.87 / 1,000 gallons
30,001–50,000 Gallons	\$7.35 / 1,000 gallons	\$8.45 / 1,000 gallons
50,001+ Gallons	\$9.80 / 1,000 gallons	\$11.27 / 1,000 gallons

Drought Conditions and Water Conservation

Denver Water has declared a **Stage 1 Drought** due to historically low snowpack, below-average runoff projections, and ongoing drought conditions throughout Colorado.

As a contract water customer of Denver Water, Chatfield South Water District is required to comply with the drought restrictions imposed under our water supply agreement. This includes:

- A **reduction in water deliveries** to the District
- No outdoor watering between **10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**
- Participation in regional conservation efforts to reduce overall water demand

To help preserve available water supplies and avoid additional restrictions, the District strongly encourages all residents to reduce **non-essential water use**, particularly outdoor irrigation.

Residents can help by:

- Limiting lawn watering
- Watering only during permitted hours
- Checking irrigation systems for leaks or overspray
- Avoiding runoff and unnecessary water waste
- Delaying non-essential outdoor water use where possible
- **Monitor individual water usage using the EyeOnWater app on a smart device**

Conservation now will help protect water availability for the entire community throughout the irrigation season.

Effective Date

These updated rates and fees will become effective **June 1, 2026**, and will be reflected in future utility billings.

We appreciate your understanding, cooperation, and commitment to helping the District responsibly manage its water resources during these challenging drought conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact District Management.

Warm regards,

Chatfield South Water District Board of Directors