

**STATE BUDGET INCLUDES A NEW WATER ASSESSMENT
FOR COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS**
Fees to be assessed beginning in mid-2018 to all MDC water customers

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For Immediate Release

(HARTFORD, CT) – The Metropolitan District (MDC) is notifying all customers that in 2018, a new assessment imposed by the state of Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH), as mandated by the recently-adopted State budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, will begin to be assessed against all Community Water Systems with 100 or more service connections, which includes MDC. During the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, each water company must pay to the state Department of Public Health a Safe Drinking Water Primary Assessment to support the department’s ability to maintain EPA-designated primacy (primary enforcement authority to ensure safe drinking water standards for public drinking water).

While the Commissioner of CT DPH had not yet determined the exact amount of the assessment, for Community Water Systems with 100 or more service connections (such as MDC) the **fee shall be an amount established by CT DPH not to exceed \$4 per service connection per year**. As noted, although the provisions of the assessment do not become effective until July 1, 2018, a payment of 50% of the assessment is due to CT DPH on or before January 1, 2019 and the remainder is due on May 31, 2019. In order to collect and pay the fee in a timely manner, this fee will appear on MDC customer bills beginning in mid-2018.

For your information, Connecticut Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section Circular Letter #2017-14, regarding the Safe Drinking Water Primacy assessment, is attached to this press release.

Customers will receive a bill insert further detailing the DPH Primacy Fee in mid-2018. In addition, the MDC will continue to inform customers of the fee via websites, print publications, e-blasts and social media.

Additional 2018 rate information is available on the MDC’s Billing Services webpage at <https://themdc.org/customers/billing-services>.

About MDC: The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, wastewater treatment and other services to its member towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby and Portland.

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DWS Circular Letter #2017-14

To: Community Public Water Systems
Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems

From: Lori J. Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section

Date: December 21, 2017

Subject: Safe Drinking Water Primacy Assessment

Handwritten signature of Lori J. Mathieu in cursive.

Section 676 of Public Act 17-2 JSS, signed into law in October 2017, authorizes the Department of Public Health (DPH) to collect an assessment from water companies that own Non-Transient Non-Community public water systems (NTNC) and Community public water systems (CWS). Assessment fees are established within the Public Act, based upon the classification of the owned system. The DPH will begin collecting the assessment, in accordance with a timeline specified in the Public Act, to support the department's ability to maintain primacy under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

For your information, I provide a brief summary below of the law's requirements concerning how these assessments are to be determined. The department anticipates posting the cost to maintain primacy on its Internet website in early 2018, as well as the fee per service connection based on such cost. Please note, the DPH will then send an invoice to each water company providing the assessment amount due and detailing how the assessment was determined.

- All NTNCs = \$125 annual fee
- CWSs with less than 50 service connections = \$125 annual fee
- CWSs with 50 to 99 service connections = \$150 annual fee
- CWSs with 100 or more service connections = TBD (annual fee not to exceed \$4.00 per service connection)

For more information on the Safe Drinking Water Primacy Assessment, including important links and future updates, please visit the DPH website at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3139&q=599334>.

Future correspondence, including periodic circular letter updates, will be issued solely via email. Please provide your updated email address to DPH.fee@ct.gov to avoid missing critical updates on this important program, including notifications regarding the cost to maintain primacy and the fee per service connection amount.



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