

Disconnection Policy

- (1) Utility bills are due the 15th of the month with a 15% penalty (*5% during winter months*) being applied on the 16th to only the balance remaining on the bill.
 - a. In the case where the 15th lands on a weekend or a holiday, residents will be given the next full business day to pay without receiving the penalty.
 - b. The day after, penalties will be applied and disconnect notices will be sent.
- (2) Each resident whose bill is past due will automatically be given an extension, which will be stated in the Disconnect Notice that's sent.
- (3) Disconnections will take place at 10:30 a.m. the day after extension payments are due.
 - a. Residents can still pay prior to 10:30 a.m. that day without getting disconnected.
 - b. If the day after extension payments are due is a holiday or there's bad weather, then disconnections will occur the following day.
- (4) Disconnections will <u>only</u> be alleviated if payment or a *written* payment guarantee from an assistance program is received by 10:30 a.m.
- (5) A doctor's note will be accepted to alleviate disconnection <u>one</u> time as long as it's received <u>prior</u> to disconnection. The previous back balance will need to be paid before the resident can submit another doctor's note for the new back balance.
- (6) A maximum balance of \$40.00 will be allowed to carry over into the following month's bill if payment is made <u>prior</u> to being disconnected.
- (7) If a disconnection occurs, the <u>full</u> back balance will need to be paid plus the \$25.00 reconnection fee to have services turned back on. Reconnection can also occur if a *written* payment guarantee from an assistance program is received for the full back balance plus the reconnection fee.
- (8) Winter months are from November 1st to March 31st.
 - a. Starting on the December utility bill and ending on the April utility bill, penalties will be 5%.
 - b. Customers will only be required to pay 75% of their back balance by the extension due date.
 - c. By the extension date in May for April's utility bill, the back balance must be all caught up.