

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING REAL ESTATE CLOSING READ BILLS



Michigan state law provides a lien upon a house or other building and upon the premises as security for the collection of water or sewer rates. Unpaid water and sewer balances can be transferred once a year to Detroit property taxes. Once the past due amount is transferred, Wayne County can and may initiate a foreclosure on the property. Requesting a final real estate closing read will ensure that the title to the property is clear, outstanding balances are paid, and is strongly suggested by DWSD to protect both the property owner and the buyer.

Q. Why should I schedule a real estate closing read appointment?

A. To accurately determine the balance due. DWSD will read and test the water meter for accuracy and issue a final real estate closing bill for the referenced address.

Q. How do I schedule a real estate closing read appointment?

A. By visiting any Detroit Water and Sewerage Customer Service Office, or by calling the Real Estate Closing Customer Service telephone number at (313) 267-8009 or via email: closings@dwsd.org.

Office locations: 735 Randolph, between Bates and Farmer
13303 E. McNichols Road at Alcoy St.
15600 W. Grand River at Winthrop St.

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Q. What time will the real estate appointment take place?

A. The real estate closing appointments are scheduled Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Q. When should I schedule the real estate closing appointment?

A. DWSD will attempt to produce the final real estate closing bill within thirty days (30) of the scheduled date. Therefore, the real estate closing read should be scheduled at least 30 days prior to closing.

Q. Is there a fee for the real estate closing?

A. Yes. There is a \$30.00 fee assessed for the final real estate closing bill for non-automated meter reading accounts. You may either pay the fee at the time you schedule the appointment, or the fee will be added to the final billing.

If you have any questions, you may contact our Real Estate Closing Unit at (313) 267-8009.