## **Tenant-Occupied Property Policy**

Tri County Regional Water Distribution District may allow tenants of property to open an account, register a meter in the tenant's name, and cause monthly billings to be mailed directly to and paid by the tenant. Factors considered in this process include credit history, past account status with Tri County and other utilities with which the tenant has maintained an account, and income and expense information. A deposit will be required of all tenants, and the amount of the deposit shall be determined by Tri County.

In the event such tenant-occupied property becomes subject to repeated late charges, shut-off notices (whether or not the service is actually shut-off), tampering, altering or attempted altering of the meter, or if access to the meter or necessary equipment is impeded or prevented, Tri County may close such account, and require a replacement meter be registered in the owner(s) name. The decision to close such account shall be solely at the discretion of Tri County Regional Water Distribution District. In that event, all charges due and owing on the property's account shall be deducted from the tenant's deposit, and any remaining amount owed shall be the responsibility of the owner(s), and such charges, along with any reconnection fee and any new deposit required (which shall be determined in the sole discretion of Tri County Regional Water Distribution District), must be paid in full prior to the re-connection of service.

Owner(s) of the location are responsible for the acts of their tenants at the location, regardless of whether the account is in the name of the tenant or the owner. Attempts to bypass or alter the meter, impede access to the meter or equipment or otherwise engage in improper activities may result in additional fees and charges to the account and the disruption or termination of service. All such acts of tenants, insofar as charges and fees associated with the service to the location, are the responsibility of the owner(s).

In the event of repeated violations of this policy, Tri County Regional Water Distribution District reserves the right to place additional conditions upon service to the location, or to terminate service to the location.