



LCA SUBURBAN DIVISION

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January – March 2021 Newsletter

Customer Notice – 2021 Suburban Water Rates!

Starting January 1, 2021, Lehigh County Authority’s Suburban water rates are increasing by \$7 per quarter (\$28 annually) for most residential customers. Commercial / industrial customers will notice higher increases due to high water volume usage.

Special Customer Notices:

- Customers on Welshtown Road will see no changes in your water bill at this time.

Why are Rates Increasing? The rate increase will cover LCA’s increased costs for labor, insurance, utilities, and chemicals in 2021, along with technology and cybersecurity upgrades, improved preventive maintenance programs, and increased costs for water production and treatment. Revenue generated through the rates is invested directly back into the system in the form of rehabilitation, preventive maintenance, and improvements.

LCA Water Rate Explanation: Your water bill includes a fixed charge and a volume charge.

	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Current Fixed Charge</u>	<u>NEW 2021 Fixed Charge</u>
<u>Quarterly</u>	5/8" & 3/4"	\$ 13.05	\$ 20.05
	1"	\$ 23.13	\$ 35.54
<u>Monthly</u>	1-1/2"	\$ 17.53	\$ 26.93
	2"	\$ 24.26	\$ 37.27
	3"	\$ 43.80	\$ 67.29
	4"	\$ 64.20	\$ 98.64
	6"	\$ 120.30	\$ 184.83
	8"	\$ 186.90	\$ 287.15
	10"	\$ 263.10	\$ 404.23

<u>Quarterly Water Usage</u>	<u>Current Volume Charge</u>	<u>NEW Volume Charge</u>
0 – 120,000 gallons per quarter	\$2.76 per 1000 gallons	\$2.76 per 1000 gallons
Next 2,880,000 gallons	\$2.50	\$2.68
Next 24,000,000 gallons	\$2.18	\$2.33
Next 147,000,000 gallons	\$1.88	\$2.01
Over 174,000,000 gallons	\$1.70	\$1.82

Billing Example: Typical residential customer using 15,000 gallons per quarter, with a 5/8" meter:

	<u>Current Bill</u>	<u>NEW Bill</u>
Fixed Charge	\$13.05	\$20.05
<u>Volume Charge</u>	<u>\$41.40 (\$2.76 per 1000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$41.40 (\$2.76 per 1000 gallons)</u>
Total Quarterly Bill	\$54.45	\$61.45

LCA makes every effort to operate as efficiently as possible to ensure our services are of the highest quality, affordable and reliable. We are pleased to provide this service to you at some of the lowest water rates across the state.

For more information, or to view a complete Water Rate Schedule, please visit us online at www.lehighcountyauthority.org. **THANK YOU!**