



SUBURBAN DIVISION

2022 Water Rates

On November 8, 2021, the LCA Board of Directors voted to approve and adopt new rates, which will be in effect beginning on January 1, 2022. Water rates are increasing by \$18.75 per quarter (\$75 annually) for most residential customers. Commercial / industrial customers will notice higher increases due to high water volume usage. Read the memo from CEO Liesel Gross to the Board of Directors explaining why an increase in rates is needed [here](#). There is no change for LCA Suburban sewer rates. Check with your specific township for information on sewer rates and fees.

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

Why are Rates Increasing? LCA’s 2022 Budget outlines a need for ongoing repair and replacement of aging infrastructure like water mains and storage tanks. Because these improvements will occur annually, the expenses must be covered through the rates. This will limit the need to borrow for these projects in the future and will have a long-term benefit of controlling future rate increases. The 2022 rate increase also covers increased costs for labor and materials, insurance, water supply costs, technology upgrades, and improved preventive maintenance and asset management programs. 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"	\$ 20.05	\$ 31.30
	1"	\$ 35.54	\$ 55.48
<u>Monthly</u>	1-1/2"	\$ 26.93	\$ 42.04
	2"	\$ 37.27	\$ 58.18
	3"	\$ 67.29	\$ 105.05
	4"	\$ 98.64	\$ 154.00
	6"	\$ 184.83	\$ 288.54
	8"	\$ 287.15	\$ 448.27
	10"	\$ 404.23	\$ 631.04

<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	\$3.26 per 1000 gallons
Next 2,880,000 gallons	\$2.68	\$3.17
Next 24,000,000 gallons	\$2.33	\$2.75
Next 147,000,000 gallons	\$2.01	\$2.38
Over 174,000,000 gallons	\$1.82	\$2.15

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	\$20.05	\$31.30
Volume Charge	\$41.40 (\$2.76 per 1000 gallons)	\$48.90 (\$3.26 per 1000 gallons)
Total Quarterly Bill	\$61.45	\$80.20

LCA makes every effort to operate as efficiently as possible to ensure our services are of the highest quality, affordable, and reliable. Our rates remain among the lowest water rates across the state.

The complete draft 2022 Water Rate Schedule is available [here](#).