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LCA Customer Newsletter

January – March 2023

Starting January 1, 2023, Lehigh County Authority’s Suburban water rates are increasing by approximately \$4.80 per quarter (\$19.20 annually) for most residential customers. Commercial/industrial customers will notice higher increases due to high water volume usage.

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

What about sewer rates? If you receive a sewer bill directly from LCA, there are no changes to your sewer rates for 2023. If you receive a sewer bill from the municipality where you live, not from LCA, please check with your municipality to learn more about their sewer rates for 2023.

Why are water rates increasing? LCA’s 2023 Budget outlines a need for ongoing repair and replacement of aging infrastructure like water mains, storage tanks, and system upgrades. We expect our local need for infrastructure improvements to be well in excess of \$200 million over the next 10 years. As a utility and a community, we must be prepared for continued increases to our water and sewer rates to meet these system needs. The decision to raise rates is weighed carefully against the long-term needs of the system so that we can fulfill our mission to protect public health and the environment. For more information, or to view a complete Water Rate Schedule, please visit us online at www.lehighcountyauthority.org.

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

	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Fixed Charge – NO CHANGE IN 2023</u>
<u>Quarterly</u>	5/8" & 3/4"	\$ 31.30
	1"	\$ 55.48
<u>Monthly</u>	1-1/2"	\$ 42.04
	2"	\$ 58.18
	3"	\$ 105.05
	4"	\$ 154.00
	6"	\$ 288.54
	8"	\$ 448.27
	10"	\$ 631.04

<u>Quarterly Water Usage</u>	<u>Current Volume Charge</u>	<u>NEW Volume Charge</u>
0 – 120,000 gallons per quarter	\$3.26 per 1000 gallons	\$3.58 per 1000 gallons
Next 2,880,000 gallons	\$3.17	\$3.24
Next 24,000,000 gallons	\$2.75	\$2.83
Next 147,000,000 gallons	\$2.38	\$2.63
Over 174,000,000 gallons	\$2.15	\$2.44

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	\$31.30	\$31.30
Volume Charge	\$48.90 (\$3.26 per 1000 gallons)	\$53.70 (\$3.58 per 1000 gallons)
Total Quarterly Bill	\$80.20	\$85.00