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LCA Customer Newsletter

January – March 2024

Starting January 1, 2024, Lehigh County Authority’s Suburban water rates are increasing by approximately \$3.30 per quarter (\$13.20 per year) 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 their water bill at this time.

Why are Rates Increasing? The LCA Capital Plan for 2024 includes a substantial increase in spending on necessary plant upgrades and infrastructure improvement projects. The 2024 Budget also includes an increase in overall operating costs to address the impacts of inflation, supply chain challenges, and other cost increases.

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

	Meter Size	Fixed Charge – NO CHANGE IN 2024
<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	\$3.58 per 1000 gallons	\$3.80 per 1000 gallons
Next 2,880,000 gallons	\$3.24	\$3.43
Next 24,000,000 gallons	\$2.83	\$3.00
Next 147,000,000 gallons	\$2.63	\$2.75
Over 174,000,000 gallons	\$2.44	\$2.55

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	\$53.70 (\$3.58 per 1000 gallons)	\$57.00 (\$3.80 per 1000 gallons)
Total Quarterly Bill	\$85.00	\$88.30

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!**