



LCA Currents

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Every customer counts.

LCA Common Water Rates: 2013 Update!

Lehigh County Authority customers who are on our “common rates” will see a water rate increase starting April 1, 2013.

What is Changing? This increase will affect residential customers by increasing the cost per 1,000 gallons by \$0.08.

Who is Affected? All customers in LCA’s Common Rate System are affected by this rate change, including the following divisions: Central Lehigh, North Whitehall, Washington Township, Mill Creek, Pine Lakes, Beverly Hills, Emmaus

Consecutive, Arcadia West, Upper Milford and Clearview Farm Estates.

Customers in the Buss Acres, Welshtown Road, and Madison Park systems will see no changes in their bill.

Not sure what water division you are in? Look at the charges on your water bill above, which describe what system you are served by. You can also find more online at www.lehighcountyauthority.org

Why are Rates Increasing? Our 2010 water rate study reviewed all costs and revenues to determine the actual cost of providing service to you over the next five years. To avoid a major rate increase all at one time, your water rates are adjusted annually with smaller increases. This year’s rate change is approximately 3% and reflects the third step in the rate adjustment since the study was completed. Any additional adjustments to your rates would be determined no more frequently than once a year.

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2012 Water Rate Explanation:

Residential customers, who typically use 18,000 gallons of water per quarter, will see an increase of about \$1.80 on their quarterly bill. Other customers, such as commercial and industrial customers who use more water, will see higher increases.

<u>Quarterly Water Usage</u>	<u>Current Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	<u>NEW Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
0 – 120,000 gallons per quarter	\$2.07	\$2.17
Next 2,880,000 gallons	\$1.92	\$1.99
Next 24,000,000 gallons	\$1.59	\$1.65
Next 147,000,000 gallons	\$1.38	\$1.43
Over 174,000,000 gallons	\$1.26	\$1.26

	<u>Current Bill</u>	<u>New Bill</u>
Fixed Charge	\$11.70	\$11.70
<u>Volume Charge</u>	<u>\$37.26 (18,000 at \$2.07 per 1,000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$39.06 (\$2.17 per 1,000 gallons)</u>
Total Quarterly Bill	\$48.96	\$50.76

