



LCA SUBURBAN DIVISION

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January – March 2018 Newsletter

Customer Notice – 2018 Suburban Water Rates!

Starting, January 1, 2018, Lehigh County Authority’s “Common Rates” will increase for water customers in the following divisions: Central Lehigh, North Whitehall, Washington Township, Heidelberg Heights, Arcadia West, Pine Lakes, Mill Creek, Beverly Hills, Clearview Farm Estates, Emmaus Consecutive and Upper Milford. Look at the charges on your enclosed water bill to find the division serving your property.

Special Customer Notices:

- Customers in the Upper Milford Central (Buss Acres) and Madison Park North divisions will be transferred into this Common Rate structure in the first quarter of 2018.
- Customers on Welshtown Road will see no changes in your water bill at this time.

Why are Rates Increasing? This year’s rate change is approximately 3.5% for most residential customers, although the impact will depend on your water usage and meter size. This increase will cover LCA’s costs for labor, insurance, utilities and chemicals in 2018. 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: As described below, your water bill includes a fixed charge and a volume charge, both of which are changing in 2018.

	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Current Fixed Charge</u>	<u>NEW Fixed Charge</u>
<i>Quarterly</i>	5/8" & 3/4"	\$ 11.70	\$ 12.78
	1"	21.60	21.93
<i>Monthly</i>	1-1/2"	14.10	16.85
	2"	21.00	22.95
	3"	43.80	43.80
	4"	64.20	64.20
	6"	120.30	120.30
	8"	186.90	186.90
	10"	263.10	263.10

<u>Quarterly Water Usage</u>	<u>Current Volume Charge</u>	<u>NEW Volume Charge</u>
0 – 120,000 gallons per quarter	\$2.39 per 1000 gallons	\$2.43 per 1000 gallons
Next 2,880,000 gallons	\$2.19	\$2.21
Next 24,000,000 gallons	\$1.79	\$1.87
Next 147,000,000 gallons	\$1.51	\$1.65
Over 174,000,000 gallons	\$1.26	\$1.53

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	\$11.70	\$12.78
Volume Charge	\$35.85 (\$2.39 per 1000 gallons)	\$36.45 (\$2.43 per 1000 gallons)
Total Quarterly Bill	\$47.55	\$49.23

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!**