Lehigh County Authority

LCA SUBURBAN DIVISION

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January – March 2017 Newsletter

LCA Customer Notice – 2017 Suburban Water Rates!

Lehigh County Authority customers who are on our "common rates" will see a water rate increase starting January 1, 2017.

What is Changing? This increase will affect all Suburban Division water customers by increasing the cost per 1,000 gallons of water by $0.14.

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. Note: Customers in the Buss Acres, Welshtown Road, and Madison Park systems will see no changes in your water bill.

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

Why are Rates Increasing? This year's rate change is approximately 4.6% for most residential customers and is the first rate increase LCA has implemented since 2013. Over the past four years, costs for labor, insurance, utilities and chemicals have increased. In addition, LCA is investing the additional customer revenue directly back into the system in the form of system rehabilitation, preventive maintenance and overall system improvements.

LCA Water Rate Explanation:
Residential customers, who typically use 15,000 gallons of water per quarter, will see an increase of about $2.10 on their quarterly bill. Other customers, such as commercial and industrial customers who use more water, will see higher increases.

Quarterly Water Usage	Current Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gallons	NEW Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gallons
0 – 120,000 gallons per quarter	$2.25	$2.39
Next 2,880,000 gallons	$2.06	$2.19
Next 24,000,000 gallons	$1.70	$1.79
Next 147,000,000 gallons	$1.47	$1.51
Over 174,000,000 gallons	$1.26	$1.26

	Current Bill	New Bill
Fixed Charge	$11.70	$11.70
Volume Charge	$33.75 (15,000 x $2.25 per 1000 gallons)	$35.85 ($2.39 per 1000 gallons)
Total Quarterly Bill	**$45.45**	**$47.55**

LCA makes every effort to operate your water system as efficiently as possible to ensure our services are of the highest quality, affordable and reliable. Even after implementing this rate increase, 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!**