



# SUNBURY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

WATER FLOOD CONTROL WASTEWATER SOLID WASTE RECYCLING

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## Mission Statement

The Sunbury Municipal Authority provides Water, Wastewater, Flood Control, Solid Waste and Recycling services to the City of Sunbury and surrounding areas. Our mission is to serve our customers in a professional and responsible manner while protecting our environment and natural resources.

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## For More Information

If you have any questions, or would like additional or more specific Information, please contact Danny Ramer, General Manager, Sunbury Municipal Authority at: 286-5858

# IMPORTANT WATER METER INFORMATION TO ALL SUNBURY MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS



Starting January 2012, the Sunbury Municipal Authority will begin billing for water and wastewater services based on your water usage. Your new bill will be divided into two parts; a consumption charge and a fixed charge. The consumption charge will be based on gallons consumed as measured from your water meter. This charge covers operational expenses such as electricity, chemical and fuel costs. The fixed charge covers costs such as building and equipment maintenance, vehicle expenses, insurance and meter repairs and replacement.

As water meters were installed over the past two years, the Authority has been gathering water usage data. This data was used to develop user rates that will be charged starting in January. These rates were approved by the Sunbury Municipal Authority Board of Directors at their November 1, 2011 meeting.

The attached pages will detail the new water and wastewater rates that will be charged starting in January 2012. If you have any questions, please contact the Authority administrative office at (570) 286-5858.

## Things to know about your new water/wastewater metered billing

1. Now that you will be billed based on water usage, it is important to know how much water you should expect to use. Although monthly usage will vary from household to household and individual to individual, studies show the range of usage is from 1,500 to 3,000 gallons per individual per month. As an example, if you have a household of two (2), you should expect to use from 3,000 to 6,000 gallons of water per month.

If you are using more water than represented above, you may have water leaks. Leaking faucets and toilets are the most common cause of excess water usage. These types of leaks can cause thousands of gallons of wasted water per month. Wasted water at your property will be billed that the regular established water and wastewater usage rates. Therefore, it is extremely important to replace or repair any and all leaking water devices in your property.

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# Municipal Authority Directory

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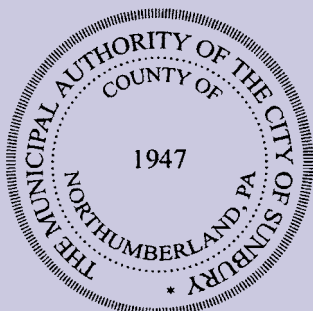
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# TO ALL SUNBURY MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS

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2. Although the Authority owns the water meter it is the responsibility of the customer to properly protect the meter from damage and freezing. Here are some tips and suggestions to prevent the meter from freezing:
  - a. Eliminate drafts in crawl spaces where water lines exist.
  - b. Repair broken and cracked windows and doors.
  - c. Check where your meter and pipes are installed, keeping in mind that it is colder near floors and foundation walls.
  - d. Ask your local plumbing supplier about materials to insulate pipes and meters.

**Expenses associated with damage to meters and associated meter equipment due to customer negligence will be the responsibility of the property owner.**

3. The Authority will no longer grant water and wastewater vacancy allowances with the start of the new meter based billing system. With the new billing system, if your property is vacant and no water is used, there will be no charge for the usage part of your bill. The water and wastewater fixed rate will be charged to all customers that have a water and wastewater service line connections to the Authorities main service lines.
4. No water or wastewater rate relief will be given to customers who use water for filling swimming pools, watering gardens, washing vehicles etc. All water that flows through your water meter will be billed at the established water and wastewater rates.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Sunbury Municipal Authority office at 286-5858.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny W. Ramer".

Danny W. Ramer

General Manager, Sunbury Municipal Authority

# WATER METER MONTHLY FLAT RATE

Monthly Flat Rate Customer Service Charge. This charge is based on the size of your water meter required to provide adequate service to your property. Rates are as follows:

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Monthly Flat Rate Charge</u>
Less than 2" meter	\$10.00
2" Meter	\$100.00
3" Meter	\$190.00
4" Meter	\$330.00
5" Meter	\$700.00
6" Meter	\$1,230.00
Monthly Water Usage Charge Per 1,000 Gallons of Usage	\$3.53

# WATER SERVICE BILLING RATE

Represented below is a table that shows water service billing amounts for varying amounts of water usage. These rates are for customers that have a meter size of less than 2".

<u>Your Monthly Water Usage</u>	<u>Monthly Flat Rate Service Charge (Less than 2" Water Meter)</u>	<u>Monthly Usage Charge (Per 1,000 Gallons of Water)</u>	<u>Total Monthly Water Charge</u>
1,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$3.53	\$13.53
2,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$7.06	\$17.06
3,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$10.59	\$20.59
4,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$14.12	\$24.12
5,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$17.65	\$27.65
6,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$21.18	\$31.18
7,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$24.71	\$34.71
8,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$28.24	\$38.24
9,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$31.77	\$41.77
10,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$35.30	\$45.30
11,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$38.83	\$48.83
12,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$42.36	\$52.36
13,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$45.89	\$55.89
14,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$49.42	\$59.42
15,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$52.95	\$62.95
20,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$70.60	\$80.60
30,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$105.90	\$115.90
40,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$141.20	\$151.20
50,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$176.50	\$186.50
75,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$264.75	\$274.75
100,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$353.00	\$363.00

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462 South Fourth Street

Sunbury, PA 17801



## HELP US OUT

The Authority is charged with maintaining the storm water collection system in the City. That system includes over 1,000 catch basins. Authority staff routinely cleans to clean 200 to 300 hundred catch basins a year. However,



some "problem" basins always get overlooked. If you see a basin that needs cleaned or is not taking water properly, we would ask that you report the problem to the Authority so that we can take appropriate action. Most times, the basins simply need cleaned, becoming clogged with debris such as leaves, road dirt, and trash. Keeping the basins clean helps reduce the amount of ponding and street flooding during wet weather. Please call the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 570-988-1930 or the Administrative Offices at 570-286-5858 to report drainage problems.