

Regulatory Requirement and New Billing



Water Meter Installation

The Municipal Authority of the City of Sunbury

PADEP Water Meter Installation Mandate

In order to comply with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (PADEP) mandate, the Municipal Authority has been actively working on the installation of water meters throughout our service area.

The Authority is planning to bid the work to install water meters in December of 2009. Actual installation of water meters is projected to start in the Summer of 2010.

What happens First

Water Line Services

Before water meters can be installed, we need to ensure that all separately owned properties have their own service line to their property only.

The customer's water service line is the part of the line that connects at the Authority's curb stop (located at or near the curb) and enters the customer's premise. This water service line is the property owner's responsibility to maintain and/or install if required.

If your separately owned property does not have its own water service line, contact the Authority at (570) 286-5858 for the specific requirements to have this line installed.

Galvanized Service Lines

All galvanized water service

lines will need to be replaced with Type K copper or

Copper Tubing Size (CTS) Polyethylene. PADEP is requiring the replacement to minimize leakage within the system to satisfy their requirement for "Unaccounted-for Water". If you have a galvanized water service line, contact the Authority for the specific instructions to replace this line.

If you are unsure or unable to determine what type of service you have entering your property, please contact the Water Department at (570) 988-1760. We will set up an appointment to assist you in identifying the type of service you have.

The installation of new service lines and the replacement of galvanized water service lines will need to be completed no later than December 31, 2009 to coincide with the water meter installation.

New Billing Information

In preparation for the installation of water meters throughout our service area, the Authority will be converting to a new monthly billing system.

Property owners will receive one monthly bill for all services provided by the Authority. The varied types of services that the

Authority presently charges for are listed below:

- Flat rate water charge
- Metered water charge
- Flat rate wastewater charge
- Additional or metered wastewater charges
- Flat rate Flood Control charge
- Private Fire Hydrant charge
- Sprinkler system charge

Currently you may be receiving several bills at different times for these varied services. This will change to a single billing.

The new bills will have a pre-addressed envelope attached for your payment convenience. Postage will remain the property owner's responsibility. If you prefer to make payments in person, the Authority Office will be open our regular hours and our drop box is available 24 hours for your convenience.

Transitioning to the new bill type will begin with the May 2009 billing. This first transition will mostly affect current water meter customers.

The second transition will occur in September 2009. The remainder of water meter customers and a portion of current flat rate customers will be affected at that time.

Effective January 2010, all customers should be transitioned to the new billing system.



For More Information

- Should you have any questions or would like additional or more specific information, please contact Danny Ramer, General Manager, Sunbury Municipal Authority at (570) 286-5858.

