

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

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Dear Customer:

The Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority Board would like to inform you of a planned sewage rate increase. We wanted to let you, our customer, know in advance of the increase so that you may plan your budget accordingly. The new rate is effective November 15, 2021 and will commence with all billing in April 2022, as follows:

Bi-Monthly Debt Service	\$60.00 per EDU*
Minimum Bi-Monthly Operating & Maintenance 0 – 5,000 Gallons	\$37.33 per EDU
Total Minimum Bi-Monthly Charge for 0 – 5,000 Gallons	<u>\$97.33 per EDU</u>
Variable Rate - \$6.00 per each additional 1,000 Gallons	
Non-Metered Well Water Bi-Monthly	\$145.33 per EDU

Ninety-five percent of Deer Creek's customers have their wastewater treated by Allegheny Valley Joint Sewer Authority (AVJSA). AVJSA is in the midst of expanding its facilities by order of the PA Department of Environmental Protection to meet environmental standards. Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority is a contract customer and is contractually obligated to pay 43% of the cost of this project. The Deer Creek Board and its professionals have worked diligently over the last couple of years to influence the scope and cost of this project. However, due to increased costs of materials and other factors, the bids for the project came in at 102.6 million dollars. Deer Creek's share of the project is 44 million dollars. The Debt Service part of the new rate will be used to cover this cost.

The last rate increase, which commenced with billing in February 2014, was calculated to remain stable for a five year period. Diligent management enabled those rates to remain in effect for nearly eight years. The Board and its professional staff will continue to monitor expenses so that the best service at the lowest possible rate can be provided.

***Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)** Dwelling Unit shall mean any room, group of rooms, enclosure, etc., occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters by a family or other group of persons living together or by persons living alone. Each dwelling unit in a double house, in a row of connection houses, or in an apartment shall be a separate entity for sewer service charge purposes.

Bi-Monthly Rate Schedule

The bi-monthly sewer bill is comprised of \$60 Debt Service, \$37.33 Operating and Maintenance for 0 – 5,000 gallons plus \$6 per each 1,000 gallons over 5, 000 gallons of water used as shown below.

Bi-Monthly Usage in thousands of gallons	Total Bi-Monthly Bill
0 – 5,000	\$ 97.33
6,000	103.33
7,000	109.33
8,000	115.33
9,000	121.33
10,000	127.33
11,000	133.33
12,000	139.33
13,000	145.33
14,000	151.33
15,000	157.33
16,000	163.33
17,000	169.33
18,000	175.33
19,000	181.33
20,000	187.33
21,000	193.33
22,000	199.33
23,000	205.33
24,000	211.33
25,000	217.33
26,000	223.33
27,000	229.33
28,000	235.33
29,000	241.33
30,000	247.33
31,000	253.33
32,000	259.33
33,000	265.33
34,000	271.33
35,000	277.33
36,000	283.33
37,000	289.33
38,000	295.33
39,000	301.33
40,000	307.33