

STATEMENT FROM THE CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

"The Cumberland Township Authority is increasing sewer rates effective January 1, 2024. The new rate per quarter will be \$143.00 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) which includes capital improvement funding. The five-dollar increase (3.9%) will appear on the January billing statements. The last sewer increase was ten years ago.

The Authority has experienced inflationary increases with all costs of operations for the two wastewater treatment plants and the eight pumping stations. Additionally, laboratory and chemical costs have increased along with additional testing requirements from the Pa. Dept. of Environmental Resources. The two treatment plants are nearing 20 years of age so the need for upgrades is ongoing. Capital projects were initiated in 2023 that will continue in 2024 and 2025. Additionally, a full-time operations employee will be hired in 2024 to assist the current operations staff of three full-time and two part time employees."

Residential growth continues to expand requiring additional personnel and proactive preventative maintenance seven days a week.

The Cumberland Township Authority appreciates the cooperation we receive from our citizens and customers. On-line payments can be made through the Authority's customer portal found on the Cumberland Township website www.cumberlandtownship.com. Once registered, customers can sign up for e-billing, make an ACH payment free of charge or a credit card payment (fees apply). Automatic payments are also available by completing the Sewer Payment Automatic Withdrawal Form found under Permit Forms, Applications and Documents on the Cumberland Township website.

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