

# PERKASIE REGIONAL AUTHORITY

Fall and Winter  
2017-2018

## Newsletter

Produced as a service to our Perkasio Borough, East Rockhill Township, West Rockhill Township and Hilltown Township customers



### Customer Alert

**PLEASE PROVIDE EMAILS!**

**Should you not receive your bill in the first few days of your billing cycle, an email is sent out to you as a reminder to avoid any late penalties**

**FYI - Bills are taken to the Post Office the day before they are to be mailed out**



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**In an Emergency, we can be contacted 24 hours a day!**

### Meetings Schedule

Perkasie Regional Authority meets at 150 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA at 7:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

Please visit our website at [www.perkasieauthority.org](http://www.perkasieauthority.org) for a list of all meeting dates

Meetings are open to the public for questions or concerns.

### Email

[info@perkasieauthority.org](mailto:info@perkasieauthority.org)

### Notification & Fee Schedule

Month #1	<b>1st of the month</b>	- Bills are dated and mailed
	<b>3rd of the month</b>	- Notification email is sent stating that bills have been sent out
	<b>21st of the month</b>	- 10% Late Penalty is added
	<b>31st of the month</b>	- Late Call
Month #2	<b>14th of the month</b>	- 5% Late Penalty is added
	<b>23rd of the month</b>	- 2nd Late Call
Month #3	<b>5th of the month</b>	- Door is posted and 5% Door Posting Penalty is added
	<b>13th of the month</b>	- Pending Certification Call
	<b>20th of the month</b>	- Certified Letter Sent and \$10 Fee Added
	<b>31st of the month</b>	- Services are shut off and \$60 Fee Added

\*NOTE \* - If services are requested to be restored after normal business hours an additional \$30 fee will be added for an on-call employee to come out and do so.

Month #1						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Month #2						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Month #3						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

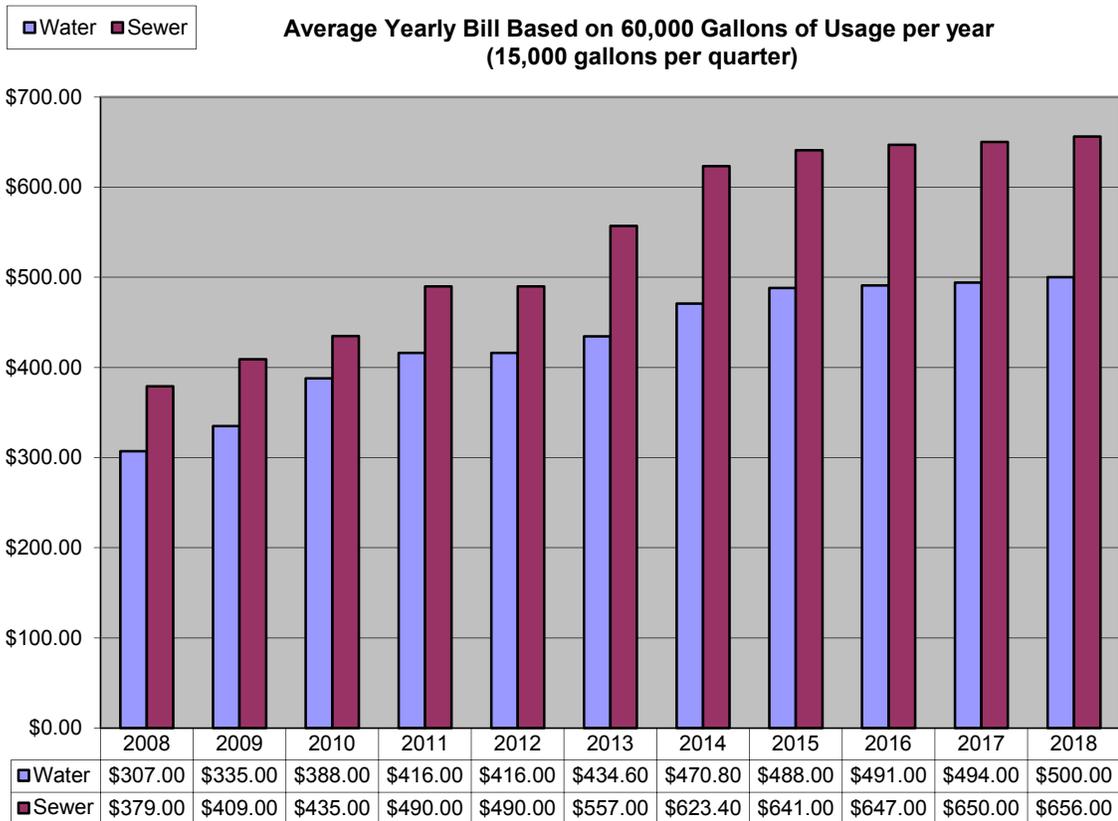
## 2018 Water and Sewer Rates

Since the beginning of this century, the Authority has increased rates twelve (12) times. In calendar year 2018, the average residential bill based on 60,000 gallons of water treated and approximately 90% of that water treated as sewage will rise to \$1,156.00. This equates the cost of producing, treating and distributing the water at \$8.33 per thousand gallons and \$10.93 per thousand gallons to collect, transport, treat and dispose of the sewage. This is an increase of \$12.00 per year \$0.10 per thousand gallons for water and \$0.10 per thousand gallons for sewer.

PRA must remain proactive about maintaining its 60.7 miles of water lines, 36.3 miles of sewer lines and water production facilities and continue to meet its obligations at the regional sewer plant.

The average quarterly bill will be roughly \$289.00. We realize this may be difficult for some of our customers to pay in one lump sum, therefore if you would contact our office we would be happy to make monthly payment arrangements for you.

We work hard to provide our customers dependable, high quality water and wastewater services that protect public health and safety while keeping our rates reasonable. If we put off necessary maintenance in our system, it will cost more in the long run. For additional information on the new water and sewer rates, please contact the office or visit our website at [www.perkasieauthority.org](http://www.perkasieauthority.org).



### Winterization Checklist

- Turn off valves to outside faucets and make sure to fully drain the faucets. You may also want to consider an insulated cover for the outside faucet.
- Disconnect your garden hoses from all outside faucets and drain if you store them outside.
- If you have any exposed water or drain piping in un-insulated spaces, make sure to insulate them with foam insulation at a minimum. Ideally they should be wrapped with electrical heating tape first and then insulated.
- If you have a sprinkler system, it is recommended to turn off the water supply and blow compressed air through the sprinkler lines to purge them of water to prevent them from freezing and bursting.

## 2018 System Flushing Beginning in May

The Authority's Annual System Flushing Maintenance Project begins in May and is projected to be completed in approximately two (2) weeks and all work takes place **during nighttime hours between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.** The reason for this annual project is to preserve water quality, guarantee sufficient water pressure, maintain fire hydrant operability and remove sediment buildup in the lines.

We stress the importance of not using your water during this time as you would only draw dirt and sediment into your service line. After 6:00 a.m., if the water is still discolored, let it settle for a half hour, then run the cold water for a few minutes. Additionally, we urge you to check your wash water prior to doing any laundry. Water Softeners should be turned off to prevent back siphoning of the softening media.

We alert our customers in advance by mailing post card notices and posting alerts on our website: [www.perkasieauthority.org](http://www.perkasieauthority.org). The Authority will also be alerting our customers via a rapid response phone call. You will receive a pre-recorded telephone message informing you when our flushing crew will be in your neighborhood. Property owners are responsible for contacting their tenants.

For more information regarding this routine maintenance project or if you would like to know your scheduled flushing day, please visit our website.

## PFOA/PFOS

The Perkasie Regional Authority is dedicated to providing the safest possible water supply around the clock to our consumers. Our customers' water meets or exceeds all federal EPA and Pennsylvania DEP drinking water standards. In today's climate of water quality and health safety there are consistently new reports regarding just about every aspect of water quality. Most recently there have been reports regarding Chromium-6 and Perfluorinated compounds.

In 2013 Perkasie Regional Authority completed its unregulated contaminant sampling (UCMR3) required by PA DEP. Two PRA's wells came back as non-detect for Chromium 6, two other wells came back as 1 part per billion and .07 part per billion respectively.

During that same UCMR3 sampling, PRA sampled on two separate occasions (March and September) for PFC's at all active well sites. Both sample occurrences for all four well sites returned as non-detectable.

Since those initial samples the health advisory limits (HAL) have become more stringent, and new testing procedures are now able to detect lower levels of PFC's. PRA voluntarily re-sampled for PFC's at all its well sites in September of 2016. Those levels are listed below, all of which are well under the current HAL of a combined 70 parts per trillion (ppt).

Well 4	Well 7	Well 10	Well 11
PFOA – 3.5 ppt	PFOA – 2.8 ppt	PFOA – 6.3 ppt	PFOA – 2.2 ppt
PFOS – 11 ppt	PFOS – 3.4 ppt	PFOS – 6.4 ppt	PFOS – 2.1 ppt
TOTAL – 14.5 ppt	TOTAL – 6.2 ppt	TOTAL – 12.7 ppt	TOTAL – 4.3 ppt

The unregulated contaminant monitoring rule (UCMR3) that required sampling was intended to aid in building a database for levels of different contaminants nationwide, not determine what the data means or could imply. PRA's results are one tenth of California's standards and one hundredth of the EPA's standards.

As more information is discovered and released regarding all contaminants PRA is dedicated to keeping its customers up to date and provided with high quality drinking water that meets all DEP and EPA standards. If you have any questions regarding these topics feel free to ask. You can visit our website or call our offices.



## Construction Updates

### Current and Completed Projects

As you have most likely noticed, the Borough of Perkasio is currently going through a residential and commercial growth period. There are a couple projects where constructions has begun and new water and sewer utilities are being installed.

- Penridge Airport is expanding with a proposed commercial development. This expansion is expected to have at least two (2) phases. The first phase will include two (2) large 100,000 SF commercial/industrial buildings and that construction is expected to begin in early 2018. The second phase is initially expected to include a hotel, restaurant and office spaces.
- Constitution Square is a development approved for forty-nine (49) townhomes at the corner of Constitution Avenue and Walnut Street. This project is projected to begin in Spring 2018.
- Perkasio Woods is a development approved for 144 townhomes located on the old Perkasio Industries site at the corner of East Spruce Street and Constitution Avenue.
- Hidden Meadows is a 48 single family home development with the potential for an additional 11 homes. The model home for this development was completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017 with the first sales anticipated for the end of 2017.

These new developments will not impact our ability to provide our existing customers water, sewer or fire protection, but should help to defray costs as a whole to our customer base. With roughly 200 new potential customers, the new revenues generated from development should minimize future rate increases and help to complete existing infrastructure upgrades.

With more potential development proposed for 2018, further water and sewer system upgrades could be completed allowing Perkasio Regional Authority to provide our customers with the best possible water and sewer service.

#### **Well #11 Media Replacement**

PRA will be replacing the absorptive media (see note below) and sand blasting and repainting the pipes and tanks for Well #11 for arsenic removal. The media was originally purchased in 2006 and at that time, PRA's Engineer, Andersen Engineering, informed PRA that the media would only last a few years before it would need to be replaced, however, due to PRA's blending of water, the media lasted over ten (10) years. This project went out to bid on or about October 11, 2017 and was awarded to Derstine LLC in the amount of \$263,000 and is scheduled to begin early 2018.

#### **Meter Replacement Program**

We will be continuing our Meter Replacement Program in 2018. We will continue to replace existing "physical read" touchpads meters with a new meter that transmits a read only when promoted from an Authority vehicle equipped with the appropriate equipment and software. These meters can also help identify any potential internal plumbing leaks or issues by recording a 90 day usage history.