

How PWD Rates Compare Regionally



2011 Regional Residential Water and Sewer Charges

	Monthly Water Bill	Monthly Sewer Bill
Aqua Pennsylvania +	\$53.61	N/A
Pennsylvania American Water +	\$54.60	N/A
New Jersey American Water +	\$35.59	N/A
North Penn Water Authority +	\$22.59	N/A
North Wales Water Authority +	\$20.16	N/A
Doylestown Township	\$27.98	\$38.75
Lower Gwynedd Municipal Authority **	N/A	\$29.23
CCMUA (Camden County) **	N/A	\$26.25
Trenton	\$28.11	\$25.57
Philadelphia Water Department	\$26.08	\$17.69

Rates in effect on November 14, 2011. Stormwater charges (\$13.66) are excluded from sewer calculations because many jurisdictions fund such services from the general tax base or a separate utility assessment.

Calculations based on 4,488 gallons/month (600 cu. ft.)

** Sewer-only utility.

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Source: Philadelphia Water Department/local rate comparison

In terms of rates, the Philadelphia Water Department continues to have some of the lowest rates in the region for water, wastewater, and stormwater services. Unlike many neighboring communities where sewer and stormwater fees are separate from water bills or assessed through an annual charge, Philadelphians receive a bill that combines water, wastewater, and stormwater charges. This combined billing sometimes leads to the impression that our water rates are high. In fact, even with the proposed FY13-FY16 revisions to rates, Philadelphia's water and sewer charges will continue to be among the lowest in the region. As shown on the comparison chart, PWD's water rates are less than half of those charged by many neighboring investor-owned utilities.