

Lyndhurst Water Rate/Fee Increase
Ordinance # 3110-22
Effective 5/1/2022

Reason for Increase

- Pay for the replacement of all lead service lines in town due to the signing of A5343/S3398 (requires public community water systems to inventory and replace lead service lines within 10 years; provides for recoupment of costs by investor-owned public water systems) into law in 2021.
- Pay for the replacement of all water meters and the meter reading system which are 23 years old.
- There was an increase in the bulk water rate that is supplied to the Township from the Passaic Valley Water Commission. Starting on 1/1/2022, wholesale water rates increased by 2% from \$2,950.07 per million gallons to \$3,009.07.

Importance of Replacing Lead Pipes

- Pipes containing lead that connect water mains to homes and other buildings (lead service lines) are a primary source of lead in drinking water.
- The presence of lead in drinking water represents a threat to the public health, especially the health and development of New Jersey's children.
- Lead exposure can cause serious health effects, particularly to children. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, lead can damage a child's brain and create learning and behavior problems. There is no safe amount of lead in a child's blood.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates at least 20% of human lead exposure is from drinking water. Infants who consume formula may get up to 60% of their lead exposure from water.

Importance of Replacing Water Meters

- The current meters are outdated and rundown. The technology for these meters has vastly improved since the current meters were installed.
- Many residents are shocked to see high water bills when their known usage doesn't match up to the amount read by the meter. This is usually the result of a leak somewhere in their home/property.
- The new meters will be much more user friendly than the current ones. They will notify residents about potential leaks or unusual water usage and will ensure that the readings are accurate.