



The Water Department's rates are competitive in the region and are nearly half the rates charged by public and private local water purveyors. A chart of comparative rates is set forth below:

Rate Comparison with Local Water & Sewer Providers^{1,2}

| Providers | Monthly Water Bill | Monthly Sewer Bill |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Aqua Pennsylvania ³ | \$59.90 | N/A |
| Cherry Hill Township (Camden County) | \$37.26 | \$35.67 |
| City of Trenton, New Jersey | \$28.11 | \$25.69 |
| Doylestown Township | \$29.02 | \$45.21 |
| Lower Gwynedd Municipal Authority ⁴ | N/A | \$29.23 |
| New Jersey American Water ³ | \$37.26 | N/A |
| North Penn Water Authority ³ | \$23.25 | N/A |
| North Wales Water Authority ³ | \$20.16 | N/A |
| Pennsylvania American Water ³ | \$54.60 | N/A |
| Philadelphia Water Department | \$28.71 | \$22.07 |

Source: Philadelphia Water Department/local rate comparison.

¹ Rates in effect on December 1, 2013. Stormwater charges (\$13.45) are excluded from sewer calculations because many jurisdictions fund such services.

² Calculations based upon 5/8" meter assumed usage of 4,488 gallons per month (600 cubic feet).

³ Water-only utility.

⁴ Sewer-only utility.

⁵ Water Department monthly sewer bill shown here does not reflect additional storm water charge.

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. As shown on the comparison chart, PWD's water rates are less than half of those charged by many neighboring investor-owned utilities.