

## **Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority**

**1 Gamble Lane  
Aston, PA 19014  
610-494-1335**

Dear Customer,

You will soon be receiving your new yearly sewer bill from the Authority for calendar year 2006. This letter explains the various items listed on your newly formatted bill. The previous method of billing was based on a fixed rate amount of \$75.00 per quarter, meaning that every customer paid the same amount. Commercial/Industrial customers paid based on a complicated formula, using number of employees, bathrooms, etc.

The flat rate has been lowered to \$70.00 per quarter. In addition to the flat rate, there is now a usage charge based on the amount of sewage flow into the system. This is calculated based on a percentage of your actual water usage in calendar year 2005 (85% residential, 95 commercial/industrial). Chester Water Authority and Philadelphia Suburban Water Company have provided your yearly water usage to the Sewer Authority.

If you are on well water, your bill will be estimated based on comparable properties and uses, unless you would like to meter your flow. In this case, arrangements can be made through the Authority office.

In previous years, you were sent a bill each quarter of the year. The new billing method reflects the total amount due for calendar year 2006 and offers you the option to receive a 2% discount if paid within 30 days of the billing date. If you prefer, you can elect to pay every quarter. If you elect the quarterly payment method, you will receive a statement reminding you of the amounts due every quarter.

This method of water-based sewer billing is a fairer system because it accounts for the differences between customers based on their sewage flows. Lower water usage, will result in lower bills. Provisions can be made for unusual water usage such as filling swimming pools and malfunctioning meters.

Enclosed is a copy of a sample bill, along with explanations for various lines to help you better understand the new method of billing.

We hope this billing explanation will be helpful. If you have any questions, please contact the SWDCMA office at 610-494-1335, extension 10. Please have your Account # and Invoice # handy.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Sincerely,

Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority