

## DO YOU PREFER BOTTLED WATER OR TAP WATER?

It is important to know the facts before deciding whether to drink bottled water or tap water.

One reason to choose tap over bottled water is cost. According to the article called "Who Knows the Water, The Nation," it is predicted that in this century, water will become as coveted as oil. Ranging from 99 cents to \$5 per gallon in the US. In some cases, water has already become more expensive than oil. According to Robert Tibbles, of NBC Nightly News, bottled water consumption could outpace coffee, milk and beer by the end of the year, despite the fact that bottled water costs almost 1000 times more than municipal water!

Tap water in Pompton Lakes is less than a penny a gallon. More importantly, Pompton Lakes water meets or exceeds state drinking water standards proving its' excellent quality. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires that bottled water meets federal requirements for tap water, but the finished product is not governmentally monitored. Tap water is governmentally monitored and tested on a daily basis, ensuring quality.

In addition, a considerable amount of waste is generated from bottled water. The World Wide Fund for Nature reported that 1.5 million tons of plastic are used each year to bottle water.

Due to its inadequate regulations, high cost and generation of plastic waste, bottled water may not be the best choice. You be the judge.

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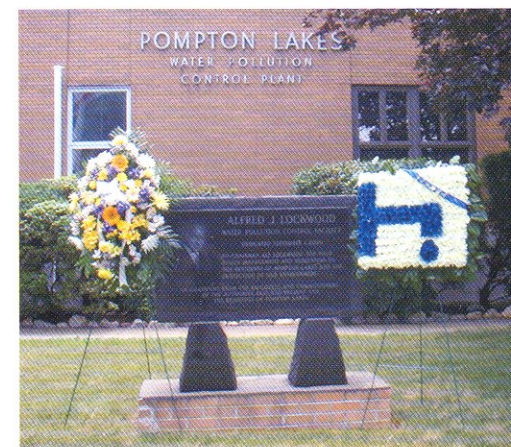
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## LET'S MAKE IT **CRYSTAL CLEAR**

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*In memory of...*  
**Alfred (Alf) Lockwood**  
**1918-2006**



The MUA and the Borough of Pompton Lakes recently mourned the passing of our long time Chairman and Commissioner.

An original member of the Authority appointed in 1964, Alf Lockwood served as chairman for 36 years until 2000 and retired in 2004. Our sewer and eventual water authority was created during his tenure. Under his management, the Authority became a top performing and respected government agency providing superior service and reliability to our customers, the residents of Pompton Lakes.

We will miss him!  
G.D. Decker, Chairman

## RATES COMPARISON

The chart below shows that Pompton Lakes M.U.A. offers exceptional rates for both water and sewer in comparison with surrounding towns.

We not only have a commitment to distributing the best quality water to our customers, we also acknowledge the importance of maintaining reasonable water and sewer rates.

### COMPARISON OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES FROM VARIOUS PROVIDERS

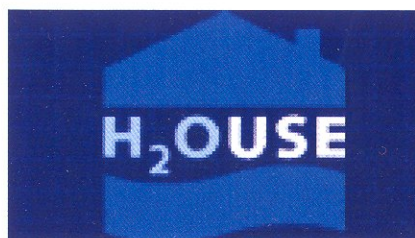
(BASED ON A AVERAGE CUSTOMER  
USAGE OF 19,000 GALLONS OF SEWER AND  
12,000 GALLONS OF WATER PER QUARTER)

MUNICIPALITY	WATER	SEWER
Bloomington	\$31.92	\$185.74
Butler	\$33.12	\$110.96
<b>Pompton Lakes M.U.A.</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>	<b>\$112.50</b>
Ringwood	\$59.64	\$300.00
Wanaque WBSA	\$48.40	\$200.00
West Milford	\$74.00	\$213.75

## BECOME A WATER SAVER HOME... TAKE THE TOUR

Although there have not been any imposed water restrictions yet this year, conserving water at home should still be a priority and can prove to be very beneficial for you and future generations.

Visit [www.h2ouse.org](http://www.h2ouse.org) and take the tour of the water saver home. Developed by a collaboration of the California Urban Water Conservation council and the EPA, [www.h2ouse.org](http://www.h2ouse.org) provides practical, everyday applications of conservation for a homeowner. Not only will it save you money, but also it will conserve our resources for future generations.



## FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING...

The Fall Hydrant flushing program will be conducted in October between the hours of midnight and 6 am.

In Pompton Lakes, hydrant flushing is done twice a year. It has proven to be a very beneficial practice for a number of reasons.

- It increases the movement or velocity of the water through the water mains. This action helps to remove any sediment that may have accumulated over time in the water mains.
- Flushing also helps maintain a free chlorine residual in the system. A residual is required by the New Jersey DEP to ensure that the system is being properly disinfected.
- In addition, during the flushing process each hydrant is tested for proper operation.

The flushing process is designed to remove any sediment in the water main and may temporarily discolor your water. If this discoloration occurs, simply run your cold water faucets for about 5-10 minutes to make sure the water is clear.

***Did you receive the annual Water Quality Report? If not, come down to the MUA and pick one up! It's good reading and very informative!***

If you have any questions concerning your drinking water or any suggestions for this newsletter please contact John F. Wegele, Andrea Giallorenzo or Kathleen Shortway at the Pompton Lakes M.U.A. office, # 973.839.3044. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Also, visit our website at [www.plbmua.org](http://www.plbmua.org) to view previous newsletter in our archives.