

*Comparison of Water and Sewer Rates in 2003
(Based on usage of 19,000 gallons per quarter)*

MUNICIPALITY	WATER	SEWER	TOTAL
Bloomington	\$86.54	\$ 185.74	\$272.82
Butler (In Town)	\$91.08	\$92.34	\$183.42
(Out of Town)	\$91.08	\$174.24	\$265.32
Pompton Lakes M.U.A.	\$32.50	\$112.50	\$145.00
Ringwood	\$90.25	\$300.00	\$390.25
Wanaque WBSA	\$60.09	\$200.00	\$260.09
West Milford	\$105.45	\$195.00	\$300.45

Courtesy of Bloomington Water and Sewer

*Comparison of Water and Sewer Rates in 2007
(Based on usage of 19,000 gallons per quarter)*

MUNICIPALITY	WATER	SEWER	TOTAL
Bloomington	\$111.41	\$ 237.05	\$348.46
Butler (In Town)	\$91.08	\$110.96	\$202.04
(Out of Town)	\$91.08	\$209.26	\$300.34
Pompton Lakes M.U.A.	\$32.50	\$112.50	\$145.00
Ringwood	\$94.43	\$300.00	\$394.43
Wanaque WBSA	\$75.30	\$200.00	\$275.30
West Milford	\$117.40	\$213.75	\$313.15

Courtesy of Pompton Lakes M.U.A.

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Resident of Pompton Lakes

Pompton Lakes, N. J. 07442

Pompton Lakes Borough M.U.A.

2000 Lincoln Avenue

Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442

LETS MAKE IT **CRYSTAL CLEAR**

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SEE INSIDE...DON'T MISS OUT!

- Up to date water and sewer rate comparison with surrounding towns.
- A quick look at the impact of products that are flushed
- Effects of over-fertilization
- How to protect your water meters and outdoor drains for winter weather

WATER AND SEWER CONSUMPTION BILLING COMPARISON

The following charts compare the water and sewer rates of towns in close proximity to Pompton Lakes in 2003 and again in 2007. As seen, water and sewer rates of Pompton Lakes are exceptionally reasonable in comparison to surrounding areas.

In addition, **The Pompton Lakes Borough M.U.A. has not raised rates since 1995.** 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.

WATER RATES PER 1,000 GALLONS

Municipality	2003	2007
Bloomington	\$2.66	\$3.39
Butler	\$2.76	\$2.76
Pompton Lakes Borough MUA	\$1.50	\$1.50
Ringwood	\$4.75	\$4.97
Wanaque WBSA	\$2.35	6,001 to 25,000 gals = \$3.10 25,000+ gals = \$3.90
West Milford	\$5.55	\$6.20

2003 data collected Courtesy of Bloomington Water and Sewer. 2007 data collected by the PLBMUA.

Problems arise when certain products are flushed down the toilet...

There has been an influx of products on the market that brag about easy disposal by flushing them down the toilet. While they can be flushed, this can become problematic. A large amount of these products can accumulate and cause blockages in sewer mains and laterals, ultimately causing messy backups in homes and businesses. In addition, these products are bulky and cause problems in treatment facilities and treatment processes. Pouring grease down the drain, throwing eggshells in a garbage disposal, and flushing diapers or feminine products also can contribute to problems in the sewer collection system and treatment plant.

Please, be conscious of what is flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink and the affects these products may have.

If you suspect a sewer blockage in your line, call the MUA first. PLBMUA employees will inspect the sewer main in the street and advise the property owner.

Eutrophication

Eutrophication is the increase of chemical nutrients, specifically compounds that contain nitrogen and phosphorous, in an ecosystem. Increase of nutrients is accelerated by run-off from lawn fertilizers into natural waters. Nutrients promote excessive plant growth, especially weeds, and disrupt the normal functioning of the lake, stream or river by causing numerous problems. Some are listed here...

- Decrease in biodiversity
- New species invasion
- Toxicity

When fertilizing lawns, use safe alternatives that do not contain phosphorous or nitrogen and make sure not to apply in excess. You can make a difference!

Winter is here and now is the time to protect your water meters and pipes from the cold months ahead. Precautionary measures can save you money and aggravation. Here are some suggestions...

- Install heat tape and/or insulation to your pipes, faucets or water meters that are located in unheated areas, like your basement or outside.
- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses.
- Locate the master shutoff in your home and make sure that it is operational; in the event of a pipe bursting this can be very helpful.
- **For your protection and that of your neighbors, please make sure snow is cleared from around fire hydrants near your home.**

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 to view previous newsletter in our archives.