



Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority "CWPCA"
41 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416

Dear Sewer User Customer:

April 1, 2017

As of July 1, 2017 the CWPCA (Sewer Department) new operating budget is \$2,120,437. You may have noticed the annual Sewer User Fee (per equivalent dwelling unit "EDU") has increased from \$250 to \$265. This is a \$15 or 6.0% increase from last year's annual user fee.

The 2016/2017 Fiscal Year's Mattabassett District Treatment Plant Wastewater Use Fee to Cromwell is \$917,890.

The new 2017/2018 Fiscal Year's Mattabassett District Wastewater Use Fee to Cromwell is set at \$888,309 a decrease of 3.2%; the CWPCA Annual Sewer User Fee of \$265 includes the Mattabassett sewage treatment fee.

The Sewer Department is currently working on the Infiltration/Inflow Rehabilitation Study project that is now ready for the construction phase with an estimated cost of \$1,445,000.

This year we also plan to upgrade our five sewage pumping station's alarm systems to a new SCADA Monitoring System that will monitor and record all control activities and functions thus reducing the need to regularly send personnel daily to check the stations making us more efficient. The annual Sewer User Fee includes equipment, vehicles, supplies, employees etc. this current project and the potential projects to maintain and make improvements to the sewer system. Without adequate funding, which comes from the Sewer User Fee, rehabilitation projects and the maintenance of the sanitary sewer system would not happen. As we all know everything has a life expectancy and the proper maintenance and planning for future improvements is essential.

The CWPCA is your advocate and looks out for Cromwell's best interest.

In response to these cost escalations, the CWPCA is taking every step to continue with sewer system improvements with the least amount of increase possible and still give you the level of service you deserve.

Starting this year you received a new Sewer Use Bill. It will look similar to the tax bill format. It will have an EDU value number on it. An EDU is based on a minimum 62,000 gallons per year. There is no proration for less usage than the minimum. Residential are a flat rate of \$265 for 1 EDU. Commercial will be \$265 for 1 EDU and anything over that consumption will be divided by 62,000 gallons and that will give you the EDU number on the bill.

Please remit the Sewer Use Bill payment by mail to the Tax Department. If you pay in person you will be paying your bill at the Tax Department Office but still making payment to the "CWPCA". We hope you find this informative when reviewing the CWPCA's Annual Sewer Usage Bill.

Sincerely,

Richard Peck,
Sewer Administrator, CWPCA