



**Portage-Base Lakes Area
Water & Sewer Authority**

At: Hamburg Township Hall Offices
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Sewer Rates:

Due to the need for significant upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the quarterly sewer rate has been raised from \$81.00 to \$90.00 per quarter. This increase will help build the capital reserves needed to pay for this project. The rate change will be reflected on the next bill which goes out on July 10th. This sewer rate is still nearly 50% lower than other sewer systems in the area as we have strived to keep costs as low as possible.

Flushable Wipes:

Section 8.1.2 of the Sewer Authority's Rules & Regulations says a user (that's you!) shall not contribute wastewater containing substances which may cause interference with the operation of the wastewater treatment facility. The Sewer Authority has determined that **even** flushable wipes do cause such interference and therefore are prohibited to be flushed into our sewer system.

Sodium Chloride in Softeners:

Additionally, the Authority's regulation against using sodium chloride in water softeners continues in place even if the regeneration water does not go into the sewer system. **Authority regulations are considered legal ordinances and severe penalties exist for their violation including fines of up to \$500.00 plus the cost of prosecution. Continued violation could result in up to 90 days in jail.**

**Thank you for your continued cooperation,
The Sewer Authority Board**