

Crawford Township Authority
P O Box 273, Jersey Shore, PA 17740

To: Customers of the Crawford Township Authority

This letter is to provide you with another status report on our water system. As we last reported, we had to raise our water rates for the first time in 7 years effective January 1, 2024, to allow us to meet the rising costs of operating and maintaining our treatment plant and system. We try to be very frugal and minimize our expenditures, as we board members are all water customers, and we recognize the impact that the water bill has on the household budget. There are several items we want to make you aware of which will affect our costs of operation.

The first is that under a new requirement of the Department of Environmental Protection and EPA we must determine if there is any lead material in the service lines serving your properties. We believe we have no lead service lines, but we must document to DEP that we have reviewed every individual service line and identify whether that line has lead or not. We must address both the portion of the line which we maintain, and also the portion for which you are responsible. In areas which we cannot document easily, we may need to dig to expose the line to determine the material. If we find any lead or galvanized iron service lines, we must develop a plan to replace them and submit that to DEP. Obviously, this could require major expenditures.

In order to document the material in the portion of the service line, which is your responsibility, we are requesting your help. The service line material may be checked at the point where it comes into the building, or where it connects to the water meter. While we can send a representative to check the material, this involves coordinating with your schedule and would involve paying a person both to arrange and make that visit. We are asking you to check the line yourself and report that information to us. This will save us the cost of sending someone out and reduce the cost to all our customers. We are requesting that you review the attached work sheet, complete as much as possible, and return it to the Crawford Township Authority P O Box 273, Jersey Shore, PA 17740 by **September 20th.**

The other new requirement is that we now must monitor for pollutants with long chemical names called Poly Fluoride Active Substances, identified as PFAS and PFOS, and commonly called “forever chemicals” because they tend to last forever. They may be found almost anywhere, and are found in Teflon coatings, waterproofing on clothes, and in a number of common household activities. The current cost of that sampling is over \$650 per quarter. Depending on the results of our sampling, we may need to add a process to remove these substances, as our current treatment technology will not remove them. We are hopeful that we do not find any of these substances in our testing.

We thank you for your time and cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact us at 570-745-3708.

SERVICE LINE QUESTIONNAIRE

1) Account holder's name _____

2) Property address _____

3) Do you know when your home was constructed?

Before January 6, 1991 _____

After January 6, 1991 _____

If you know the exact year, please provide that. _____

We do not know _____

4) Has your portion of the water service line ever been replaced? Yes No Don't know

If so, when was that completed? _____

5) Please look at the pipe where it enters your house or at the water meter and try to identify the material. You may need to scrape the pipe slightly with a knife or file to check the color.

Is the pipe plastic (probably white in color)? _____

Is the pipe metal, reddish orange or orange in color (copper)? _____

Is the pipe metal, black in color (possibly lead or galvanized iron)? _____

If the pipe is black in color, does a magnet stick to it (probably iron)? _____

6) If possible, please take a photo of the pipe and forward it to _____.
Include your name and service address with the photo.

Notes: If the pipe is metal and black in color, we will probably need to field check the material.

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Thank you for your cooperation.