

## Warwick Region Joint Strategic Plan Update



As many of you know, the Warwick Region Joint Strategic Plan comprised of Lititz Borough, Warwick Township and Elizabeth Township is being updated. Six public meetings were held in 2023 to obtain the community's input on economic development, housing, built & natural environment, and community services. The updated document is still being drafted and we anticipate a draft to the community in early 2024. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for the draft update. The Strengthening Communities 2030 website is <https://www.strengtheningcommunity2030.com> and includes links to the meeting presentations, maps, and surveys that were provided at the community meetings.



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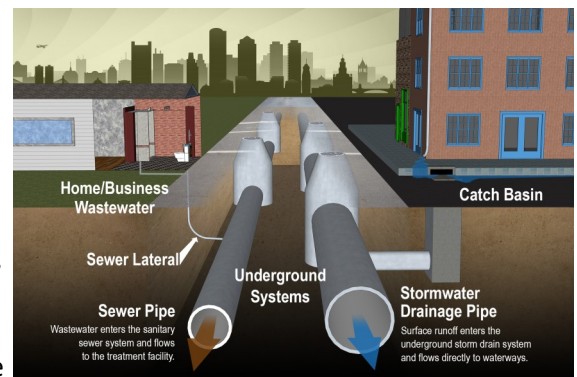
## Snowplowing

Before we know it, winter will be upon us. Winter brings the potential for snow; homeowners can assist the Public Works Department to provide an improved level of service by observing the following guidelines:

- Do not park vehicles on the street until the street has been completely cleared off. In most cases, trucks will plow the street two separate times. The first time will be to clear an access to the primary roads, and the second pass will push the snow back to the edge of the street.
- Wait until the street is plowed before clearing driveway openings.
- Never shovel snow out into the streets.
- Shovel out fire hydrants if they are located on your property.
- Motorists should be aware of Township vehicles salting or plowing snow. Motorists should not interfere or impede the plow in any way.
- Remove the snow or ice from your sidewalk within 12 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain.
- Make sure mailboxes are properly secured.

## Storm Water Guidelines

If you have a stormwater management facility on your property, such as a swale, basin, inlet, or outlet structure, most likely, you are responsible for maintenance of the facility.



This could include simply mowing these areas and keeping them free from debris, to making sure the rip rap (dispersing rocks) is replaced as needed, that pipes are not clogged, or possibly replacing malfunctioning facilities. Warwick Township staff inspects inlets and outfalls annually. If a maintenance issue arises, a notice is mailed to the property owner identifying the problem and providing recommendations to correct the issue.

Unlike the public sewer system that treats wastewater, stormwater drains directly to our streams, and ultimately, to our watershed untreated. Contamination of the stormwater system leads to contamination of our streams and water supply. Clean water is everyone's responsibility. Below are guidelines to follow to do your part for the environment:

- Don't dump or pour any material into storm drain inlets.
- Don't pile or dump grass clippings, leaves, mulch or other debris in basins, swales or streams.
- Don't apply pesticides, fertilizer or herbicides prior to or during a rainfall.
- Report illegal dumping to Warwick Township.

To learn more, visit our website at:  
[www.warwicktownship.org/stormwater](http://www.warwicktownship.org/stormwater).

JUST FOCUS ON THE **BIG 4!** PLACE **ONLY** THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BIN.

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CORRUGATED  
CARDBOARD

Flattened

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PLASTIC BOTTLES  
& JUGS WITH NECKS

Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed

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METAL FOOD &  
BEVERAGE CANS

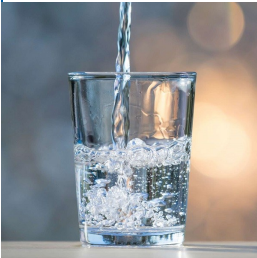
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GLASS JARS  
& BOTTLES



## 2024 Water and Sewer Rate Changes



Beginning in April 2024, Warwick Township Municipal Authority (WTMA) customers will see an increase in sewer and water rates. Residential sewer rates will increase from \$77.00 per quarter to \$83.45 per quarter. Commercial sewer rates will increase from \$77.00 per EDU to \$83.45 per EDU with every additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000 gallons increasing from \$4.30 to \$4.66.

The residential and commercial water rate structure will change to a quarterly \$24.53 service charge with a usage charge of \$3.26 per 1,000 gallons. The multi-residential and commercial rate structure will also change to a \$24.53 service charge per EDU and a usage charge of \$3.26

per 1,000 gallons.

The rate changes are designed to address rising costs in labor, chemicals, materials and equipment, and to assist in funding ongoing capital improvements to the water and sewer systems.

Recent investments to the water treatment and distribution system include a significant upgrade of the nitrate removal system and the implementation of a program to replace aging water meters. Upgrades to the sewer collection system will continue to focus on the rehabilitation and maintenance of the eighteen pumping stations associated with the collection system as well as reducing inflow and infiltration.

Inflow and infiltration is groundwater, or water from other sources other than domestic wastewater, entering the sanitary sewer system. Inflow and infiltration increases the cost to treat wastewater and may cause sewage volumes to exceed the design capacity of wastewater facilities.

Below is a chart showing the quarterly rates for residential water and sewer service in surrounding Lancaster

County communities. The quarterly rates are based on a residential property using 12,000 gallons/quarter.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| City of Lancaster (inside city) | \$238.94        |
| Denver Borough                  | \$232.80        |
| Upper Leacock Township          | \$201.36        |
| Ephrata Borough                 | \$186.32        |
| Lititz Borough                  | \$164.11        |
| <b>WTMA</b>                     | <b>\$147.10</b> |

*The Warwick Township Municipal Authority will continue to strive to keep utility rates competitive while also being vigilant to capital needs and maintenance.*

## Water/Sewer Payment Options

- **Cash, check or money order**
- **By mail - payable to:** WTMA  
PO Box 336  
Lititz, PA 17543-0336
- **In person:** 315 Clay Road, Lititz, PA
- **24/7 Payment Dropbox.** There is a payment drop-box to the right, inside the Warwick Twp. Municipal Building lobby.
- **Automatic Payments.** ACH quarterly withdrawal from your bank account on the due date. ACH authorization forms are available on our website.
- **Online Payment** at <https://warwicktwp.authoritypay.com>  
These payments will be pulled in on the 2nd Friday & the 29th of the month.
- **MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover credit or debit cards.** Please note that there is a minimum fee of \$3.00 for all transactions and a 2.65% fee for transactions over \$113.00.



Payment Options