

Lower Township MUA

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SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT

Dear Property Owner,

The Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (LTMUA) is pleased to inform you that water service is now available for your property. You may connect to the water service now or wait until the end of the one-year mandatory connection period.

In order to promote an economical expansion of water service into the Del Haven area, the Township of Middle and the Lower Township Utilities Authority passed resolutions requiring all properties fronting potable water mains to connect to the water system. In addition, the resolutions provided for an interest free five-year payment plan for paying the required connection fee provided the payments are made on time. ***You will have until JANUARY 1, 2024 to pay the connection fee and connect to the water system.***

How do I connect to the Water Service?

- To connect to the water service, you will have to complete and return the enclosed Application for Water Connection. This provides us with basic information about your property and contact information.
- Along with the application you will be required to pay the required connection fee in full or select the interest free payment plan. The connection fee is **\$1,600.00 per residential dwelling unit**, which includes the connection fee, water service line from the water main to the meter pit at the curb line and water meter. This **does not include** the installation of the water service line from the water meter pit to the house or the Middle Township plumbing permit.
- Connection Fee: You may pay the connection fee in full upon making the application to connect or you may make payments to the LTMUA in annual installments over a five (5) year period until paid in full.
- Connection Fee Payment Plan: You must pay your first installment of \$400.00. The payment plan remains interest free as long as all payments are made on or before the due date. A penalty charge of 18% (1½% per month) on the unpaid balance will be assessed if the payment is not made in accordance with the agreement.
- You have one-year to connect your property to the water system. Please reference the attached water service permitting requirements. ***The existing well servicing your property must be disconnected to the potable water line servicing the property (see below).*** The connection fee (first installment or payment in full) and connection of service must be completed by **JANUARY 1, 2024** or immediately upon change in property ownership.

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- Some property owners may elect to continue to use their wells for irrigation, washing cars, filling pools or other outside activities. Health code regulations prohibit

connections between a domestic well and the MUA water system. While you may keep your well, it has to be completely disconnected from the domestic water lines inside your house.

After making application and payment, the next step is to contract a plumber to install your water service from the water meter pit to your home and to disconnect your residential water well from your home's water system. ***It is illegal to have two water sources connected to your home water system at the same time.*** You may also install the water service yourself if you do not want to hire a plumber. Either way you **MUST** obtain a plumbing permit from the Middle Township Construction Office before any work may start. When the work is completed, the plumbing inspector **MUST** inspect the work and the removal of the residential water well from the home's water system.

The LTMUA is not permitted to recommend plumbers to customers. There are numerous businesses in our local phone directories and you can research area plumbers online as well. We think it is a good idea to converse with your neighbors to get their opinions and reviews on local plumbers. Remember that each property is different, so there is no universally standard cost for the services of a plumber for this work.

You will begin to receive a quarterly bill once you physically connect to the new water system. Currently, the minimum residential water service charge for a 5/8 x 3/4 meter is \$175.00 per quarter, which includes 10,000 gallons of usage. Excess usage over the allotted amount will be charged at \$3.61 per 1,000 gallons.

The LTMUA will assist you to make this transition as smooth as possible. Should you have any questions please call the Administrative Office at 609-886-7146 extension 3, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.