

# Lower Township MUA

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Town Bank Area Homeowner

**Regarding your property located at:** Town Bank Area Property, Block/Lot: 100/1

Dear Property Owner,

I am writing you to inform you that your property currently has a water main in front of the property and you must make application for a connection to the water system. In order for you to comply with LTMUA Resolution #53-2009 (Resolution is enclosed, on the reverse of the application), I will describe the procedures you will need to follow. If your meter pit has not yet been installed by our contractor, you will be able to make connection once the pit is installed at your property.

- Water Connection fee (first installment or payment in full) and connection of service must be complete by **December 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**, or immediately upon change in property ownership. You must complete an LTMUA application requesting connection to the LTMUA water system. The Application is enclosed.

The cost for the residential water connection is **\$1,600.00 complete per dwelling unit**. This 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 Lower Township plumbing permit. It also does not include a street opening permit, traffic control or road restoration fees, if applicable.

You may pay the LTMUA connection fee by any of the following payment methods:

- You may pay the connection fee in full upon making the application to connect.
- You may make payments to the LTMUA in annual installments over a five (5) year period until paid in full.
- You may make application to the Lower Township Loan Program for a low interest loan for home repairs.
- You may make application to the USDA for a grant or low interest loan under their 504 and 502 plans.
- You may also make application to the New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) for an interest-free ten (10) year loan. The HMFA Application and information are available on our website, [www.LTMUA.org](http://www.LTMUA.org) or for pickup at our office, address above.

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 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 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.**

If the homeowner wishes to keep the residential water well for outside usage, such as irrigation, outdoor showers, hoses, and vehicle washing you may certainly do so. You may arrange with your plumber to make the well usable for strictly outdoor purposes. **The LTMUA is NOT mandating that you seal your residential water well, but it is illegal for the well to be connected to the home's water system once the residence is connected to the LTMUA city water system.** If you currently utilize a water softening system, it will not be necessary once you are connected to city water. You may elect to continue using the system, but it is not necessary with city water.

Once the water connection application is completed and approved by the LTMUA you will become a user of the water system. You will then start to receive a quarterly bill for water usage. If you do not complete the connection to your home **by December 1, 2014**, you will then start to receive a bill for the minimum water usage regardless of connection.

The following are contact information you may find helpful during this procedure.

Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority  
609-886-7146, Extension 3      E-mail – [Questions@LTMUA.org](mailto:Questions@LTMUA.org)

Lower Township Construction Office – Plumbing Subcode Official  
609-886-1455

Lower Township Loan Program – Colleen Crippen  
609-886-2005, Extension 134      E-mail – [CCRIPPEN@townshipoflower.org](mailto:CCRIPPEN@townshipoflower.org)

USDA Funding 502 or 504 plans – John F. Bartolone Senior Area Specialist  
856-205-1225, Extension 111      E-mail – [JOHN.BARTOLONE@nj.usda.gov](mailto:JOHN.BARTOLONE@nj.usda.gov)

HMFA Funding – Robert A. Huether, Assistant Director Single Family Division  
1-800-654-6873

Once you become a user of our city water system, you will receive a yearly Consumer Confidence Report on the quality of our water. Our city water wells are tested and do not require treatment according to NJDEP standards for water quality.

The LTMUA will assist you to make this transition as smooth as possible. Should you have any additional questions, you may contact the LTMUA at the numbers above.

Respectfully,

Matthew Ecker  
Executive Director