

10 percent increase in water bills coming

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Customers of the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority in Bensalem, Middletown, New Hope and Solebury should expect a 10 percent increase in their sewer bills come January.

The BCWSA said it plans to raise rates and collect an additional \$3.7 million per year from a rate hike beginning Jan. 1.

The additional money is needed to help pay for \$54 million in capital improvements over the next two years, said BCWSA spokesman Patrick Cleary.

Average monthly sewer bills for residential customers would rise from \$37 to \$41 next year. Monthly commercial sewer bills are expected to rise from \$46 to \$51.

The rate increase will affect approximately 10,000 customers in Bensalem, 8,000 in Middletown, and another 500 located in either New Hope or Solebury, Cleary said.

Sewer rates have not increased since 2008, Cleary said.