

Doylestown Township Municipal Authority

425 Wells Road • Doylestown • Pennsylvania 18901

May 31, 2018

Re: Public Water Survey in Pebble Ridge/Woodridge and vicinity

Dear Resident:

The purpose of this letter is to gauge your interest in having the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) install public water in the Pebble Ridge/Woodridge neighborhoods and the surrounding vicinity. The DTMA is your local public water purveyor that owns and operates the public water system within Doylestown Township. Enclosed in this letter explaining the potential costs are the DTMA Public Water Survey and FAQ Fact Sheet explaining the benefits of DTMA public water.

Please note there is no requirement by Doylestown Township or the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority to connect to public water.

However, if there is enough interest among you and your neighbors, the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority can provide the residents of Pebble Ridge/Woodridge access to public water. We hear daily in the news a safe and reliable public water supply is now more important than ever. Due to the ongoing groundwater contamination in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, the DTMA is determined to provide our residents with access to safe drinking water.

As with the upcoming sewer project, there are costs to the homeowner. DTMA is committed to partnering with Doylestown Township's sewer project to take advantage of potential cost savings. DTMA is offering a \$2,500 discount to any homeowner that connects by the end of 2020. In addition, DTMA may be in a position to offer PennVest or other financing options similar to the Doylestown Township sewer project. Private plumber costs would not be part of this financing. A 20 year loan on the \$11,500 Water Main Construction Cost (\$14,000-\$2,500 credit) would have a monthly payment of approximately \$50.

The estimated costs to the homeowners are listed below:

Estimated DTMA Water Main Construction Cost per Homeowner	\$14,000
DTMA Tapping Fee	\$2,400
DTMA One Time Meter Charge	\$500
Estimated Total DTMA Costs	\$16,900
Estimated Private plumbing cost / Service line installation cost /Well abandonment cost	\$2,600
Estimated DTMA and Private Plumbing Cost to Homeowner	\$19,500
DTMA Connection Discount per Homeowner	(\$2,500)
Estimated DTMA and Private Plumbing Cost to Homeowner including DTMA Discount	\$17,000

Please complete the enclosed DTMA Public Water Survey and return in the self-addressed, stamped envelope or you may complete the survey online via the *Survey Monkey* Website. The link is the following:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9SSFT89>

If there are any questions, please contact me at (215) 348-9915. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Doylestown Township Municipal Authority

Keith Hass

Keith Hass, P.E.
Executive Director

Enclosures

Cc: DTMA Board
Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors

Frequently asked Questions

1) Who is the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority?

The Doylestown Township Municipal Authority is a public, non-profit water utility established in 1978 by Doylestown Township. The Authority consists of a five member board appointed by the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors.

2) What are we responsible for?

The DTMA is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the public water system within Doylestown Township. The DTMA delivers approximately 1,000,000 gallons per day of safe drinking water to 2,600 customers within Doylestown Township.

3) How do we accomplish this?

The DTMA owns, maintains, and operates a network of public wells, water storage tanks, water pump stations, and water mains to deliver safe water to your home. Our emergency generators keep the water flowing to your home even during a prolonged power outage.

4) Is the water treated with chlorine and is it safe?

Yes, all of the groundwater pumped by DTMA is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to be chlorinated. The water is tested for a multitude of contaminants including lead and copper. In addition, the water is tested daily by our operations staff to ensure compliance with regulations.

5) Does DTMA fluoridate the water?

No, DTMA does not fluoridate the water supply.

6) Will I have to abandon my well?

Yes, DTMA Rules and Regulations require abandoning your private well once connected to public water.

7) How much is the average water bill for a DTMA customer?

The average water bill for a family of 4 is approximately \$120 per quarter. This is slightly more than a \$1 per day for water- a good value.

8) Assuming enough interest, when would the water main construction begin?

Once the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority completes the public sewers installation, the DTMA can begin water installation.

9) Is the connection to public water mandatory?

No, the DTMA is surveying the level of interest in providing public water within the Pebble Ridge and Woodridge neighborhoods. There is no mandatory water connection ordinance in place for the residents of these neighborhoods. Residents may continue to use their private wells. If enough interest in public water is available on a particular street, public water can be installed, if feasible, on that street only. The residents connecting to public water would pay the water main construction cost, the tapping and meter fee, and the private plumbing costs. If a resident chooses not to connect at this time, no costs will be assigned to that resident. However, in the future, any residents that eventually connect to the public water main must pay the construction cost and other costs.

10) Do I have to pay for the water main installed on my street if I choose not to connect to public water?

No, as stated in FAQ #9, if you choose not to connect to the pipe in front of your home you do not have to pay for the water main construction. However, if you connect in the future, you will pay all the costs as detailed in the letter.

11) Is public water already installed in certain parts of the neighborhood?

Yes, the DTMA has water main located on South Woodridge Drive, Turk Road between South Woodridge Drive and Almshouse Road, Willow Lane between South Woodridge Drive and Davids Way, and Buck Road between Brinker Drive and South Woodridge Drive.

12) Where can I find more information about DTMA?

Please visit our website at <http://www.doylestownpa.org/dtma/> or call us at (215) 348-9915.

**As a resident in the Pebble Ridge/Woodridge and vicinity public sewer project,
do you want access to public water?**

- Yes, I am willing to connect to public water at the approximate cost of \$17,000.00.*
- No, I am not willing to connect to public water.*

*Thank
you*

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