

# Sewer Revenue Frequently Asked Questions

## **When do I get my sewer bill?**

Residential Sewer utility bills are mailed out semi-annually on July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> for the previous two quarters.

Commercial and Industrial Establishment utility bills are mailed out quarterly March 1<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> for the previous quarter.

## **Does my mortgage company pay my sewer utility bill?**

Most mortgage companies do not pay sewer utility bills from your escrow account. This is a utility, not a tax.

## **How much will my sewer bill be?**

The residential sewer utility fee is a flat rate and has nothing to do with water usage. Each single family dwelling, fire house, municipal building or church is billed at a flat rate. (see Chapter 133-24 of the Code of Upper Merion Township). Commercial and Industrial Establishment buildings are billed according to Chapter 133-25 A, B, and C of the Code of Upper Merion Township.

## **Why does my bill say it is for the previous 6 month period?**

Upper Merion Township back bills for sewer usage on a semi-annual basis.

## **I did not own my property for all of the previous year. Why did I receive a bill for the entire year?**

Sewer rent is pro-rated at settlement by your title company, this information is provided in a Sewer Certification provided by the Township. Because we back bill, the seller should give the buyer their portion of the sewer rent due for the year and the new owner will receive and pay the full year's bill. You should check your settlement sheet to make sure this did happen. If you have questions or concerns, you should call the title company for assistance.

## **I sold this property, what should I do with the bill?**

Because we do not always get title transfers before the sewer utility billing is made, we do not always have the proper names and mailing addresses for our sewer notices. Please return the notice to the Township Sewer Revenue Office stating you are no longer the property owner, and include the new owner's name, if you know it.

## **My name and/or mailing address have changed and I did not get a bill. What should I do?**

Call or email the Sewer Revenue Office and ask for a reprint of your bill. Failure to receive a bill does not forgive your sewer rental due. It is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the sewer revenue office of any change of address. The notices are mailed to the last known address for each property.

**How long do I have to pay my bill?**

Sewer utility bills are due 30 days after the billing date. This date will be printed on the bill.

**What happens if my payment is late?**

A 10 % penalty will be added to the amount due if your payment is late along with interest of .83% of the amount due for each month until paid.. Payments must be received in the Township Sewer Revenue Office by the due date to avoid penalty.

**What if I do not pay my sewer utility bill?**

If sewer utility bills become past due, the property owner will be sent a reminder letter. If payment is not received, a Municipal Lien will be filed against the property and Judgment will be entered in Montgomery County District Court against the owner. Additional charges for filing fees will be added to the property account. The Lien and Judgment will stay in place until the account is paid in full.