

# ATTENTION!!!

## CHERRY VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT

### CUSTOMERS

Per the Board of Sewer Commissioners this notice is to inform you that there will be a necessary rate increase that will be implemented on the July 1, 2020 bills. Commissioners need to increase the rates in order to keep the system operational and to avoid potential insolvency. For the past 12 years the rates charged were not sufficient enough to pay operation related expenses as well as betterment/ debt service obligations. The Sewer District met with a bankruptcy attorney and learned that bankruptcy is not an option for municipalities in the state of Massachusetts. If the Sewer District cannot pay its bills, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) whom is our borrowing agent, will step in and increase the Sewer Districts rates even higher in order to ensure all bills are paid.

The District has been and continues to explore all options to help the Sewer District such as, working with the Town and other Water & Sewer Districts, meeting with the City of Worcester, Upper Blackstone, Department of Revenue, State Treasurer Office, Senator Moore, Representative LeBoeuf, & Congressman McGovern's Office. The Sewer District has also been working with RCAP Solutions (an EPA & USDA funded consultant) to look over the Sewer District's Operations and past financials. The Sewer District employees have been continuing to work to improve I/I (Inflow and infrastructure) to try to get City of Worcester and Upper Blackstone fees down. SUMP PUMPS are a huge factor. If you have a sump pump connected to the public sewer system you are contributing to the rate increase, please disconnect your sump pumps from the public sewer.

The new rate structure is as follows for the **Cherry Valley Sewer District**:

The approved Minimum charge is \$45.00 and contains zero (0) consumption

<u>STEP</u>	<u>Monthly Range Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Sewer Rate Per Cubic Foot</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Step	1-350	\$0.2120
2 <sup>nd</sup> Step	351-700	\$0.2770
3 <sup>rd</sup> Step	701-1,050	\$0.3140
4 <sup>th</sup> Step	Over 1,050	\$0.4257

Subscribers who are not connected to the Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water District and who have a private well that are **NOT** metered, will be charge \$70.00 per bedroom, per household.

If you have any questions, please contact the District at 508-892-9616.

RESPECTFULLY,  
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS,  
*DONALD G. MANSEAU, CHAIRMAN*  
*ROBERT LEMIEUX*  
*MICHAEL L. DELLACAVA, SR.*