

## Borough of Buena MUA Payment Plan Offer

Ratepayer #2

Ratepayer Address #2

Anytown, NJ 00000

This is an official offer for a payment plan for the past-due utilities for 15 Cherry Street, Your Town, NJ.

The breakdown of the past-due utilities are as follows:

Type of Charge	Amount	Interest	Total Due for Charge
Water	\$200.00	\$3.38	\$203.38
Sewer	\$300.00	\$5.07	\$305.07

The monthly payments are as follows:

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 1, 2022	\$42.38	December 1, 2022	\$42.38
July 1, 2022	\$42.38	January 1, 2023	\$42.38
August 1, 2022	\$42.38	February 1, 2023	\$42.38
September 1, 2022	\$42.38	March 1, 2023	\$42.38
October 1, 2022	\$42.38	April 1, 2023	\$42.38
November 1, 2022	\$42.38	May 1, 2023	\$42.27

Current charges are not included in the monthly payment schedule above, and must be paid to the municipality in addition to the payments required under the payment plan.\*

You must respond to the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority and agree to the payment plan by May 1, 2022 or the Authority can proceed with enforcement. Please contact the Authority immediately at [c.santore@buenaboroughmua.com](mailto:c.santore@buenaboroughmua.com) or via telephone at 856-697-1784 if you have any questions concerning this payment plan.

If you agree to accept this payment plan, please sign the below and return to the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ratepayer #2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Official

By agreeing to this payment plan you agree to pay the monthly amount due and keep up-to-date on all charges, including property taxes, other municipal charges and utilities that become due during the payment plan. If a payment for the payment plan, property taxes, or other municipal charge is not paid within 30 days of the due date, the payment plan will be considered in default. If a payment plan is in default, immediate action can be taken to enforce the outstanding balances, including through tax sale.

*\* If a utility assistance program requires the municipality to fold current charges into the payment plan, please amend this form of agreement accordingly.*

### **LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)**

The application period for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is now open. This federally funded program provides financial assistance to eligible low-income households to reduce the balances on their residential water and sewer bills. LIHWAP will provide benefits directly to water and sewer service providers on behalf of residential customers.

To be eligible for LIHWAP assistance, applicants must be water/sewer bill holders who are responsible for paying their water and sewer bills directly to the water/sewer provider. Also, applicants' total gross household income must be at or below 60% of the state median Income (\$6,439 a month for a family of four). The LIHWAP frequently asked questions webpage, available at <https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/lihwapfaq>, has additional information about maximum income limits and other items. Participants in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are automatically eligible for LIHWAP assistance so long as they are water/sewer bill holders.

People can apply online through the DCAid application portal at <https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/dcaid-services/>. Those without computer or internet access can call 1-800-510-3102 to be directed to one of the community action agencies for assistance with starting, completing, and submitting an application online.

If a residential customer applies for LIHWAP assistance prior to June 15, 2022, enforcement actions on unpaid water or sewer balances are placed on hold for up to 60 days or until such time as a complete application is approved or rejected by the Department of Community Affairs. **Please notify the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority immediately at [c.santore@buenaboroughmua.com](mailto:c.santore@buenaboroughmua.com) or 856-697-1784 if you have filed a LIHWAP application.**