

## 2023 DISTRICT RATE INCREASE

Curran-Gardner Townships Water District like many other utilities in Illinois is facing rising cost to maintain and improve its water system.

Improvements needed include replacing pipelines, looping dead-end water mains, updating water meters, and maintaining water quality to ensure clean, safe, drinking water.

Over the last few years, the Board of Trustees has worked with staff to minimize rate increases by reducing operational costs, utilizing reserve funds, deferring maintenance and improvement projects.

Before even considering this water rate increase, the Board continued to reduce costs and each employee is doing their part to trim costs as part of their annual goals. Nevertheless, there are day-to-day operational costs that continue to rise, especially in the areas of materials, fuel and chemical treatment.

As set forth by Ordinance 59, the District will increase the water rates based on the Social Security Administration cost of living increase plus half of one percent. Therefore, the 2023 rate increase will be 9.2 percent. This increase will take effect January 1, 2023. Curran Gardner Townships Public Water District is dedicated to providing reliable water services in a cost-effective manner while protecting our water resources and the public's health.

## ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY MANDATE

The Illinois EPA is requiring municipalities to maintain the type of materials the customers service line is manufactured.

Service Line – means the piping, tubing, and necessary appurtenances acting as a conduit from District owned water supply to the inside the property owners structure.

The District has developed a form on the website to assist with gathering this information. Please go to [www.currangardner.com](http://www.currangardner.com) to complete this form as soon as possible. The link for this form is in the upper right hand corner, labeled IEPA Mandated Information

This link will display a form to complete for this information.

Failure to provide this information will result in the Property owner being required to sign a waiver developed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

If property owner refuses to sign a waiver, the District is required to notify IDPH.

To identify this information, some suggestions are listed below:

Construction documentation.

Discuss service line installation and repair with employees, contractors, plumbers, etc., regarding service line materials.

Visual inspection of service line materials at the connection and at the point where the service line enters the home or building.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: EXCAVATION or UNEARTHING is NOT REQUIRED in identifying service line materials by State or Federal law/regulations**

### **Monthly Board Meetings**

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome. If you cannot join us, the minutes are located on our website at [www.currangardner.com](http://www.currangardner.com)

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**Happy Holidays!**

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