

**THE VILLAGE OF BELLAIRE WILL BE INSTALLING  
NEW AMI METERS AND  
WILL BE REPLACING LEAD LINES.**

The Village is in the process of obtaining \$ 4.5 million to fund the above projects as well as making much needed improvements at the Water Treatment Plant and in the Distribution system. Unfortunately, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency along with RCAP, Rural Community Assistance Program, and Great Lakes CAP have deemed it necessary to raise water rates, not only to repay the loan, but also to make the Village water fund viable. Every measure has been taken to keep the rates as low as possible. The Village was given a chart of planned raises for the next several years.

We do expect that as meters are installed, more money will be generated and future rate raises may be adjusted.

The meter replacement program and lead line replacement will begin at the north end of Bellaire. The new meters will not require a person to read them. A signal will transmit several times each day with meter readings from your new meter. You will be able to check day to day water usage patterns on a cell phone or tablet. These meters detect any tampering attempts, reverse flow, and other abnormal conditions..

It is very important for customers to be responsive when they are contacted by the companies who will be installing meters and new service lines. We do appreciate your cooperation in these very important matters.