2016 Residential Sewer Rate Survey



Down the drain and then what?

Over 300 Washington communities rely on municipal infrastructure to manage residential and commercial wastewater. Sewer infrastructure includes complex networks of underground pipes, pumps, and storage tanks that convey wastewater to treatment facilities. Wastewater requires treatment to protect public health and the environment from pollution including bacteria, nutrients, and toxic substances.

This survey includes single-family residential rates for 295 communities. Additionally, many communities around the state do not currently provide sewer service. Instead, they rely on individual on-site sewage systems (OSS) to treat household and commercial wastewater. As population densities increase, some communities are expanding sewer service to replace OSS.

How are sewer rates determined?

Sewer utility rates vary throughout the state. Many of these systems require coordination between neighboring communities. Your service infrastructure may include a combination of town, city, county, and sewer district jurisdictions, which can be reflected as separate fees added together for your total sewer bill. Your utility bill may come from any one of these jurisdictions, depending on your specific location. You may see sewer service charges on your water bill, or as a separate sewer bill.

Typically, there are different user classes for residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Sewer rates may be flat, so all customers in a user class pay the same amount, or rates may be based on the amount of water each rate payer uses. To compare between different utilities, Ecology standardized the sewer rates to the amount a customer who used 1000 cubic feet of water would pay. You may pay less than the rate shown here if you use less than 1000 cubic feet of water per month.

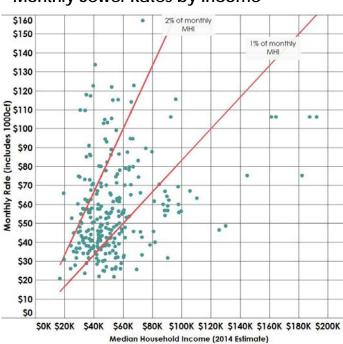
Your specific utility provider sets rates to fund expenses. Typical expenses include operating and maintenance costs, reserve funds for future needs, loan payments/debt service, and other factors. Some communities adjust the rates yearly. Other communities maintain the same rate over longer periods and re-evaluate as needed to address population growth or aging "at-risk" infrastructure. Rates also vary within a community based on "user classes" which may include single family residential, multi-family residential, schools, churches, commercial, and industrial users.

Is financial assistance available?

Individuals and households may qualify for low income, disabled, and/or senior discounts. Of the 295 communities Ecology surveyed, 116 offer a discounted rate based on criteria determined by the billing entity or city ordinance. Ecology offers grants and subsidized loans to assist communities with wastewater infrastructure projects. The Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) provides information about a variety of financial assistance programs available to municipalities in Washington.

2016 Survey Results

The following figures and tables provide information on the results of the rate survey.



Monthly Sewer Rates by Income

Results Summary

Average Standard Rate	\$57.05
Lowest Standard Rate	\$20.73
Highest Standard Rate	\$156.93
Average Low Income Rate	\$41.78

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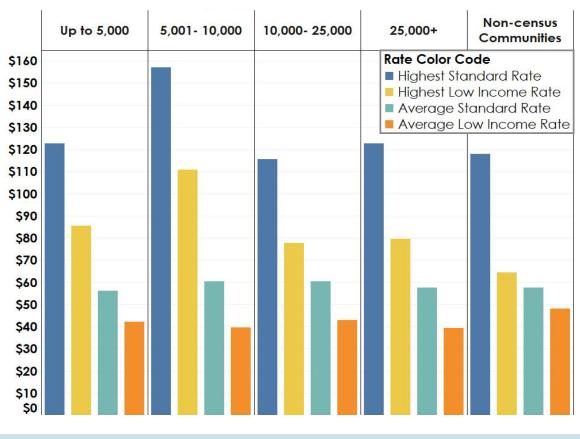
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Standard Rate ~ Monthy bill for single-family residential sewer service

Low Income Rate ~ Low income, senior or disability criteria vary by billing entity

Monthly Sewer Rates by Community Population Range



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2016 Residential Sewer Rates

Ecology standardized monthly rates to include 1000 cubic feet (cf) of water consumption (~250 gallons/day). Individual household bills may vary.

Community Served (billing entity)	Monthly Rate (1000cf)
Aberdeen, City of	\$36.78
Airway Heights, City of	\$67.50
Albion, Town of	\$34.75
Alderwood Water &	\$54.00
Wastewater District	
Algona, City of	\$53.77
Almira, Town of	\$33.35
Anacortes, City of	\$54.79
Arlington, City of	\$70.15
Asotin, City of	\$61.30
Auburn, City of	\$62.91
Bainbridge Island, City of	\$115.49
Battle Ground, City of	\$44.45
Beaux Arts Village, Town	\$106.13
of (City of Bellevue)	
Bellevue, City of	\$106.13
Bellingham, City of	\$39.47
Benton, City of	\$38.55
Bingen, City of	\$46.00
Birch Bay Water & Sewer District	\$32.00
Black Diamond, City of	\$79.74
Blaine, City of	\$99.00
Bonney Lake, City of	\$87.69
Boston Harbor	\$99.74
Bothell, City of	\$89.43
Bremerton, City of	\$80.13
Brewster, City of	\$56.93
Bridgeport, City of	\$46.48
Brier, City of	\$55.78
Buckley, City of	\$77.99
Buena, City of (Yakima	\$39.70
County)	
Burien, City of	\$46.30
Burlington, City of	\$52.36
Camas, City of	\$70.47

Community Served	Monthly
(billing entity)	Rate
	(1000cf)
Carbonado, Town of	\$63.00
Carnation, City of	\$114.10
Cashmere, City of	\$94.29
Castle Rock, City of	\$109.65
Cathlamet, Town of	\$80.00
Cedar River Water &	\$62.60
Sewer District	
Centralia, City of	\$86.32
Chehalis, City of	\$117.79
Chelan, City of	\$35.32
Chelan County PUD #1	\$67.25
Cheney, City of	\$36.67
Chewelah, City of	\$48.00
Clallam County PUD #1	\$45.60
Clark Regional	\$38.00
Wastewater District: Tier	
1 Central	
Clark Regional	\$38.00
Wastewater District: Tier	
2 Central	
Clark Regional	\$62.15
Wastewater District: Tier	
3 Ridgefield	
Clarkston, City of	\$39.49
Cle Elum, City of	\$44.65
Clyde Hill, City of (City of Bellevue)	\$106.13
Coal Creek Utility District	\$63.10
Colfax, City of	\$43.40
College Place, City of	\$40.75
Colton, Town of	\$32.80
Colville, City of	\$73.03
Conconully, Town of	\$34.00
Concrete, Town of	\$91.00
Connell, City of	\$44.56
Cosmopolis, City of	\$39.12
Coulee City, Town of	\$43.50
Coulee Dam, Town of	\$56.00
Coupeville, Town of	\$86.00
Covington, City of	\$59.88
Creston, Town of	\$37.85

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(billing entity)	Rate
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Cusick, Town of	\$20.73
Davenport, City of	\$30.39
Dayton, City of	\$50.15
Deer Park, City of	\$43.38
Des Moines, City of	\$26.00
(Midway Sewer District)	Ψ 20.00
DuPont, City of	\$45.64
(Pierce County)	7 · · · · · ·
Duvall, City of	\$67.02
East Wenatchee, City of	\$35.50
Eatonville, Town of	\$42.40
Edgewood, City of	\$38.41
(Lakehaven Utility	
District)	
Edmonds, City of	\$33.25
Electric City, City of	\$25.79
Ellensburg, City of	\$34.59
Elma, City of	\$42.03
Elmer City, Town of	\$41.00
Endicott, Town of	\$36.75
Entiat, City of	\$72.86
Enumclaw, City of	\$115.32
Ephrata, City of	\$37.60
Everett, City of	\$42.43
Everson, City of	\$65.00
Fairfield, Town of	\$57.30
Farmington, Town of	\$34.25
Federal Way, City of	\$41.86
(Lakehaven Utility	
District)	¢00.00
Ferndale, City of	\$88.93
Fife, City of	\$63.49
Fircrest, City of	\$57.00
Forks, City of	\$28.82
Friday Harbor, Town of	\$102.75
Garfield, Town of	\$40.48
George, City of	\$37.99 \$78.18
Gig Harbor, City of	
Goldendale, City of	\$31.50
Grand Coulee, City of	\$27.70
Grand Mound	\$77.95
Grandview, City of	\$41.73
Granger, Town of	\$37.90

Community Served (billing entity)	Monthly Rate
(Diming entity)	(1000cf)
Granite Falls, City of	\$55.00
Harrington, City of	\$70.00
Hartstene Pointe	\$49.00
Hoquiam, City of	\$49.00 \$39.54
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Hunts Point, Town of (City of Bellevue)	\$55.53
Ilwaco, City of	\$117.35
lone, Town of	\$27.00
Issaquah, City of	\$66.76
Kalama, City of	\$104.65
Kelso, City of	\$57.24
Kenmore, City of	\$56.70
(Northshore Utility District)	<i>950.70</i>
Kennewick, City of	\$42.43
Kent, City of	\$61.46
Kettle Falls, City of	\$65.50
Kirkland, City of	\$56.70
(Northshore Utility	<i>ç</i> oon o
District)	¢45.20
Kittitas, City of	\$45.39
Klickitat	\$54.89
Klickitat Co. PUD #1	\$48.95
La Center, City of	\$66.00
La Conner, Town of	\$62.61
La Crosse, Town of	\$34.00
Lacey, City of	\$55.95
Lake Chelan Reclamation District	\$50.00
Lake Forest Park, City of	\$59.12
Lake Stevens, City of	\$83.00
(Lake Stevens Sewer	
District)	¢02.00
Lake Stevens Sewer District	\$83.00
Lakehaven Utility District (inside Federal Way)	\$41.86
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Lakehaven Utility District	Ş38.41
(outside Federal Way)	652.42
Lakewood, City of	\$53.13
(Pierce County Sewer District)	
Langley, City of	\$37.78
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Community Served	Monthly
(billing entity)	Rate
	(1000cf)
Leavenworth, City of	\$55.64
Lewis County Water &	\$77.00
Sewer District 6	
Liberty Lake Sewer &	\$45.37
Water District	
Lind, Town of	\$55.75
Long Beach, City of	\$52.72
Longview, City of	\$85.57
Loon Lake Sewer District	\$43.17
Lynden, City of	\$46.97
Lynnwood, City of	\$41.87
Mabton, City of	\$57.56
Mansfield, Town of	\$49.50
Maple Valley, City of	\$59.88
(Soos Creek Water &	
Sewer District)	
Marysville, City of	\$79.61
Mattawa, Town of	\$28.45
McCleary, City of	\$82.30
Medical Lake, City of	\$30.00
Medina, City of (City of	\$75.13
Bellevue)	
Mercer Island, City of	\$46.35
Mesa, City of	\$42.05
Metaline Falls, Town of	\$31.57
Metaline, Town of	\$31.57
Midway Sewer District	\$26.00
Mill Creek, City of	\$54.00
(Alderwood Water and	
Sewer District)	
Milton, City of (Pierce	\$45.64
County Sewer District)	
Monroe, City of	\$94.51
Montesano, City of	\$32.06
Morton, City of	\$62.00
Moses Lake, City of	\$33.75
Mossyrock, City of	\$62.64
Mount Vernon, City of	\$47.75
Mountlake Terrace, City of	\$48.00
Moxee, City of	\$32.00
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(billing entity)	Rate
	(1000cf)
Mukilteo, City of	\$49.53
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(eastside, Mukilteo Water	
and Wastewater District)	464.49
Mukilteo, City of	\$64.12
(westside, Mukilteo	
Water and Wastewater	
District)	
Naches, Town of	\$49.74
Napavine, City of	\$103.00
Newcastle, City of (Coal	\$63.10
Creek Utility District)	
Newport, City of	\$42.24
Nooksack, City of	\$65.00
(Everson, City of)	
Normandy Park, City of	\$31.50
(SW Suburban Sewer	,
District)	
North Bend, City of	\$156.93
North Bonneville, City of	\$26.75
Northeast Sammamish	\$65.95
Sewer & Water District	262.22
	¢66.00
Northshore Utility District	\$66.08
Oak Harbor, City of	\$77.70
Oakesdale, Town of	\$25.00
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Ocean Shores, City of	\$21.90
Odessa, Town of	\$61.35
Okanogan, City of	\$45.61
Olympia, City of	\$57.79
Olympic View	\$91.15
Olympic View Water &	\$56.42
Sewer	
Omak, City of	\$74.34
Oroville, City of	\$36.70
Orting, City of	\$42.59
Othello, City of	\$37.60
Pacific, City of	\$62.03
Palouse, City of	\$34.00
Pasco, City of	\$26.00
Pateros, City of	\$43.87
Pateros, city of Pe Ell, Town of	\$69.25
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Pierce County Utility	\$45.64
District	

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(billing entity)	Rate
	(1000cf)
Pomeroy, City of	\$93.00
Port Angeles, City of	\$70.86
Port Ludlow (Olympic	\$49.00
Water and Sewer District)	
Port Orchard, City of	\$49.00
Port Townsend, City of	\$36.85
Poulsbo, City of	\$86.45
Prosser, City of	\$48.09
Pullman, City of	\$38.15
Puyallup, City of	\$87.48
Quincy, City of	\$36.54
Raymond, City of	\$85.00
Reardan, Town of	\$60.05
Redmond, City of	\$56.28
Renton, City of	\$70.26
Republic, City of	\$26.00
Richland, City of	\$25.60
Ridgefield, City of	\$62.15
(Clark Regional	
Wastewater District)	
Ritzville, City of	\$58.00
Rock Island, City of	\$67.00
Rockford, Town of	\$75.89
Rosalia, Town of	\$37.99
Roslyn, City of	\$56.26
Royal City, City of	\$45.75
Rustlewood (STP)	\$88.00
Ruston, Town of	\$61.50
Sammamish, City of	\$75.19
(Sammamish Plateau	
Water & Sewer District)	622.46
Sammamish Plateau	\$33.16
Water & Sewer District	¢40.00
SeaTac, City of	\$49.00 \$122.70
Seattle, City of	\$122.70
Sedro-Woolley, City of	\$57.46
Selah, City of	\$38.20
Sequim, City of	\$70.31
Shelton, City of	\$133.60
Shoreline, City of	\$53.50
Skykomish, Town of	\$41.00
Snohomish, City of	\$105.39
Snoqualmie, City of	\$48.51

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(billing entity)	Rate
	(1000cf)
Soap Lake, City of	\$44.76
Soos Creek Water &	\$59.88
Sewer District	
South Bend, City of	\$109.83
South Cle Elum, Town of	\$36.10
South Prairie, Town of	\$74.25
Southwest Suburban	\$31.50
Sewer District	
Spangle, Town of	\$50.00
Spokane, City of	\$57.60
Spokane Valley, City of	\$47.51
(Spokane County	
Environmental Services)	
Sprague, City of	\$45.15
Springdale, Town of	\$65.89
St. John, Town of	\$35.00
Stanwood, City of	\$39.79
Starbuck, Town of	\$23.48
Steilacoom, Town of	\$49.96
Stevenson, City of	\$29.95
Sultan, City of	\$74.47
Sumas, City of	\$71.31
Sumner, City of	\$121.99
Sunland Water District	\$63.00
Sunnyside, City of	\$40.65
Tacoma, City of	\$65.79
Tamoshan & Beverly Beach	\$117.78
Tehaleh (formerly Cascadia)	\$45.64
Tekoa, City of	\$46.00
Tenino, City of	\$115.00
Terrace Heights Sewer District	\$50.00
Tieton, Town of	\$47.00
Toledo, City of	\$74.69
Tonasket, City of	\$30.74
Toppenish, City of	\$60.23
Tukwila, City of	\$71.03
Tumwater, City of	\$53.02
Twisp, Town of	\$50.76
Union Gap, City of	\$42.36
University Place, City of	\$45.64

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	(1000cf)
Vader, City of	\$59.00
Val Vue Sewer District	\$54.05
Vancouver, City of	\$46.70
Waitsburg, City of	\$42.75
Walla Walla, City of	\$52.10
Wapato, City of	\$42.00
Warden, City of	\$53.16
Washougal, City of	\$55.42
Washtucna, Town of	\$40.00
Waterville, Town of	\$31.33
Wenatchee, City of	\$24.64
West Richland, City of	\$40.00
Westport, City of	\$57.71
White Salmon, City of	\$53.05
Wilbur, Town of	\$55.64
Wilkeson, Town of	\$79.00
Winlock, City of	\$122.61
Winthrop, Town of	\$21.64
Wishram, Town of	\$54.94
Woodinville, City of	\$69.18
Woodinville Water District	\$69.18
Woodland, City of	\$94.67
Yakima, City of	\$50.72
Yarrow Point, Town of	\$55.53
(City of Bellevue)	433.33
Yelm, City of	\$55.16
Zillah, City of	\$28.75

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