



SKYLINE

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2016 Water & Sewer Rates

The Board of Commissioners of Skyway Water and Sewer District is responsible for setting rates. Each year, with the aid of District staff and consultants, they work in open public meetings to analyze the District's operating, maintenance, debt service and capital replacement requirements.

In addition to the daily cost of operating the water and sewer systems, the District must plan for the cost to repair and replace parts of the systems as they become outdated or deteriorated. This is an ongoing activity and much of your infrastructure,

particularly sewer facilities, were originally installed 50 to 75 years ago. As part of the rate setting process, District staff develop a 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that prioritizes repair and replacement projects based on the risks and benefits of each project. The CIP and rate schedule are reviewed by the Board of Commissioners to confirm that the construction program balances their obligation to maintain your vital water and sewer facilities against the cost to District customers.

The enclosed bill reflects a rate increase for both water and sewer. The water increase

(\$1.92/month for the average single family customer) will help to fund the replacement and upsizing of old water mains and the development and treatment of District wells/well water.



RECENTLY REPAIRED 1950'S ERA 6" SEWER MAIN

The sewer increase (\$4.20/month for the average single family customer) will help fund the ongoing replacement of our aging sewer collection

and transmission system.

Over the next 10 years, the District's capital improvement program to repair and/or replace aging infrastructure is anticipated to average nearly \$6.2 million dollars per year. The rate schedule is set to cover the cost of ongoing operations and the necessary CIP projects through steady measured increases, rather than large and erratic increases. The District operates **solely** on your customer rates; **it receives no tax revenue.**

Commissioner's Corner

The Lowly Hydrant

It stands a lonely vigil day and night throughout our neighborhoods, ready at a moment's notice to provide water to firefighters who save lives and protect property nearby. The water delivered at the hydrant comes through miles of pipe that also provide water to you in your homes and businesses. Large pipes bring water from the source and then are reduced to smaller sizes for delivery to your homes. The cost to buy and install these pipes, maintain them, AND purchase the water for you is just some of what our rates pay for.



-Don Henry

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL		
MONTHLY WATER RATES		
Meter	SF	SF Discount
5/8" x 3/4"	\$17.79	\$12.45
1"	\$41.86	\$29.30
1 1/2"	\$82.02	\$57.41
BI-MONTHLY VOLUME BLOCKS (1CCF = 748 GALLONS)		
0-8 ccf	\$3.95	
9-12 ccf	\$5.00	
13-24 ccf	\$6.31	
Over 24 ccf	\$8.04	
MONTHLY SEWER RATES		
	SF	SF Discount
District	\$36.53	\$16.61
King	\$42.03	\$42.03
Total	\$74.36	\$56.73

NON-SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL				
MONTHLY WATER RATES				
METER SIZE	MONTHLY CHARGE	VOLUME BLOCK (PER 100 CUBIC FEET)		
		COMMERCIAL/ INSTITUTIONAL	MULTI-FAMILY	IRRIGATION
5/8" X 3/4"	\$26.81	\$5.69	\$5.51	\$8.72
1"	\$58.97	\$5.69	\$5.51	\$8.72
1 1/2"	\$127.50	\$5.69	\$5.51	\$8.72
2"	\$203.03	\$5.69	\$5.51	\$8.72
3"	\$404.55	\$5.69	\$5.51	\$8.72
4"	\$630.94	\$5.69	\$5.51	\$8.72
6"	\$1260.23	\$5.69	\$5.51	\$8.72
SEWER RATES				
King Co. DNR & District Volume Rate (per 100 cubic feet)				\$12.02



It's Back!

WATER CONSERVATION PILOT PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME SENIOR AND DISABLED CUSTOMERS!

Skyway and Cascade are continuing the **FREE** water conservation pilot program in 2016 to help qualified water customers save water and money. Last year, many Skyway customers participated in the program and have seen their water bills reduced as a result.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the Water Conservation Pilot Program section of the 2016 Discount form (below). Eligible customers will be contacted with further information.

The program is part of Cascade's water use efficiency programs (see more at www.cascadewater.org).

Cascade and Skyway will perform an on-site audit of your home's water appliances and fixtures to determine if there are savings opportunities and may install water-saving equipment - for **FREE!** Renters can also apply but will need an owner's approval to participate.

For additional questions contact Agnes Hicks at Skyway, 206-772-7343 or Mike Brent at Cascade, 425-453-0930.

FREE Gardening Class!

"The Un-thirsty Landscape"
How to enjoy a lush garden with lower water bills.

Marianne Binetti
(Radio host, Author, Columnist)

Thursday, March 31, 2016
7:00 to 8:30 pm
District Office - 6723 S 124th St.

To register, visit: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2342146

West Hill Community Association's Spring Community Quarterly Meeting

Special presentations, community news and reports - April is our annual board election, nominate yourself or another West Hill resident (18+) from the floor.

Tues April 19th, 7pm Skyway VFW, 7421 S 126th St

When's the next West Hill Action Mob party happening?
Sign up for email alerts at MyWestHill.org.

How can I directly support change in my community?
Make a donation at MyWestHill.org!

What's going on in my neighborhood this week?
Check out the events calendar at... you guessed it: MyWestHill.org!

WEST HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MyWestHill.org **MyWestHill**

SKYWAY OUTDOOR CINEMA
Movie poll starts 4/15!

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2016 LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN / SOCIAL SECURITY (SSI) DISABILITY DISCOUNT FORM

Name: _____

Account #: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Birth Date: _____

Check the following which are true:

- I am the owner and/or tenant at the address listed above
- I am 62 years of age or older or my spouse is 62 years of age or older, OR
- My age or that of my spouse is less than 62, but I or my spouse are recipients of US Social Security (SSI) Disability payments

My gross household income from ALL SOURCES (including 100% of social security and other pension) for 2015 was less than the following:

- 1 person household: **\$32,030/year or \$2,670/month; OR**
- 2+ person household: **\$36,570/year or \$3,050/month**

SKYWAY/CASCADE WATER CONSERVATION PILOT PROGRAM

- YES! I am interested in more no-cost ways to reduce my water bill.
- I get my water from Skyway.
- I own I rent

DECLARATION:

I swear under the laws of the State of Washington, under the penalty of perjury, that the foregoing statements are true and correct:

Signature _____

City where signed _____

Date _____

Annual renewal of this form is required for program eligibility. Please return form by 3/31/16.