



www.skywayws.org

March 2021

2021 Water and 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, and capital replacement requirements. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this year's rate setting analysis and decision making was particularly challenging.

In addition to the daily cost of operating the water and sewer systems, the Commissioners must plan for the cost to repair and replace parts of the systems as they become obsolete or deteriorated. This is an ongoing activity and much of our infrastructure, particularly sewer facilities, was originally installed as much as 80 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 individual project. The CIP and rate schedule are reviewed by the Board of Commissioners to confirm that the CIP program balances their obligation to maintain your vital water and sewer facilities against the cost to District customers. This year's process also considered the past, current and potential future financial impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The enclosed March bill (for January and February service)

| SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|--|
| MONTHLY METER RATES | | | BI-MONTHLY VOLUME BLOCKS | | MONTHLY SEWER RATES | | | |
| Meter Size | SFR | SFR Discount | 0-8 ccf | 4.60 | | SFR | SFR Discount | |
| 5/8x3/4" | 20.71 | 14.50 | 9-12 ccf | 5.83 | District | 56.93 | 25.89 | |
| 1" | 48.73 | 34.11 | 13-24 ccf | 7.34 | King County | 47.37 | 47.37 | |
| 1 1/2" | 95.49 | 66.84 | Over 24 ccf | 9.36 | Total | 104.30 | 73.26 | |
| NON-SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL | | | | | | | | |
| MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | | | MONTHLY SEWER RATES | |
| METER SIZE | 5/8x3/4" | 1" | 1-1/2" | 2" | 3" | 4" | 6" | |
| | 31.23 | 68.65 | 148.44 | 236.37 | 470.99 | 734.57 | 1467.21 | |
| BI-MONTHLY VOLUME BLOCKS | | | | | | | | KING COUNTY DNR & DISTRICT RATE (per 100 cubic feet) |
| COMMERCIAL | | INSTITUTIONAL | | MULTI-FAMILY | | IRRIGATION | | |
| 6.63 | | 6.63 | | 6.42 | | 22.40 | | 16.35 |

2021 SENIOR & DISABLED DISCOUNT APPLICATION



reflects a **zero (\$0.00) District rate increase for both water and sewer**. This decision by your Board of Commissioners was made after carefully considering the needs of our customers, the District's overall financial health and stability, and the Boards responsibility to provide for the proper operation and maintenance of the water and sewer systems. The District will not be increasing its rates for 2021, however there will be a **4.5% increase** in the pass-through sewer charges for King County sewage treatment.

Over the next 6 years, the District's capital improvement program to repair and/or replace aging infrastructure is anticipated to average \$10.2 million dollars per year. The 2021 rate schedule, at a cost of \$3.59 per day for District water and sewer service for the average single-family customer, pays for **ALL** ongoing system operations and CIP projects. The District operates **solely** on your customer rates; **it receives no tax revenue**.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Skyway Park Sewer Pump Station Consolidation - Construction of this District capital project awarded to R.L. Alia Company is nearly complete! The new Main Pump Station is operational, all underground piping and manholes have been installed, and system testing conducted. Minor electrical and mechanical work remain to be completed. Restoration and site cleanup are in progress.

We appreciate everyone's patience during construction, especially with interruptions to traffic and parking. Check our website at www.skywayws.org for updates or contact the District at info@skywayws.org or 206-772-7343 if you would like more information.

Construction of the Districts **Skyway Park North Sewer Replacement Phase 1** and **Small Diameter Watermain Replacement** projects are planned to begin this spring, subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners.

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

The District has an established Customer Assistance Program administered by the Salvation Army for the benefit of District customers who need financial assistance with paying their water and sewer bills. The program is funded by District rates and customer donations. During 2020, there were 7 customers who received financial assistance through this program. For more information, contact the District at 206-772-7343 or the Salvation Army at 425-255-5969 Extension 214.

LOW INCOME DISCOUNT PROGRAM

During 2020 there were 278 qualifying low-income senior or disabled customers that participated in the District's Rate Discount Program. The cost of this program was approximately \$115,771.80 -- \$15,574.68 in water service and \$100,197.12 in sewer service.



FREE Virtual Cascade Gardener Classes!

Register today at weneedwater.org

LEARN ABOUT
 Natural Yard Care • Choosing the Best Plants • Gardening in Small Spaces • Sustainable Landscaping • Garden Design • Veggie Gardening • Gardening Year 'Round • Practical Gardening

Classes on **Saturdays at 10am**
 In March and April through ZOOM

March 6: Marianne Binetti
Plant This! Not That!

March 13: Jessi Bloom
Easy Peasy Edible Gardening: Growing a Food Forest

March 20: Lisa Taylor
Small Space Gardening: Grow More Food on a Tiny Footprint

March 27: Peggy Campbell
Proven Tips and Techniques for First-Time Gardeners

April 10: Christina Pfeiffer
Month-to-Month Gardening in the Pacific Northwest

April 17: Greg Rabourn
Designing the Northwest Garden

April 24: Ladd Smith
Healthy Soils

Presented by
 Cascade Water Alliance

WHCA News *and* Updates



Join our Spring Quarterly Meeting in April

Facebook.com/MyWestHill Our Spring Community Meeting is Tuesday, April 20. Watch live on Facebook at 7 p.m. and learn about what's new in the neighborhood!



Learn About our Board Elections Process

MyWestHill.org/board Six seats on the WHCA board are up for election this year. Learn more about our board, requirements for service, and how to apply online.



More Local News, Updates, and Actions

MyWestHill.org/news Find more stories from the community, opportunities to take action, and more.



Check Out Your Local Events Calendar

MyWestHill.org/calendar There's always something new being added to our online events calendar. Take a look!

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE: In these uncertain times, things change and news updates quickly. Our website, social media accounts, and newsletter are great ways to stay in the loop: **MyWestHill.org/connect**



WEST HILL
 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MyWestHill.org

[f MyWestHill](#)

[@ MyWestHill](#)

[WestHillTweets](#)



6723 S 124th St.
 Seattle, WA 98178
 206-772-7343 • 206-772-5860 FAX
www.skywayws.org
info@skywayws.org

2021 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 2020 was less than the following:

- ☐ 1 person household: **\$41,800 year or \$3,483/month; OR**
- ☐ 2+ person household: **\$47,800 year or \$3,983/month**

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 3-31-21.