

Information about your water, drainage, wastewater and solid waste utility services.



Peak Water Rates in Effect

Peak residential water rates are in effect from May 16 through September 15 each year. Peak rates incorporate a three-tiered rate structure with progressively higher rates as water consumption increases. During warmer months, we depend on water stored in our mountain reservoirs to meet customer demand while leaving enough water in the rivers for fish. Peak water rates encourage customers to use water wisely.

2011 Residential Water Rates

| Water Usage | Inside City Limits | Outside City Limits | Shoreline and Lake Forest Park |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Off-Peak Usage (Sept. 16 – May 15) | \$3.62/ccf | \$4.13/ccf | \$4.39/ccf |
| Peak Usage (May 16 – Sept. 15) | | | |
| • First-Tier: Up to 10 ccf in 60 days | \$3.98/ccf | \$4.54/ccf | \$4.83/ccf |
| • Second-Tier: Next 26 ccf in 60 days | \$4.63/ccf | \$5.28/ccf | \$5.62/ccf |
| • Third-Tier: Over 36 ccf in 60 days | \$11.80/ccf | \$13.45/ccf | \$14.31/ccf |

Note: One ccf equals 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons of water.

Tour the Cedar River Watershed



Join Seattle Public Utilities naturalists for a tour of the Watershed, the source of 70 percent of the Seattle area's drinking water. These interpretive journeys by bus into the 91,000-acre protected watershed are held most Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from July 15 to September 11. Anyone 10 years or older may take tours, which last from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and start and end at the Cedar River Watershed Education Center near North Bend. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for youth (age 10+) and seniors. Call and ask about our one-hour waterfall tours for families with younger children.

For information and reservations, call 206-233-1515 or email crwprograms@seattle.gov.

Wash Smart and Protect Puget Sound

Washing your car on the street or driveway sends soap and grime into the nearest storm drain. That pollution goes into a local creek, lake or Puget Sound, and harms fish and wildlife. Instead, take your car to a commercial car wash like Elephant Car Wash that reclaims the wash water several times before sending it to the sewer system for treatment.

Learn more on how you can be part of making our waterways healthy at www.seattle.gov/restoreourwaters.

Tune Up Your Watering System

With the arrival of warm weather, it's a good time to tune up your outdoor watering system and avoid costly leaks. Follow these money-saving tune-up tips:

- Check your hose for breaks, replace worn washers and make sure the seal is tight between your hose and spigot and hose and sprayer.
- Use soaker hoses and drip irrigation to water your plants without wasting water.
- If you have an automatic sprinkler system, inspect it monthly. Check for leaks, broken or clogged heads, or misdirected spray. If you don't have the know-how, hire a professional to do a system check for you.
- Look for unusually green or wet spots in your lawn, which may point to an underground leak.

Need more detailed advice on finding and fixing leaks? Check out our leak repair videos at www.savingwater.org or call 206-684-SAVE (7283).

New!

Summer Paint Out!

Paint out graffiti this July and August. Seattle Public Utilities is creating a new summer tradition – Summer Paint Out. Whether you are a group or an individual, you can tackle graffiti in your neighborhood. We'll supply you with FREE paint (white-brown-gray), rollers, brushes, scrapers, and gloves.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming announcements.

Get more information by emailing daniel.sims@seattle.gov or calling 206-684-7790.





Save!

50% Off Car Wash

Thank you for choosing the best salmon-friendly way to clean your car.

Bert's Car Wash Coupon



As recognition, this coupon gives you 50 percent off your car wash at any Puget Sound Car Wash Association member location, including Elephant Car Wash in Seattle and Burien.



Expires Oct. 31, 2011

Things to REMEMBER

This Summer

How are we doing?

2010 Drinking Water Quality Report
Find it in mailboxes in June.

Annual Report Card
Look for it in July and August bills.

Free! Auto Leaks Class

Keep oil and other fluid leaks from your car from harming our local waterways and wildlife. Join the experts at South Seattle Community College's Automotive Technology Program for a FREE auto leaks class. Learn where most leaks occur and proper auto maintenance.

Class Dates

Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
May 7, June 4, July 9, August 13,
and September 24.

Email anthony.matlock@seattle.gov or call 206-386-9746 to register.

Water Quality Online

Kayakers, boaters, swimmers, and others now have a new resource to help them make informed decisions about the health of Seattle's waterways. New real-time reports are available online to show where untreated sewage has overflowed due to heavy rain. To view the map, go to www.seattle.gov/CSO and click on "Reports & Regulations."

Report Spills

See a suspicious spill near a storm drain or waterway? Report surface water pollution problems or dumping: call 206-684-7587 and press 3.



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Bert the Salmon: If you are concerned about water quality, this site will give you tips on how to live a Puget Sound-friendly lifestyle, including coupons that will help you make choices that are right for our local environment. Find Bert at www.facebook.com/BertTheSalmon.

Cedar River Watershed Education Center: Discover fun activities for all ages and volunteer opportunities that ensure the health of our watershed, the source of much of Seattle's water. You can find us at www.facebook.com and search "Cedar River Watershed Education Center."

Evelyn the Envelope: Find great tips on how to reduce waste and divert more to your recycling and food and yard waste carts. You could start saving by reducing your garbage can size, and you'll help reduce the waste going to the landfill. Find Evelyn at www.facebook.com/EvelynTheEnvelope.

Saavy Gardener: Learn how to garden the pesticide-free, and water-saving way. You can also learn about upcoming classes around the Sound. Find us at www.facebook.com/savvygardenernews.



\$30 Toilet Rebate for Residential Customers

Get a \$30 rebate on a new high-efficiency toilet and you could cut your utility bills by \$260 a year. Toilets with the WaterSense label qualify for a rebate. Get the details at www.savingwater.org or call 206-684-SAVE (7283) for eligibility requirements.

\$30 de Reembolso por su Inodoro (para clientes residenciales)

Reciba \$30 de reembolso por la compra de un nuevo inodoro de alta eficiencia que lo ayudará a reducir sus cuentas de servicios en unos \$260 anuales. Los inodoros con la etiqueta WaterSense califican para este reembolso. Vea los detalles visitando www.savingwater.org o llamando al 206-684-SAVE (7283) para conocer los requisitos de elegibilidad.

住宅用戶購買座便器可獲**\$30** 現金退款

購買新的節水座便器可獲現金退款，每年節省水費\$260。座便器若貼有 WaterSense 標籤即符合現金退款條件。詳情請查閱網站 www.savingwater.org 或打電話 206-684-SAVE (7283) 詢問資格要求。



West Nile Virus Precautions

Warmer temperatures signal the beginning of mosquito season, and that means taking precautions against West Nile Virus, a mosquito-borne disease. Most people bitten by an infected mosquito don't get sick, but 20 percent of people bitten experience mild to severe flu-like symptoms. Less than one percent of those who experience symptoms develop a life-threatening illness. Reduce your risk: cover your skin, wear insect repellent and eliminate standing water that can breed mosquitoes. Mosquitoes need 72 hours to incubate. To get more information go to www.seattle.gov/util and search "West Nile Virus," or call Public Health's hotline at 206-205-3883.

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