

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 our rivers for fish. Peak water rates encourage us to use water wisely.

2016 Residential Water Rates

Seasonal Water Usage	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits	Shoreline and Lake Forest Park
Off-Peak (Sept. 16–May 15)	\$5.06	\$5.77	\$6.14
Peak (May 16–Sept. 15)			
• First Tier: Up to 5 CCF* per month	\$5.20	\$5.93	\$6.31
• Second Tier: Next 13 CCF per month	\$6.43	\$7.33	\$7.80
• Third Tier: Over 18 CCF per month	\$11.80	\$13.45	\$14.31

*One CCF equals 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons of water



Using Water Wisely Helps Salmon

Feel proud when you conserve water—you're saving money on your water bill and keeping more water in the rivers and streams for salmon. It's especially important to use water wisely in the summer and fall months, when stream flows are lowest. Your actions help protect precious freshwater habitat for salmon and other species that live in and around our streams.

Witness your work when salmon make their annual migration home to our local streams this summer and fall. Starting this July, find out when and where the fish are returning by going to www.kingcounty.gov/salmon and clicking on "Salmon SEEson."



Compost at Home, at Work, and on the Go



Whether you're at home, at work, or on the go, you can compost the same stuff. Look for the green food waste bins at your workplace, local restaurants, stores, and community centers. Banana peels and apple cores, wooden chopsticks and greasy napkins, chicken bones and uncoated paper plates—all these things and more can go in the green food waste bin. When you compost your food waste you're returning nutrients to the soil and keeping food waste out of the landfill.

Learn more at www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste

**Coming
Soon**

Coming Soon: Water Quality Report

Seattle Public Utilities' Drinking Water Quality Report is on its way. This annual report gives you a chance to learn more about the quality and safety of the water you drink every day. We're pleased to report that our water is among the best in the nation—check out the Water Quality Report to find out why. Watch for it in June.

How's our water supply this year? See the other side of this newsletter to find out.

How's Our Water Supply?

Thanks to the above-average rainfall and near-normal snowpack this past winter, the drinking water supply that Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) provides to 1.4 million customers in our region is within the typical range for this time of year. Snowpack was slightly below average this winter, but the increased precipitation allowed us to keep reservoir storage at a level that is somewhat higher than average.

Based on the frequent forecasting that SPU conducts, we expect water supply conditions to stay within typical ranges over the next few months.



The most up-to-date water supply conditions, showing precipitation, snowpack, reservoir storage, and consumption, are posted weekly on the SPU website at www.seattle.gov/util/watersupply.

Time for a New Toilet?

Old, leaky toilets can use over 5 gallons per flush—that's a lot of water (and money) down the drain! By replacing your old toilet with a new water-efficient fixture, you'll save money on your utility bills and conserve water for the Puget Sound region.

\$100 Toilet Rebate

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) customers are eligible for a \$100 rebate toward any brand of Premium (1.1 gallons per flush or less) toilets. Learn more at www.savingwater.org/rebates or call 206-615-1282.

Free Toilet Program

SPU provides free water-saving toilets and installation for income-qualified homeowners. Homes must be located in Seattle and have existing toilets installed before 2004. Learn more at www.seattle.gov/util/freetoilets or call 206-448-5751.

Free Auto Leaks Classes

Oil and other fluids that leak from your car find their way to Puget Sound and other waterways, hurting wildlife and habitat.

Seattle Public Utilities' Automotive Maintenance Program offers FREE workshops to help you prevent these leaks.

Participate in a FREE Auto Leaks Workshop this summer! You'll have your car inspected by a certified automotive instructor and learn to spot and fix leaks.



Upcoming classes:

- Saturday, June 25, 2016
- Saturday, July 23, 2016

Learn more at:
www.seattle.gov/util/autoleaks

Is Your Garden Ready for Summer?

Summer means warmer, drier days around Puget Sound. Take these steps to prepare your garden for the warm summer months:

- **Create healthy soil by adding compost.** Healthy soil makes healthy plants, and healthy plants require less water.
- **Add two to three inches of woodchip mulch to shrub and tree beds.** Adding mulch reduces the need for watering.
- **Avoid planting new plants in the summer.** New plants get the best start when planted during fall or spring rains.
- **Give your plants just the right amount of water.** Go to www.savingwater.org/lawngarden/wateringirrigation for seasonal watering tips.
- **Irrigate with a rebate.** For in-ground irrigation systems, purchase a WaterSense irrigation timer and receive a **\$100 rebate**. Go to www.savingwater.org for details.



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