

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 wise use of water.

2013 Residential Water Rates

<u>Water Usage</u>	<u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Outside City Limits</u>	<u>Shoreline and Lake Forest Park</u>
Off-Peak Usage (Sept. 16 – May 15)	\$4.50/ccf	\$5.13/ccf	\$5.46/ccf
Peak Usage (May 16 – Sept. 15)			
• First-Tier: Up to 10 ccf in 60 days	\$4.73/ccf	\$5.39/ccf	\$5.74/ccf
• Second-Tier: Next 26 ccf in 60 days	\$5.72/ccf	\$6.52/ccf	\$6.94/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.

Summer Paint Out!

Paint out graffiti this July and August. Join Summer Paint Out. Whether you are a group or an individual, you can tackle graffiti in your neighborhood. The City of Seattle supports volunteers with FREE paint (white-brown-gray), rollers, brushes, scrapers, and gloves.

Sign up today at www.seattle.gov/SummerPaintOut, or email daniel.sims@seattle.gov, or call 206-684-7790.



Learn to be a **savvy** gardener

You can be a Savvy Gardener!
Find these resources and more at www.savingwater.org/savvygardener.

- Subscribe to the Savvy Gardener Class Update and beat the crowds. These free classes run spring through fall at locations throughout King County.
- Discover drip irrigation.
- Use soaker hoses the right way.
- Know how to choose garden-worthy plants.

If you still have a question, ask our experts at the Garden Hotline at 206-633-0224 or help@gardenhotline.org.

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 in 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.

Need a nonprofit fundraiser?

Visit www.CharityCarWash.org today. This website includes a list of Puget Sound Car Wash Association member locations.



Save!

50% Off Car Wash

Bert's Car Wash Coupon

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



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.



Visit www.CharityCarWash.org today.

Expires Oct. 31, 2013

Don't Drip & Drive



Free Class!

Our FREE Auto Leaks Class is now offered at 4 locations around the Sound: South Seattle Community College, West Seattle High School's Automotive Center, Shoreline Community College, and Renton Technical College.

This class lets you know if you have a leak and prepares you to have a conversation with your mechanic about any repairs. It's a \$125 value!

Register today: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/fixcarleaks.html>.

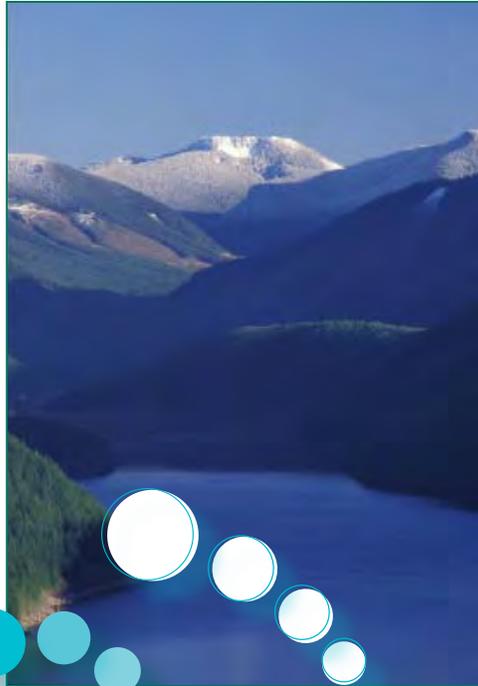
Cut the Composting Confusion

Wonder what to do when you've finished your coffee, done with your dinner at the local café or quick-serve restaurant?

It's easier than you think.

1. Recycle all empty beverage cups and their lids.
2. Dump leftover food in the compost bin. Put the messy container in with it if it's uncoated (not shiny) paper or marked compostable.
3. Throw food-soiled rigid plastic "clamshells" and soup cups not clearly marked compostable in the garbage.
4. Put all plastic cutlery and straws in the garbage unless the restaurant's signs tell you otherwise.

When in doubt, throw it out. That's OK.



Experience the Cedar River Watershed

Do you know where Seattle's high quality tap water comes from? Join Seattle Public Utilities this summer for a variety of guided and self-guided programs and discover for yourself! Visit the Cedar River Watershed Education Center, near North Bend, and enjoy free hands-on exhibits, rain drums, and beautiful Rattlesnake Lake. Signup for a tap water tour, a family waterfall tour, or walking tour of the historic town sites of Cedar Falls or Taylor. Better yet, venture into the protected watershed for a full-day guided trip to see the connection between the watershed's protected rivers, lakes, forests and wetlands and your tap water. Learn more at www.seattle.gov/util/crweg or call 206-733-9421.

Planning SPU's Future

Seattle Public Utilities is in the process of developing a new Strategic Business Plan that will guide the department's investments, service levels and rate path through the year 2020.

The Seattle City Council has asked Seattle Public Utilities to develop the plan as part of its rates and budget discussion. Public input will be an important component of the plan development, requiring a significant number of public meetings and outreach to engage our customers. The completed plan is due in 2014.

How Does Conserving Water Help Salmon?

Feel proud when you save water – you're saving money on your water bill and keeping water in the rivers and streams for salmon. It's especially important to conserve water in summer and fall, when stream flows are lowest. Your actions to conserve water help protect precious freshwater habitat for salmon and other species that live in and around our streams. If you want to witness salmon on their annual migration home to our local streams, look for the Salmon SEEson campaign this summer and fall for the latest on when and where the fish will be at <http://bit.ly/SalmonSEEson>.

Things to REMEMBER

How are we doing?

Drinking Water Quality Report
Find it in mailboxes in May.

Annual Report Card

Look for it in July and August bills.

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