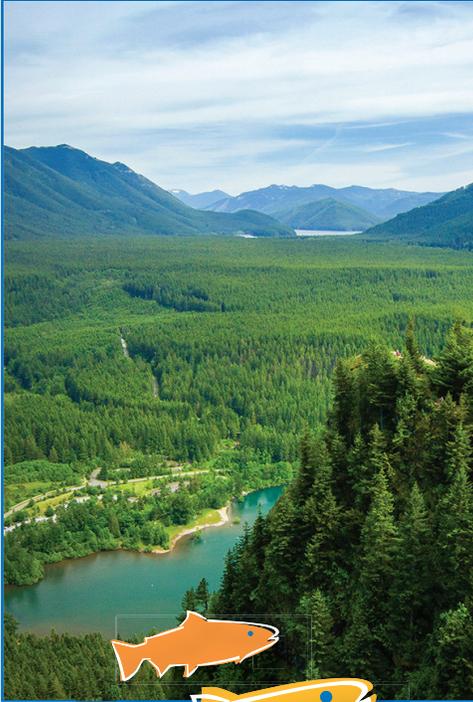


Information about your water, drainage, wastewater and solid waste utility services.



Though Snowpack Low, Water Supply Good

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is doing a number of things to ensure we have enough water in low snowpack years like this year and for the future, including:

- Holding more water: storage in mountain reservoirs is being held above normal.
- System monitoring and operational changes: Snowpack, rainfall and other water resource factors are monitored daily. SPU has adjusted how we capture and release water, as well as how we move it through the water supply system, based on snowpack and predicted rainfall. Adjustments are continuously made to balance water supply, flood management, hydropower and fish habitat.
- Advanced analytic tools: We are continually analyzing how we manage our water supply, fine-tuning our operations that give us confidence in the adequacy of the water supply – even in years with low snowpack.
- Planning for climate change: This year’s low snowpack represents how climate change may look in the future. We know we may be getting less snowpack and have developed management methods and tools to become less reliant on it. As the snowpack decreases, we will rely more on rainfall for supply.

What can the public do? Although our water supply outlook is good, SPU always encourages the public to use water wisely. Discover how to conserve water in and around your home at www.savingwater.org.

Using Water Wisely Helps Salmon

Feel proud when you use water wisely – you’re keeping more water in the rivers and streams for salmon. It is 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, see when and where the fish are returning by going to www.kingcounty.gov/salmon and clicking on “Salmon SEEs on.”

Let Us Know What You Think!

Go to www.savingwater.org and take our survey and enter to win a free home-energy and water-saving kit!

Take a Tour This Summer to See the Source!

Seattle has some of the best drinking water in the world. The secret is the source: the Cedar River Watershed.

Signature Tours are offered twice daily every weekend this summer from July 11 - September 6. The Watershed Tour: (Ages 10+), 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$10 adults; \$5 Seniors (55+)/Youth (10-18) Family Watershed Tour: (No age restrictions), 2 p.m.-3 p.m., \$5

Learn more and register at www.seattle.gov/util/crweec.

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.

2015 Residential Water Rates

Water Usage	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits	Shoreline and Lake Forest Park
Off-Peak Usage (Sept. 16 – May 15)	\$4.99/ccf	\$5.69/ccf	\$6.05/ccf
Peak Usage (May 16 – Sept. 15)			
• First-Tier: Up to 10 ccf in 60 days	\$5.13/ccf	\$5.85/ccf	\$6.22/ccf
• Second-Tier: Next 26 ccf in 60 days	\$6.34/ccf	\$7.23/ccf	\$7.69/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.



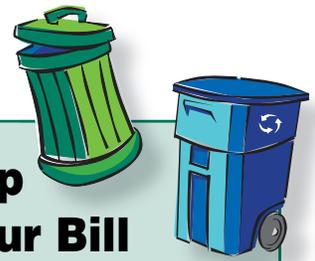
Compost Food It's Not Garbage Anymore!

Seattle no longer allows food and compostable paper, including paper napkins and paper towels, in the garbage.

Already more than 300,000 single-family, multi-family and commercial establishments participate in Seattle's food and yard waste program – diverting nearly 400,000 tons of food from the landfill through curbside food collection since 2005.

We can do better! Seattle still throws away 100,000 tons of food every year – that's equal to 11,000 garbage trucks –. Instead of sending that wasted resource 300 miles away to a landfill in Oregon, put that food and paper in your yard cart where it will become compost for reuse in yards and gardens.

In 2016, fines will be issued to residents whose garbage containers contain too much food or recyclables. Call **206-684-3000** or visit www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste to learn more and get started composting today.



Get Help with Your Bill

Do you know that you can get 50 percent off your Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) bill through the Utility Discount Program? Income-qualified homeowners and renters are eligible. For example, if you are a family of four making less than \$4,941 per month you may qualify. Program participants also get a 60 percent discount on their Seattle City Light bills, and may qualify for a further credit if they do not pay an SPU bill. Call **206-684-0268** or go to www.seattle.gov/mybill to get started.

Some residents of federally subsidized housing, including Section 8 are not eligible.

Don't Flush That Wipe!

Sure, they may get past your toilet, but that is far from the end of the line. Wipes – along with many other items flushed down the toilet – clog our city's pumps and pipes causing sewage overflows into homes, Lake Washington and other waterways.

No matter what product labels claim, do not flush anything but human waste and toilet paper. This includes tissues, paper towels, floss, hair, wet wipes and feminine hygiene products.

Watch this video of one of Seattle Public Utilities pump stations being cleared of these products: <http://bit.ly/makeitstraightflush>.



\$75 Toilet Rebates

For a limited time, customers replacing pre-2004 water-guzzling toilets with the latest 1.06 gallons per flush models will receive a \$75 rebate per toilet replaced (limit 2 per household). Visit www.savingwater.org/rebates for a complete list of retailers, qualifying models and an application form, or call **206-684-SAVE (7283)**.

Garden Ready?

Got Mulch? Late spring is a great time to lay a nice, thick blanket of mulch on your garden beds to help retain moisture during our dry season.

Time to Water? The surface of your beds may look dry, but probe several inches into the soil in the root zone to make sure it is time to water.

Water Wisely: Water deeply and less often for healthier plants and lower water bills.

For free answers to all your gardening questions, contact the Garden Hotline at **206-633-0224** or www.GardenHotline.org. Visit www.savingwater.org for more information about wise water use inside and outside your home and business.



Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SavvyGardenerNews.

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.

Get signed up online at www.seattle.gov/util/SummerPaintOut or call **206-684-7647**.



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