Water, Sewer & Solid Waste Utility Rates for 2015

Look for adjustments in your Feb./March utility statements

As a City of Kirkland water, sewer, and solid waste customer, you will see an increase in rates starting on your February and March 2015 utility statements. It is necessary that the City adjust its customer rates primarily due to increases imposed by Cascade Water Alliance, King County Wastewater Division, and Waste Management.

2015 Utility Rate Changes

Single Family Residential Rate Changes

For single family residential customers, on average, the overall increase to your utility bill is **about 4%** – or a little more than $5.30 per month.

Impact of New Rates on Typical Single Family Residence

	What You Pay Per Month Now	What You Will Pay Per Month in 2015	Monthly $ Impact	% Increase
Water	$39.95	$41.91	$1.96	4.9%
Sewer	$65.41	$68.07	$2.66	4.1%
Solid Waste	$22.25	$22.97	$0.72	3.2%
Total	**$127.61**	**$132.95**	**$5.34**	**4.2%**

Multifamily & Commercial Rate Changes

There is no water rate increase for multifamily or commercial customers. Solid waste rates are increasing an average of 3.2% for multifamily and commercial customers, except for commercial roll-off container (>10 cubic yards) rates, which are increasing 5.35%.

When will rate changes take effect?

Water and sewer rates will take effect **December 1, 2014**. Solid waste rates will take effect **January 1, 2015**.

Exactly how much more will I pay?

Because water, sewer, and solid waste usage is different for single family, multifamily and commercial customers, it is not possible to determine the exact impact on your utility bill. See reverse side for 2014 vs. 2015 utility rate comparisons.

Low Income Senior Discounts

Discounts are available if you live in a single family home and you or your spouse is 62 years of age or older, and your 2014 gross monthly income was less than:

- $2,575.00 if you are single
- $2,941.67 if you are married

2015 Service Fees

Surface Water Fees

Surface water fees are collected by King County on the City's behalf and are included on your property tax statements. These fees are increasing by 4% for all customers, which is about $0.62 per month for single family residential customers.

Service Fees

Alternate Billing.....$10
To change the mailing address to address other than property owner (e.g. tenant)

Estimated Final Bill.....$30
Typically requested as part of a home sale or when there is permanent closure to water service

Final Read Fee $40
Typically requested as part of a home sale or when there is permanent closure to water service

Shut Off Fee/Tag $20
Applied for having property tagged to be shut off

Reactivating Your Service

In the unfortunate event that your water and sewer bills are unpaid after receiving a Delinquent Notice, the City will shut off your water service. To restore it, the following fees would apply:

Shut Off Fee / Unpaid Bill $40
For failure to keep account current

After Hours Activation.....$50
To activate water service after 3 p.m. weekdays or on weekends in case of an emergency or at request of account holder

2014 vs. 2015 Utility Rates

Single Family Residential Water & Sewer Rates, 2014 vs. 2015 (2-Month Billing)

Water	2014 Rate	2015 Rate
Basic Charge	$36.32	$38.10
Charge Per Unit for Additional Water Consumed		
Units 5 through 24	$4.36	$4.57
Units 25 and greater	$5.72	$6.00
Sprinkler Meters Per Unit (no basic charge) commercial and residential	$5.80	$6.08
Sewer		
Basic Charge – King County Wastewater Treatment	$79.58	$84.06
Minimum Consumption Billed – Kirkland Wastewater *(includes 6 units of Average Winter Water Consumption for 2 months)*	$25.62	$26.04
Consumption Charge Per Unit of Average Winter Water Consumed	$4.27	$4.34

Multifamily & Commercial Sewer Rates, 2014 vs. 2015 (2-Month Billing)

Sewer	2014 Rate	2015 Rate
Basic Charge (includes 12 units for 2 month bill)	$108.12	$112.66
Consumption Charge Per Unit of Water Consumed Above 12 Units	$9.01	$9.39

Solid Waste Rates, 2014 vs. 2015 (2-Month Billing)

Cart Size	Collection Frequency	2014 Rate	2015 Rate
35 gallon	Monthly	$11.56	$11.94
10 gallon	Weekly	$14.30	$14.76
20 gallon	Weekly	$28.60	$29.52
35 gallon	Weekly	$44.50	$45.94
64 gallon	Weekly	$81.32	$83.98
96 gallon	Weekly	$121.98	$125.96
Additional Charges Per Item			
Extra garbage per 32-gallon can (each item)		$5.73	$5.89
Extra yard waste per 32-gallon can (each item)		$5.07	$5.25
Extra 96-gallon yard waste cart (per month)		$12.92	$13.34

Cost includes carts and weekly 64-gallon recycling and 96-gallon yard waste service. Alternate sizes available upon request.

Reduce Your Waste, Save Money!

Follow Kirkland Environmental for waste reduction tips and recycling events:

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cityofkirklandblogs.com/environmentalservices

We make it easy for multifamily and commercial customers to start recycling and composting – learn more at kirklandwa.gov/recycle or by calling (425) 587-3812.

Contact Kirkland Utility Billing

City of Kirkland Utility Billing Division
City Hall, 123 – 5th Avenue
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(425) 587-3150
www.kirklandwa.gov/utility

Make a Payment

Online payment: kirkland.merchanttransact.com
Drop off box at north entrance of City Hall (no cash)

Recycling Hotline

Your recycling and trash questions, answered.
(425) 587-3812 | recycle@kirklandwa.gov