



Water, Sewer & Solid Waste Utility Rates for 2020

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 2020 utility statements. It is necessary that the City adjust its customer rates primarily due to increases imposed by Cascade Water Alliance and Waste Management, and to continue to reinvest in infrastructure.

2020 Utility Rate Changes

Single Family Residential Rate Changes

For single family residential customers, on average, the overall increase to your utility bill is **about 2.9%** – or \$4.36 per month.

Impact of New Rates on Typical Single Family Residence

	What You Pay Per Month Now	What You Will Pay Per Month in 2020	Monthly \$ Impact	% Increase
Water	\$46.12	\$47.42	\$1.30	2.8%
Sewer	\$76.41	\$78.27	\$1.86	2.4%
Solid Waste	\$26.70	\$27.90	\$1.20	4.5%
Total	\$149.23	\$153.59	\$4.36	2.9%

Multifamily & Commercial Rate Changes

There are no water or sewer rate increases for multifamily or commercial customers. Multifamily and commercial solid waste customer rates will increase on average 1.8%. Commercial roll-off container (>10 cubic yards) rates are increasing 4.3%.

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 2.5% for all customers, which is about \$0.45 per month for single family residential customers.

2020 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

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Water Shut Off Tag Fee \$20

Applied for having property tagged prior to a potential water shut-off due to an unpaid bill

When will rate changes take effect?

Water and sewer rates will take effect **December 1, 2019**. Solid waste rates will take effect **January 1, 2020**.

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 specify the exact impact on your utility bill. See reverse side for 2019 vs. 2020 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 2019 gross monthly income was less than:

- \$3,229.16 if you are single
- \$3,691.66 if you are married

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. on weekdays, or on weekends in case of an emergency or at request of account holder



2019 vs. 2020 Utility Rates

Single Family Residential Water & Sewer Rates, 2019 vs. 2020 (2-Month Billing)

Water	2019 Rate	2020 Rate
Basic Charge	\$41.94	\$43.14
<i>Charge Per Unit for Additional Water Consumed</i>		
Units 5 through 24	\$5.03	\$5.17
Units 25 and greater	\$6.61	\$6.80
Sprinkler Meters Per Unit (no basic charge) commercial and residential	\$7.15	\$7.87
Sewer		
Basic Charge – King County Wastewater Treatment	\$90.66	\$90.66
Minimum Consumption Billed – Kirkland Wastewater (includes 6 units of Average Winter Water Consumption for 2 months)	\$31.08	\$32.94
Consumption Charge Per Unit of Average Winter Water Consumed	\$5.18	\$5.49

Multifamily & Commercial Sewer Rates, 2019 vs. 2020 (2-Month Billing)

Sewer	2019 Rate	2020 Rate
Basic Charge (includes 12 units for 2 month bill)	\$120.10	\$120.10
Consumption Charge Per Unit of Water Consumed Above 12 Units	\$10.05	\$10.05

Single Family Solid Waste Rates, 2019 vs. 2020 (2-Month Billing)

Cart Size	Collection Frequency	2019 Rate	2020 Rate
35 gallon	Monthly	\$13.86	\$14.48
10 gallon	Weekly	\$17.18	\$17.94
20 gallon	Weekly	\$34.30	\$35.84
35 gallon	Weekly	\$53.40	\$55.80
64 gallon	Weekly	\$97.60	\$102.00
96 gallon	Weekly	\$146.40	\$153.00
Additional Charges Per Item			
Extra garbage per 32-gallon can (each item)		\$6.51	\$6.71
Extra yard waste per 32-gallon can (each item)		\$5.75	\$5.95
Extra 96-gallon yard waste cart (per month)		\$15.51	\$16.21

Solid waste service is mandatory. Cost includes carts and weekly recycling and food+yard waste service. Applicable taxes and fees are not included. Cart lids must be closed completely or extra charges may apply.

How to Pay Your Bill

Pay online: kirklandwa.gov/paymentus

Pay by phone: 1 (855) 498-9970

Drop off box: City Hall north entrance (no cash)

Pay by mail: P.O. Box 3865 Seattle, WA 98124

Billing Questions

City of Kirkland Utility Billing
Mon-Fri, 8-5
(425) 587-3150
utilitybilling@kirklandwa.gov
kirklandwa.gov/utility

- Sign up for new service
- Payment questions
- Request vacation hold (min. 8 weeks)
- Request service for disabled customers

Garbage Service Issues

Waste Management
Mon-Fri, 7-7 and Sat, 9-1
1 (800) 592-9995
wmnorthwest.com/kirkland

- Change cart size
- Report missed collection
- Replace damaged carts
- Información en español

Recycling Hotline

(425) 587-3812
recycle@kirklandwa.gov
kirklandwa.gov/recycle

- Recycling questions
- Help with disposal options

Thank you for conserving water!



Tips + free resources at cascadewater.org.

