

Many of us take water for granted. There are millions of people around the world who lack access to clean water and basic sanitation, while we simply have to turn on the tap or flush the toilet. We forget that without clean water, OUR HEALTH, and our quality of life is at risk.

We also forget about the vast infrastructure beneath our feet and the dedication of water and wastewater professionals who work day and night to keep our water clean and sanitation services working.

Much of the Country, including federal agencies, cities and counties are far behind in taking care of infrastructure; we do not want to follow this trend.

In 2010, the City had an independent company examine our utilities to determine the necessary monthly utility rates to meet all the utility infrastructure needs.

The City did not raise rates as much as recommended during the recession help our citizens through that difficult time.

This rate increase will allow us to keep our utilities functioning and make the necessary investments to ensure that our customers will not be left without these necessary services.

## City of Orting

### Contact Information

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### Low Income Rates

Low income utility rates are available to those that have qualified for the Senior/Disabled deferred property tax program through the County Assessors office. Please contact City Hall for the application and County contact information.

About City Utilities: The City of Orting Utilities are nonprofit utility businesses serving approximately 3,000 customers both inside and outside city limits.



# Why Are Our Utility Rates Increasing?



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Utility bills will increase by approximately **\$6.08** per month. The base rate of water includes the first 100 cubic feet.

There are many projects planned to allow the City to stay in compliance with our regulators. These include:

- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requires the City to lower its water mains under state highway to new WSDOT Standards and remove the old pipes; 20-year projection to complete the project.
- Orville Road East water main replacement, \$2 million. (approx. 40 million gallons of water is lost due to leaky transmission line each year.)
- North End Reservoir and Booster Pump Station debt service of \$300,000 per year.
- Wingate Springs Main Replacement & Service connections replacement (future project of approximately \$3 million).
- City wide system telemetry installation.
- City-wide daily infrastructure repair due to leaky pipes.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Solids Handling (required future project of approximately \$6 million).

<b>WATER</b>				
<b>Monthly Base Charge</b>				
	Existing Rates		2017 Rates	
<b>Meter Size</b>	Residential	Commercial	Residential	Commercial
0.75	\$19.63	\$19.63	\$21.10	\$21.10
1-1.5	\$32.05	\$32.05	\$34.45	\$34.45
2.0-4.0	\$45.51	\$45.51	\$48.92	\$48.92
Low Income	\$15.85		\$16.17	

<b>Block Rates per 100 cubic feet of water USED</b>				
<b>Rate Class</b>	Residential	Commercial	Residential	Commercial
Commercial		\$2.96		\$3.18
SFR Block 1: 100-600 CU FT	\$2.13		\$2.29	
SFR Block 2: 601-1700 CU FT	\$2.86		\$3.07	
SFR Block 3: 1701 + CU FT	\$4.30		\$4.62	

Low Inc. Block 1: 0 to 600 CU FT	\$1.66		\$1.69	
Low Inc. Block 2: 601 to 1700 CU FT	\$2.28		\$2.33	
Low Inc. Block 3: 1701 + CU FT	\$3.21		\$3.27	

Monthly flat rate + usage will determine final charges

<b>SEWER BASE RATE</b>		
<b>Customer Class</b>	2016 Rate	2017 Rate
Residential	\$42.59	\$44.93
Residential - Snowbird	\$30.97	\$32.68
Residential—Low Income	\$34.29	\$34.97
High Cedars Residential	\$54.09	\$57.06

Commercial class customers, please contact City Hall for more information

<b>STORMWATER BASE RATE</b>			
Existing 2016 Rate	\$22.00	2017 Rate	\$23.21

CU FT—Cubic Feet