

June 2024 - TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL WATER RATE COMPARISON (3/4" meter)

Note: 1 unit = 100 cubic feet = 748 gallons, and 1 kgal = 1000 gallons

MONTHLY BILL COMPARISONS
(assuming usage of 12 units/month)

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT						
Monthly Base Rate (adopted June 2024)	\$		26.00			
		\$/100 cubic feet		\$/1000 gal		
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)	Other Meter Size	Base Rates
Tier 1 (up to 25 units, up to 2500 cubic feet)	\$	1.85	\$	2.48	1" Meter	\$40.79
Tier 2 (25-50 units, 2500-5000 cubic feet)	\$	2.30	\$	3.07	1.5" Meter	\$63.14
Tier 3 (over 50 units, over 5000 cubic feet)	\$	3.10	\$	4.14	2" Meter	\$86.25
						\$ 26.00 Base
						\$ 22.22 Usage
						\$ - Extra Fee
						\$ 48.22 Total

SPRINGFIELD UTILITY BOARD (SUB)		OCTOBER -MAY		JUNE - SEPTEMBER		+ 8.0%	
Monthly Base Rate (January 2024)	\$		24.90	\$		24.90	
		\$/100 cubic feet		\$/1000 gal		\$/1000 gal	
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)	(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)	
Tier 1 (1-13 units, up to 1300 cubic feet)	\$	2.728	\$	3.65	\$	2.526	\$ 3.38
Tier 2 (14-100 units)	\$	2.881	\$	3.85	\$	2.679	\$ 3.58
Tier 3 (over 100 units)	\$	3.134	\$	4.19	\$	2.902	\$ 3.88
							\$ 24.90 Base
							\$ 32.74 Usage
							\$ - Extra Fee
							\$ 57.64 Total

* additional charge for serving higher level homes due to cost of booster pump stations

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD (EWEB)						+ 8.3%	
Monthly Base Rate (January 2024)	\$		24.09			total base is \$27.09	
Temporary Monthly Surcharge (watershed recovery fee for 5 years to fund restoration.)	\$		3.00			surcharge was established in 2021	
Usage Rate (\$/kgal)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)			
Tier 1 (up to 8 kgal, up to 10.7 units)	\$	1.251	\$	1.673			\$ 24.09 Base
Tier 2 (8-30 kgal, 10.7-40.1 units)	\$	2.115	\$	2.828			\$ 16.14 Usage
Tier 3 (over 30 kgal, over 40.1 units)	\$	3.424	\$	4.578			\$ 3.00 Extra Fee
							\$ 43.23 Total

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MARCOLA WATER DISTRICT							
Monthly Base Rate (adopted July 2024)	\$		40.25				\$ 39.00 Base
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)			\$ 16.20 Usage
No tiers. All water used is charged the same.	\$	1.35	\$	1.80			\$ - Extra Fee
							\$ 55.20 Total

DEERHORN COMMUNITY WATER ASSOCIATION							
Monthly Base Rate (January 2024)	\$		42.50				\$ 42.50 Base
Temporary Monthly Surcharge (extra amount charged for an estimated 5-7 years to save money for large projects.)	\$		5.00				\$ 18.00 Usage
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)			\$ 5.00 Extra Fee
Tier 1 (up to 45 units)	\$	1.50	\$	2.01			\$ 65.50 Total
Tier 2 (over 45 units)	\$	1.75	\$	2.34			

SHANGRI-LA WATER DISTRICT		OCTOBER - APRIL		MAY - SEPTEMBER			
Monthly Base Rate (Flat Fee)	\$		76.00	\$		76.00	
Usage Allowance (included in flat fee)			8500 gallons per month			25000 gallons per month	
Excess Usage Charge			\$5 per kgal used (8.5-15 kgal)			\$5 per kgal used (25-50 kgal)	
			\$10 per kgal used (over 15 kgal)			\$10 per kgal used (over 50 kgal)	
							\$ 76.00 Base
							\$ 2.38 Usage
							\$ - Extra Fee
							\$ 78.38 Total

* Shangri-La has a separate irrigation well that some customers can use, so they have a unique higher summer allowance.

BLUE RIVER WATER DISTRICT							
Monthly Base Rate	\$		25.00				\$ 25.00 Base
Usage Rate (\$/kgal)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)			\$ 31.42 Usage
No tiers. All water used is charged the same.	\$	2.618	\$	3.50			\$ - Extra Fee
							\$ 56.42 Total

CITY OF COBURG							
Monthly Base Rate (Mar 2023 up from \$53)	\$		59.36				
Usage Rate (\$/kgal)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)			
Tier 1 (up to 8 kgal, up to 10.7 units)	\$	-	\$	-		[7 units are included with base rate]	\$ 59.36 Base
Tier 2 (8-10 units)	\$	3.55	\$	4.75			\$ 24.85 Usage
Tier 3 (over 10 units)	\$	7.10	\$	9.49			\$ - Extra Fee
							\$ 84.21 Total

CITY OF LOWELL							
Monthly Base Rate	\$		43.35				\$ 43.35 Base
Usage Rate (\$/kgal)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)			\$ 63.76 Usage
Tier 1 (up to 5 kgal, 6.7 units)	\$	3.688	\$	4.93			\$ - Extra Fee
Tier 2 (OVER 5 kgal, 6.7 units)	\$	7.368	\$	9.85			\$ 107.11 Total

When comparing water rates, it is not appropriate to only look at the dollar amounts. Each water system has different capital, operations and maintenance costs. For example, deep wells will consume more electricity than a shallow well or pumping from a surface water source. Some systems require a higher level of treatment and more chemicals. Age and system condition can greatly impact the cost of operations and the frequency of needed repairs. Larger utilities have efficiencies of scale even though they also tend to have higher labor costs based on comparable union contracts.

A base rate provides fixed revenue to help offset fixed expenses, but a usage rate gives customers some control and allows the water system to recover more of the cost from the customers that use more of the resource. Rates can be cheaper for low volumes of water use, to ensure basic household needs are affordable, and increased for higher levels of water use. Tiers can be designed to dampen excessive use and encourage conservation, allowing the price to increase as the volume used increases. Rates are unique to each system and any comparisons should be made with that understanding in mind.