

July 2026 - 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 (June 2026)	\$		32.25					
		\$/100 cubic feet	\$/1000 gal					
		(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)		Other Meter Size	Base Rates		
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)							\$	32.25
Tier 1 (up to 25 units, up to 2500 cubic feet)	\$	2.26	\$	3.02	1" Meter	\$60.00	\$	27.09
Tier 2 (25-50 units, 2500-5000 cubic feet)		3.23	\$	4.31	1.5" Meter	\$114.30	\$	-
Tier 3 (over 50 units, over 5000 cubic feet)	\$	4.19	\$	5.60	2" Meter	\$138.00	\$	59.34
								Total

SPRINGFIELD UTILITY BOARD (SUB)

		OCTOBER - MAY		JUNE - SEPTEMBER			+ 8.07%
Monthly Base Rate (January 2026)	\$	29.40	\$	29.40			
	\$/100 cubic feet	\$/1000 gal	\$/100 cubic feet	\$/1000 gal			
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)	(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)	(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)	\$	29.40	Base
Tier 1 (1-13 units, up to 1300 cubic feet)	\$	3.053	\$	4.08	\$	36.64	Usage
Tier 2 (14-100 units)	\$	3.238	\$	4.33	\$	-	Extra Fee
Tier 3 (over 100 units)	\$	3.238	\$	4.33	\$	66.04	Total

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

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD (EWEB)

Monthly Base Rate (February 2026)	\$	26.00	total base is \$27.09				
Temporary Monthly Surcharge (watershed recovery fee for 5 years to fund restoration.)	\$	3.00	surcharge was established in 2021				
	\$/100 cubic feet	\$/1000 gal					
Usage Rate (\$/kgal)	(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)			\$	26.00	Base
Tier 1 (up to 8 kgal, up to 10.7 units)	\$	1.485	\$	1.985	\$	19.22	Usage
Tier 2 (8-30 kgal, 10.7-40.1 units)	\$	2.562	\$	3.425	\$	3.00	Extra Fee
Tier 3 (over 30 kgal, over 40.1 units)	\$	4.151	\$	5.549	\$	48.22	Total

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MARCOLA WATER DISTRICT

Monthly Base Rate (July 2025)	\$	45.48	13% increase from \$40.25		\$	45.48	Base
	\$/100 cubic feet	\$/1000 gal			\$	18.36	Usage
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)	(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)			\$	-	Extra Fee
Tier 1 (0-15 units, up to 1300 cubic feet)	\$	1.53	\$	2.05			
Tier 2 (16-30 units)	\$	1.68	\$	2.25			
Tier 3 (over 30 units)	\$	1.91	\$	2.55			
			[+33% for 7 out-of-district services]		\$	63.84	Total

DEERHORN COMMUNITY WATER ASSOCIATION

Monthly Base Rate (January 2026)	\$	45.00			\$	45.00	Base
Temporary Monthly Surcharge (extra amount charged until reserve fund increases to \$100,000 again.)	\$	15.00			\$	19.20	Usage
	\$/100 cubic feet	\$/1000 gal			\$	15.00	Extra Fee
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)	(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)			\$	79.20	Total
Tier 1 (up to 45 units)	\$	1.60	\$	2.14			
Tier 2 (over 45 units)	\$	1.95	\$	2.61			

SHANGRI-LA WATER DISTRICT

(Upper Level Customer Example)				
Monthly Base Rate (new structure July 2025)	\$	85.00		
Usage Allowance (included in base rate)	5,000 gallons per month (6.7 units)		Additional Fees*	\$ 85.00 Base
	\$/100 cubic feet	\$/1000 gal	Middle and Upper Lever Booster Pumping Fee	
Usage Rates	(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)		
Tier 1 (5,000 to 24,999 gal) (6.7-33.3 units)	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.50	\$5.00 per month	\$ 5.96 Usage
Tier 2 (25,000 to 34,999 gal) (33.4-46.7 units)	\$ 5.61	\$ 7.50	Irrigation System User Fee	
Tier 3 (35,000 to 49,999 gal) (46.8-66.8 units)	\$ 9.35	\$ 12.50	\$10.00 per month	\$ 5.00 Booster Fee
Tier 4 (50,000 gal+) (66.9+ units)	\$ 18.70	\$ 25.00	(\$5 for piping, \$5 for pumping)	
* Shangri-La has three pressure zones (two are boosted) and a separate irrigation well some lower zone customers can use.				
				\$ 95.96 Total

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BLUE RIVER WATER DISTRICT

Monthly Base Rate	\$	25.00			\$	25.00	Base
	\$/100 cubic feet	\$/1000 gal			\$	31.42	Usage
Usage Rate (\$/kgal)	(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)			\$	-	Extra Fee
No tiers. All water used is charged the same.	\$	2.618	\$	3.50	\$	56.42	Total

CITY OF COBURG

Monthly Base Rate (Apr 2026)	\$	63.83	0	
	\$/100 cubic feet	\$/1000 gal		
	(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)		
Usage Rate (\$/kgal)			\$	63.83 Base
Tier 1 (up to 8 kgal, up to 10.7 units)	\$	-	\$	21.40 Usage
Tier 2 (8-10 kgal)	\$	4.28	\$	- Extra Fee
Tier 3 (over 10 kgal)	\$	4.28	\$	85.23 Total

CITY OF LOWELL

Monthly Base Rate (July 2024)	\$	43.35			\$	43.35	Base
	\$/100 cubic feet	\$/1000 gal			\$	63.76	Usage
Usage Rate (\$/kgal)	(\$/unit)	(\$/kgal)			\$	-	Extra Fee
Tier 1 (up to 5 kgal, 6.7 units)	\$	3.688	\$	4.93	\$	107.11	Total
Tier 2 (OVER 5 kgal, 6.7 units)	\$	7.368	\$	9.85			

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.