

**July 2025 - 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 July 2024)	\$		30.00			
		\$/100 cubic feet		\$/1000 gal		
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)	<u>Other Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Rates</u>
Tier 1 (up to 25 units, up to 2500 cubic feet)	\$	2.10	\$	2.81	1" Meter	\$60.00
Tier 2 (25-50 units, 2500-5000 cubic feet)	\$	3.00	\$	4.01	1.5" Meter	\$114.30
Tier 3 (over 50 units, over 5000 cubic feet)	\$	3.90	\$	5.21	2" Meter	\$138.00
						\$ 30.00 Base
						\$ 25.20 Usage
						\$ - Extra Fee
						\$ 55.20 Total

SPRINGFIELD UTILITY BOARD (SUB)						
Monthly Base Rate (January 2025)	\$		27.30			27.30 + 8.07%
		\$/100 cubic feet		\$/1000 gal		
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)		
Tier 1 (1-13 units, up to 1300 cubic feet)	\$	2.916	\$	3.90	\$ 2.916	\$ 3.90
Tier 2 (14-100 units)	\$	3.093	\$	4.14	\$ 3.069	\$ 4.10
Tier 3 (over 100 units)	\$	3.093	\$	4.14	\$ 3.350	\$ 4.48
						\$ 27.30 Base
						\$ 34.99 Usage
						\$ - Extra Fee
						\$ 62.29 Total

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

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD (EWEB)						
Monthly Base Rate (February 2025)	\$		25.00			total base is \$27.09 + 5.78%
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)		
Tier 1 (up to 8 kgal, up to 10.7 units)	\$	1.361	\$	1.820		3.738
Tier 2 (8-30 kgal, 10.7-40.1 units)	\$	2.431	\$	3.250		1.786
Tier 3 (over 30 kgal, over 40.1 units)	\$	3.938	\$	5.265		5.79
						\$ 25.00 Base
						\$ 17.73 Usage
						\$ 3.00 Extra Fee
						\$ 45.73 Total

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

MARCOLA WATER DISTRICT						
Monthly Base Rate (July 2025)	\$		45.48			13% increase from \$40.25
		\$/100 cubic feet		\$/1000 gal		
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)		
Tier 1 (0-15 units, up to 1300 cubic feet)	\$	1.53	\$	2.05		13% increase from \$1.35 (no tiers)
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]
						\$ 45.48 Base
						\$ 18.36 Usage
						\$ - Extra Fee
						\$ 63.84 Total

DEERHORN COMMUNITY WATER ASSOCIATION						
Monthly Base Rate (January 2025)	\$		43.50			
Temporary Monthly Surcharge (extra amount charged until reserve fund increases to \$100,000 again.)	\$		10.00			
		\$/100 cubic feet		\$/1000 gal		
Usage Rate (\$/100 cubic feet)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)		
Tier 1 (up to 45 units)	\$	1.55	\$	2.07		
Tier 2 (over 45 units)	\$	1.90	\$	2.54		
						\$ 43.50 Base
						\$ 18.60 Usage
						\$ 10.00 Extra Fee
						\$ 72.10 Total

SHANGRI-LA WATER DISTRICT						
Monthly Base Rate (Flat Fee) 2017-2024 Rates	\$		76.00			76.00
Usage Rate (\$/kgal)			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.

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)			
		\$/100 cubic feet		\$/1000 gal		
Usage Rates		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)		
Tier 1 (5,000 to 24,999 gal) (6.7-33.3 units)	\$	1.12	\$	1.50		Additional Fees*
Tier 2 (25,000 to 34,999 gal) (33.4-46.7 units)	\$	5.61	\$	7.50		Middle and Upper Lever Booster Pumping Fee
Tier 3 (35,000 to 49,999 gal) (46.8-66.8 units)	\$	9.35	\$	12.50		\$5.00 per month
Tier 4 (50,000 gal+) (66.9+ units)	\$	18.70	\$	25.00		Irrigation System User Fee
						\$10.00 per month
						(\$5 for piping, \$5 for pumping)
						\$ 85.00 Base
						\$ 5.96 Usage
						\$ 5.00 Booster Fee
						\$ 95.96 Total

\* Shangri-La has three pressure zones (two are boosted) and a separate irrigation well some lower zone customers can use.

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

CITY OF COBURG						
Monthly Base Rate (Mar 2025)	\$		61.73			0 + 4% base rate
		\$/100 cubic feet		\$/1000 gal		
Usage Rate (\$/kgal)		(\$/unit)		(\$/kgal)		
Tier 1 (up to 8 kgal, up to 10.7 units)	\$	-	\$	-		[7 units are included with base rate]
Tier 2 (8-10 units)	\$	3.55	\$	4.75		
Tier 3 (over 10 units)	\$	7.10	\$	9.49		
						\$ 61.73 Base
						\$ 24.85 Usage
						\$ - Extra Fee
						\$ 86.58 Total

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