

UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

City of Port Townsend Utility Billing

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Info & Forms



cityofpt.us/finance/page/utility-information

Download your 2025 Billing History

View your 2025 utility billing history on CivicPay. Sign up or log in at: cityofpt.merchantransact.com/ Login and then click on the "Activity" tab in your account.



Wishing you a warm holiday season.

Income-Based Utility Discount

The City offers a sliding-scale Income Based-Discount off water, sewer, stormwater, and solid waste to qualifying households. Discount is 25, 50, or 75% off base fees depending on household size and annual gross income. We welcome you to learn more at cityofpt.us/finance/page/utility-information.

Join us at these City events and programs in December



Sign up for the City's E-News! The City of Port Townsend now sends a monthly e-newsletter. Stay up to date on City projects, events, and ways to engage in the future of Port Townsend when you sign up. To join the mailing list, visit tinyurl.com/2cb3dcac.

- The **31st Annual Uptown Gingerbread Contest** is here, thanks to the Friends of the Port Townsend Library and PT Main Street. Prizes are awarded in four categories and submissions will be accepted from **December 1 to December 8** with winners announced by December 19! This year's juror is Martha Worthley. Learn more on the Library's

website: tinyurl.com/4vy5pk8d.

- **Coffee Chat with the City Manager** continues first Fridays, at Marina Café in Boat Haven through December. Join John Mauro, neighbors, and friends from **9 – 10:30 am on December 5**. This monthly conversation forum will move to Coyote and Crow Café at the Golf Park, January through March.

- **December is a big month for the Comprehensive Plan Update.** You can review the latest draft of this foundational document for the City and provide your feedback to City Council through public comment and public testimony. Find the full list of public meetings on the City Calendar, and submit public comment with this link: publiccomment.fillout.com/cityofpt.



The Annual Tree Lighting takes place at Haller Fountain at 4:30 p.m. December 6.

Holiday Season in PT

December is a bustling, festive time. Participate in the Annual Tree Lighting at the Haller Fountain with your family, friends, and neighbors on **Saturday, December 6**. You can meet Santa, ride the Kiwanis Choo Choo, enjoy the lighted whales in Adams Street Park, stroll Downtown for Artwalk, and get a start on your gift giving list by shopping local. The tree lighting starts at 4:30pm and don't miss the Makers Market starting at noon in the Cotton Building. Learn more at Enjoypt.com/winter-in-pt.

2026 Annual Rate Increase

Your monthly utility bill supports the separate business units of water, sewer, and stormwater at the City of Port Townsend. Rates increase annually as significant investments are needed to maintain and upgrade our aging systems.

Bills are comprised of monthly base fees plus consumption (billed per 1,000 gallons), miscellaneous fees (such as leak check fees), and applicable taxes.

Rates will increase effective January 1, 2025 and will be reflected on your January 31 statement. Monthly rates for a standard single-family residential account inside City limits are: \$63.51 for water, \$80.91 for wastewater, \$23.66 for stormwater, and \$0.75 for the urban forestry fee. Consumption is \$4.76 per 1,000 gallons. If consumption is over 3,000 gallons, sewer rates increase to \$100.02. If impervious surface area is over 3,000 square feet, the monthly stormwater fee increases.

For the complete rate chart, which includes duplex, commercial, and government rates visit, cityofpt.us/finance/page/utility-information.

Learn More about
Utilities & Rates in
our Code:
PTMC Title 13



How Your City Budget Works

Watch the video, part of our "How Your City Works" series! cityofpt.us/finance/page/city-budget

Ask the City

Why is the City budget so big for 2026? Why is the Pink House closed and when will it re-open? How does the City choose which streets' potholes get fixed?

If you have these questions and more, check out the **Ask the City** feature on our website. Click the Ask the City button to see short videos from City staff on a variety of subjects, with more being added every week. Participate at cityofpt.us.



Snow Routes

With temperatures dropping, there's always a chance of snow and ice this season. City crews are prepared to sand and plow roads as necessary. Find the City's snow removal policy and route map here: cityofpt.us/publicworks/page/streets-maintenance-and-collections.



A detail of the snow route map.