

UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

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Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Projects

How does your monthly bill support the operation and maintenance of the City's water and wastewater treatment facilities and complex stormwater drainage system?

Find
Out!

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April cherry blossoms and (at right) a view of the Big Quilcene River diversion control valve building. Rehabilitation of the structure is one of the Capital Projects in the 2025 Budget.

How Much Water Am I Using?

Water consumption is billed retroactively and rounded down to the nearest thousand gallons. For example, if you use 2,500 gallons between the dates of February 3rd and March 5th, you will be billed for 2,000 gallons on your March 31 bill. The remaining 500 gallons would roll over into the next month. Please note that on your bill, consumption number does not show the last two digits, so 20 gal=2,000 gal.

4 Ways to Participate with Your City & Community in April

Looking for more City News? 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. What You'll Find in the April News:

- **You're Invited to a LATE SKATE** event at the Seamus Sims Skate Park to celebrate the park's new lights on Saturday, April 19, 7:30 – 8:30pm! After many years of fundraising and advocacy, this project came together because local youth partnered with the City to make it happen! Whether or not you skate, come out to cheer on our youth leaders and say thank you to everyone who contributed to this project. (Event is weather-permitting).
- Help make our Downtown "Fresh as Spring" with an **Earth Day Clean Up** event hosted by

Port Townsend Main Street on Saturday, April 19 from 9:00am to noon. Visit ptmainstreet.org to learn more.

- **Celebrate Poetry Month** with City Poet Laureate Conner Bouchard-Roberts and other literary artists for a reading and conversation Thursday, April 24, 5:30pm at the Port Townsend Public Library.
- **Join the Planning Commission and City Council** for a joint meeting on the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review in City Council Chambers, 6:30pm, Thursday, April 24.



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Lords Lake (pictured above) East Dam stability improvement design is one of the Capital Projects in the 2025 City of Port Townsend Budget.

A Sampling of 2025 Capital Projects

Water

- Olympic Gravity Water System pipeline assessment
- Lords Lake East Dam stability improvement design
- Rehabilitation of the control valve structure at the Big Quilcene Diversion.



Where does our water come from? Read about the OGWS

Sewer (Wastewater)



Read about the Water Street Sewer Replacement Project

- Water Street sewer pipe replacement
- Mill Road Lift Station Design.
- Holcomb Sewer Pipe Upsizing Design.

Stormwater

- Design for the Lawrence Street stormwater system project (the City received a loan/grant for design).

Did you know? The stormwater rates include an urban forestry fee. Fees help plant and replace trees that offset the impact of impervious surface on stormwater.

Water, Sewer, Stormwater

From the City of Port Townsend's 2025 Budget: Projects & Goals

Water & Sewer Operations

The goal of these enterprise utilities is to work as a business unit to ensure that expenses do not exceed revenues while providing reliable utility services as an essential public service.

2025 Water Division Goals Include:

- Continue replacing aging pipelines to make the system more reliable and minimize distribution system leakage.
- Begin to implement the first year of five to replace all water meters across the city.

2025 Sewer Division Goals Include:

- Implementing new sewer rates.
- Begin implementing key capital projects.
- Work with Jefferson County on expanding septage handling at the Compost Facility

Stormwater Operations

The stormwater collection system includes roadside ditches, wedge asphalt curbs, concrete curbs, rain gardens, and stormwater facilities such as Froggy bottoms.

2025 Stormwater Goals include:

- The Streets division continues to transition the shift of resource investment from vegetation control to street repair. Stormwater management is a key function that needs to be restored prior to street investments. The division work on restoring ditches and making small drainage improvements.

Billing Breakdown

New annual rates are necessary to support the separate business units of Water, Sewer, and Stormwater at the City. Significant investments are needed to maintain and upgrade our aging systems.

Most residential accounts are billed three base fees plus consumption fees. Below is the 2025 breakdown for the standard utilities account: *A single-family residence located within city limits with impervious surface area under 3,000 square feet.* (For all other accounts, please view the 2025 rate sheet on our website.) All rates include taxes.

Water fee:	\$62.85
Wastewater fee:	\$71.60
Stormwater fee:	\$21.51
Urban Forestry fee:	\$0.50
Total monthly base:	\$156.46

Consumption: \$4.67/1K gal

If consumption is 4K or more, there is an additional \$16.91 wastewater fee.

Your paper billing statement currently rolls consumption fees into base rates. If you would like to see an itemized breakdown of your monthly bill, you can view your bill online at CivicPay: cityofpt.merchantransact.com Your CivicPay bill will also include details on adjustments or additional billing.

Read more about rates on our website (see page 1 for link)

We've Updated the Income-Based Discount App

View the new application at cityofpt.us/finance/page/utility-information. The application offers clearer information on types of documentation needed. Deadline for submission is the 20th of every month.