

City of Port Townsend

UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

February 2026

City of Port Townsend Utility Billing

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Info & Forms



cityofpt.us/finance/page/utility-information

February Office Closure

City of Port Townsend Offices and the Port Townsend Public Library will be closed on Monday, February 16 for President's Day. Stay safe and warm!



A detail of a mural in Downtown Port Townsend. Wishing you a happy February!

2026 Rates Updated January 1

Your January 31, 2026 statement reflects the new rates. For a standard single-family residential account using 3,000 gallons of water or less, your monthly base rate is:

WATER: \$63.51 • **WASTEWATER:** \$80.91 • **STORMWATER:** \$23.66 • **URBAN FORESTRY:** \$0.75

Water is \$4.76 per 1,000 gallons for single-family residences. Fees for single-family residences may be higher based on consumption or impervious surface. All applicable taxes are included. For all other types of accounts, such as commercial and accounts outside City limits, see the complete rate sheet: cityofpt.us/finance/page/utility-information. For a breakdown of your rates, view your bill at cityofpt.merchantransact.com.

Join us at these City events and programs in February

• **Coffee Chat with the City Manager** continues at Coyote and Crow Restaurant at the Port Townsend Golf Park through March 2026. Join John Mauro, neighbors, and friends from **9 to 10:30am on Friday, February 6.**

• The 10th annual **Fall in Love with Your Library Open House** returns **Thursday, February 12, from 4 to 6pm.** Join this library love-fest and enjoy live music, cookies, and crafts, sponsored by the Friends of the Port Townsend Public Library.

• Mark your calendars for the long-awaited, re-imagined **Soundcheck Art and Music Festival** kicking off on **Friday, February 27!** Soundcheck will feature dozens of local artists, musicians, and writers, along with food and art activities and experiences for all ages over three days. Find the full schedule and sign up to volunteer at ptcreativedistrict.org/soundcheck.

SIGN UP FOR THE CITY'S E-NEWS
tinyurl.com/2cb3dcac



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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

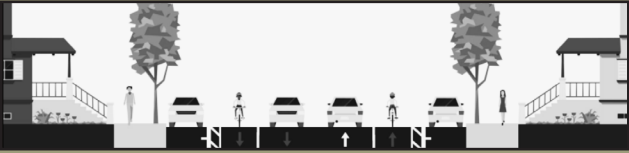
"When should I use online police reporting and when should I call 911?"

Lawrence Street Multimodal Improvements Project

Starting in the fall of 2026, the City of Port Townsend will begin reconstructing the Lawrence Street corridor between Harrison Street and Walker Street.

Along with complete water, sewer, and stormwater utility upgrades, this project will address subgrade and pavement deterioration, add continuous bike facilities on both sides of the street, complete a fully accessible (ADA) route by repairing sidewalks, upgrade/install corner ramps, fill in sidewalk gaps, and provide new landscaping.

This project is funded with Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) funds at \$2,992,000, local Transportation Benefit District (TBD) funds at \$475,000, as well as City utility funding. The City match, along with utility funding, brings the total project budget to \$4.1 million.



You are invited to review project information and learn more at: tinyurl.com/4tjpxjwn

Design will be completed in April 2026, with advertising for a construction contractor beginning in May. Construction is anticipated to start in September 2026 and end in early Summer, 2027.

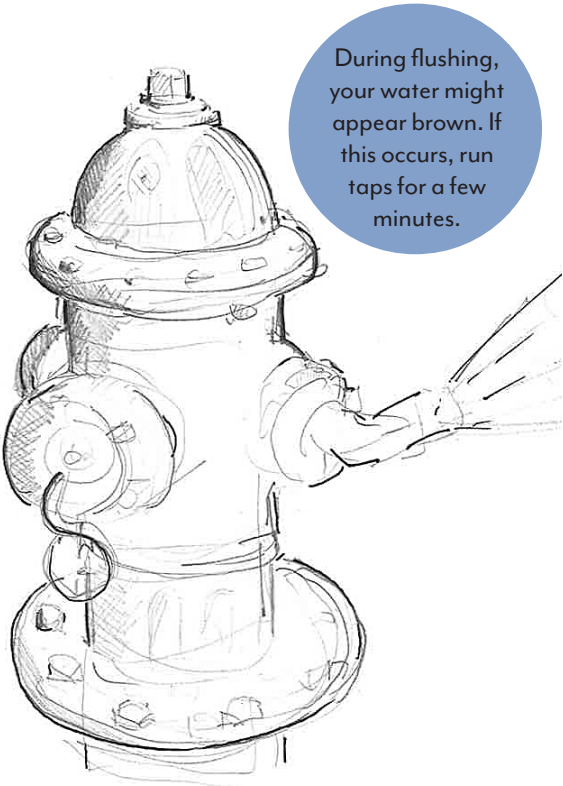
2026 Income-Based Discount

The City offers a sliding scale, income-based discount to qualifying households. Guidelines are now updated for 2026.

INCOME BASED DISCOUNT			
	25%	50%	75%
1	\$55,860	\$47,880	\$31,920
2	\$75,740	\$64,920	\$43,280
3	\$95,620	\$81,960	\$54,640
4	\$115,500	\$99,000	\$66,000
5	\$135,380	\$116,040	\$77,360
6	\$155,260	\$133,080	\$88,720
7	\$175,140	\$150,120	\$100,080
8	\$195,020	\$167,160	\$111,440

Household number is shown at left. Guidelines are based on 2026 Poverty Guidelines from aspe.hhs.gov

A discount off base rates is available to customers whose primary residence is serviced by the City's utility infrastructure. Gross income for all household members 18 and older is considered. For an application, visit: cityofpt.us/finance/page/utility-information. Please mail in or submit your application at City Hall, 250 Madison St.



Annual Water System Flushing

The City of Port Townsend Water Division will be conducting annual water system flushing from February through April 2026.

Why? Water distribution lines need to be flushed periodically to prevent water quality problems. As part of the flushing program, fire hydrants are tested and operated to support fire protection in the community.

Will this affect my water? Flushing traces of minerals and sediment from the pipelines may cause short term but harmless changes to the appearance of the water. If the water has a brownish color, it can usually be eliminated by running taps for a few minutes.

If discolored water persists for more than two hours, please call: 360-385-3000.