



City of Snoqualmie Combined Utility Rates 2021-2026

The Snoqualmie City Council recently approved the 2021-2026 Utilities Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which guides the acquisition and improvement of water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure, setting forth the capital projects and programs the city intends to complete over a six-year period. To complete the projects and programs, utility rates generally increase each year.

Utility rates will not increase in 2021.

The City Administration did not propose a utility rate increase, nor did the City Council vote to increase rates in 2021 due to the economic crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic. There will be gradual increases beginning in 2022 through 2026. (See bit.ly/SnoqRates)

Monthly Utility Bill for a Typical Single-Family Residence

Combined Utility	2020 Rate	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Average Monthly Bill	\$159.45	\$159.45	\$164.34	\$169.38	\$174.58	\$179.94	\$184.47
% Increase Over Previous Year		0.00%	3.07%	3.07%	3.07%	3.07%	3.07%

Assumes a ¾" meter with 7 ccf (hundred cubic feet) of monthly water consumption.

Does not include utility tax as part of the estimate.

The combined utility includes water, sewer, and stormwater.

Residential and commercial base and volume rates are posted on the city website at bit.ly/SnoqRates.

Questions?

See the FAQ on the back side of this information sheet.

Utility Billing Assistance

twood@snoqualmiewa.gov

425-766-3700 Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - Noon

Rate Reductions

Low-income residential customers may be eligible for reduced utility rates.

More info: bit.ly/SnoqRateReduction. Questions may be directed to twood@snoqualmiewa.gov or call 425-766-3700, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. – Noon,

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Will utility rates increase in 2021?

No. The City Administration did not propose a utility rate increase, nor did the City Council vote to increase rates in 2021 due to the economic crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic. There will be gradual increases beginning in 2022 through 2026.

Will utility rates increase in 2022?

Yes. Rates are set to gradually increase beginning in 2022 through 2026.

How do Snoqualmie's rates compare to other nearby cities?

The City of Snoqualmie conducted a comprehensive utility rate study in 2020 to ensure its customers are paying a rate that approximates the cost of providing utility services. Compared with other Snoqualmie Valley cities, such as North Bend and Carnation, Snoqualmie's average residential monthly bills are lower. In addition, the city is proposing smaller rate increases than other cities such as Bellevue, Issaquah, and Redmond over the next six-year period.

Why are rate increases needed?

Rate increases are needed to keep the water, sewer, and stormwater utilities operating reliably for customers. The city needs to consistently invest in the repair, replacement, and improvement of utility infrastructure. The additional revenue generated by rate increases is used to preserve utility system infrastructure, fix deficiencies in the existing utility system, and maintain levels of service for customers.

What do utility rates fund?

- The water utility provides the management and maintenance necessary to deliver high quality drinking water to the residents and businesses of Snoqualmie. Through a reliable collection, treatment, and distribution system, the city is able to supply clean and readily available water to support a healthy community.
 - The sewer utility provides the management and maintenance necessary to deliver a reliable system for the collection, conveyance, and treatment of sewage from residential and commercial users. The service provided ensures that residents and businesses can enjoy a personally clean, hygienic, and sanitary life free from contamination.
 - The stormwater utility provides the management and maintenance necessary to preserve storm drainage, catch basin, and water retention facilities critical for healthy streams, clean water, and a green environment. The average annual rainfall in Snoqualmie is 60 inches, higher than other areas around Puget Sound. The city maintains facilities to the highest standard to keep rain from washing pollutants into streams or from overwhelming drainage capacity. Ultimately, such efforts contribute to the wider regional goal of protecting the health and ecology of the Snoqualmie River and Puget Sound.
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