



The mission of Soos Creek, a public agency, is to provide reliable, high quality water and sewer services in an efficient, cost effective manner.

COLD WEATHER TIP

“Prepare for the winter chill and protect your backflow devices from expensive damage with insulated material.”



Gayle Jacoby,
Contract/Maintenance
Coordinator II
*40 years of dedicated
service with Soos Creek
Water & Sewer District*

Testing for PFAS and keeping your drinking water safe

Soos Creek Water & Sewer District (SCWSD) purchases its water from Seattle Public Utilities (SPU). SPU’s drinking water remains safe and protected from contaminants, including the group of man-made chemicals labeled PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

PFAS are manufactured for a variety of industrial purposes. If detected in drinking water, PFAS have the potential to raise health concerns.

For more information about PFAS, including the health and safety risks associated with these compounds, visit the Environmental Protection Agency website at www.epa.gov/pfas/basic-information-pfas and the Washington State Department of Health website www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Contaminants/PFAS.

Although PFAS are not regulated contaminants and routine testing is not required, SPU tested its Tolt and Cedar River surface water sources for six types of PFAS in 2015. Test results in 2015 showed no detection of PFAS was found.

In October 2018, SPU conducted additional tests on the Tolt and Cedar water supplies, this time using a more sensitive sampling method and testing for 14 types of PFAS. Test results again showed no detection of PFAS and SPU’s drinking water continues to be safe and protected from contaminants.

A summary of the 2018 tests can be found at SPU’s website www.seattle.gov/utilities/services/water/water-quality and the 2015 test results can be found in SPU’s 2015 Annual Water Quality Report www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SPU/Services/Water/2015WaterQualityReport.pdf.

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) provides some of the highest quality drinking water in the nation because it comes from pristine, protected mountain sources.

To ensure the safety of our drinking water, SPU’s water quality laboratory analyzes over 20,000 microbiological samples each year -- more than 50 a day -- and conducts chemical and physical monitoring daily, 365 days per year.



AVOID THIRD PARTY PAYER FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS

When making utility payments via the internet, make sure you are on the official Soos Creek Water & Sewer District website: www.sooscreek.com. There are companies with websites designed to look like Soos Creek’s, but they are NOT. These companies may charge a fee for your payment, and posting the payment to your account will be delayed. You may not receive credit in time to avoid utility late fees or service shutoff!

These companies include “doxo”, “prism”, “Tio” and others. **DO NOT PAY THESE COMPANIES.**

Soos Creek Water & Sewer District **does not** charge for internet or telephone payments.

The correct URL is www.sooscreek.com/pay-online.

If you have questions, please call our Customer Service Department at **(253)630-9900, option 3.**

2020 SOOS CREEK'S WATER & SEWER RATES

Our water and sewer rates are among the lowest in the region

The Board of Commissioners establishes utility rates on an annual basis. The decision is made after District staff proposes and the Board approves an expenditure budget for the upcoming year. The District held a public hearing to obtain comments on the proposed 2020 water and sewer rates. On December 4, 2019, the Soos Creek Board of Commissioners approved a 3% increase in the monthly base charges and volume charges for water and 2% increase in Soos Creek's portion of the sewer rates. King County's sewage treatment rate is shown as a separate charge on your bill, and will not increase in 2020. The increases will be effective with the February 28, 2020 billing cycle.

WATER RATES

The District will increase water rates for 2020 to fund higher operating costs. Below is an outline of the current rates and the 2020 rates.

CURRENT WINTER RATES (Bimonthly)	Residential	Commercial	Irrigation
Base rate for 5/8" meter	\$30.05	\$30.05	\$30.05
Volume charge per 100 cubic feet			
0 to 1,000 cubic feet	1.90	1.90	6.46
1,001 to 2,000 cubic feet	3.88	3.88	6.46
2,001 to 3,000 cubic feet	4.86	4.86	6.46
Greater than 3,000 cubic feet	5.49	5.49	6.46

2020 WINTER RATES (Bimonthly)	Residential	Commercial	Irrigation
Base rate for 5/8" meter	\$30.95	\$30.95	\$30.95
Volume charge per 100 cubic feet			
0 to 1,000 cubic feet	1.95	1.95	6.65
1,001 to 2,000 cubic feet	4.00	4.00	6.65
2,001 to 3,000 cubic feet	5.00	5.00	6.65
Greater than 3,000 cubic feet	5.65	5.65	6.65

Note: 100 cubic feet of water = 748 gallons. Summer Conservation Rates (June to September) include a 20% surcharge (the first 1000 cubic feet are exempt).

SEWER RATES

The sewer bills sent to Soos Creek customers itemize the charges for Soos Creek's sewer rate and King County's Sewage Treatment charges. The District's portion of the bill is for the maintenance of our system that collects the sewage from your existing structure (house, business, or school) and conveys it to King County's system and ultimately to the Renton Treatment Plant. Effective with the February 28, 2020 billing cycle, Soos Creek's base rate will increase from \$36.78 to \$37.52 (bimonthly) and the Volume Charge for commercial customers will increase from \$2.45 to \$2.50 per 100 cubic feet of water in excess of the first 1,500 cubic feet (bimonthly).

The King County Sewage Treatment charge shown on the Soos Creek sewer customer's bill reflects King County's capital and operating costs for treatment and disposal of sewage. King County's sewer rate will remain at \$90.66 (bimonthly) and King County's Volume Charge for commercial customers will remain at \$6.05 per 100 cubic feet of water in excess of the first 1,500 cubic feet. If you have questions or comments regarding the King County Sewage Treatment charge, contact the King County Council at (206) 296-1000; for sewage treatment information, call (206) 684-1280.

STREET LIGHT RATES

Street light rates will increase from \$5.41 to \$5.57 bimonthly.

TIP

PROTECT YOUR PIPES



Each winter, homes are damaged from water pipes that freeze, burst, and then leak. By taking a few simple precautions, you can avoid the mess, hassle and cost of repairing leaky pipes.

- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl space or basement.
- Know where your water shut-off valve is located.
- Outdoor hose bibs are susceptible to freezing. Learn how to insulate your hose bib by watching the "Protect outdoor spigots" video.

Learn more: www.savingwater.org/indoors/fixing-leaks/how-to-videos

\$100 Toilet Rebates



Replace your old toilet with one that uses less water. Customers who replace their old toilet with a new model (1.1 gallons per flush or less) may be eligible for a \$100 rebate. Learn more at www.savingwater.org/rebates.

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Meetings are held the first, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 4:30 p.m.

