



# Currents

## MWWD Mission Statement:

*"The District is dedicated to providing excellent water and wastewater services, and fiscally responsible management of the resources of our ratepayers in an environmentally responsive manner."*

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Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
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Board of Commissioner meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 5:00 p.m.

## New Water Rates for 2024

The District conducted a rate study in 2022 to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on proposed water and wastewater rates for 2023-2026. Water and wastewater rates pay for daily operating expenses such as purchased water and sewer, supplies, wages, benefits, and utilities. They also pay for capital projects to maintain and replace the District's infrastructure and debt service for past projects.

### Capital Projects

In 2023, the District replaced approximately 1,800 linear feet of water pipe initially installed in the 1960s. We plan to replace another 2,400 linear feet in 2025. The District also began upgrading a sewer lift station to be completed in 2024. We will be recoating two reservoirs (the interior of one and the exterior of the other) and begin a three-year project to upgrade the electrical system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

### Operating Expenses

Just like your household budget, the District is experiencing the impacts of inflation and supply chain issues. These factors increase the District's construction costs, as well as our operating expenses. Overall, the District's expenses are projected to increase by 5.6% in 2024.

### New Rates beginning January 1, 2024

The District strives to balance the need to maintain our systems to continue providing clean drinking water and treating wastewater to the required levels while keeping rates as affordable as possible. With this in mind, the Board approved an annual increase of 6% on water and 4% on wastewater rates through 2026. As a reference, for the average household using 5,500 gallons of water per month, the combined water/wastewater bill would increase by approximately \$5.00 monthly. The new rate schedule can be found on the District website.



## STORMWATER UTILITY FEE

Stormwater fees are collected by Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District on behalf of the City of Mukilteo. The City of Mukilteo provides stormwater services and establishes the rates that are charged for the services. The District bills and collects the fees, then remits the fees to the City per an existing agreement. Any questions regarding these charges should be directed to the City of Mukilteo at (425) 263-8000.

## WINTER WEATHER WATER GUIDE HANDY TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PIPES FROM FREEZING

### It's all about prevention

Frozen pipes can leave you without water in the worst of weather and cost a lot to repair. But with a few simple steps you can easily preserve both your budget and your peace of mind.

### BEFORE COLD WEATHER SETS IN:



#### Check sprinkler or irrigation systems

Make sure you've turned everything off and fully drained the system.



#### Identify your home's freezing points

Check your home for pipes in areas that might be prone to freezing, such as crawl spaces, unheated rooms, basements, garages, and exterior walls.



#### Know how to shut off your water

Locate your main water shut-off valve. You may want to tag or label it so you don't have to search for it in an emergency.



#### Strengthen your defenses

Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines by closing off crawl spaces, fixing drafty windows, insulating walls and attics, and plugging drafts around doors.



#### Protect your pipes

Where pipes are exposed to cold, wrap them with insulation or electrical pipe heater (even fabric or newspaper can help).

### WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING:



#### Keep water working

Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run.



#### Give pipes a helping hand

If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.

### BUT IF YOUR PIPES DO FREEZE:



#### Thaw pipes with warm air

You can melt the frozen water in the pipe by warming the air around it with a hair dryer or space heater. Be sure not to leave space heaters unattended and avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames.



#### Shut off the water immediately

Don't attempt to thaw pipes without turning off the main shut-off valve.



#### Be careful turning water back on

Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks or leaks that might have been caused by freezing.

## HELP US KEEP

# F.O.G.

## OUT OF THE SEWER SYSTEM

### WHAT IS F.O.G.?

**F.O.G.** is Fats, Oils, and Grease and is found in food and food ingredients such as: meat, butter, cooking oils, mayonnaise, salad dressings, gravies, and food scraps.



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