

New Water and Sewer Rates for 2026

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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Board of Commissioner's meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 5:00 p.m.

In 2022, the District conducted a comprehensive rate study to guide the Board of Commissioners in setting fair and sustainable water and wastewater rates for 2023–2026. These rates fund the essential operations that keep our community's water systems running, from purchasing water and sewer services to covering supplies, wages, utilities, and benefits. They also support capital improvement projects that maintain and replace critical infrastructure, as well as repayment of debt from past investments.

Capital Projects

In 2025, the District completed several key infrastructure upgrades to ensure reliable service for our customers.

Sewer Main Rehabilitation: The District relined approximately 2,900 linear feet of sewer main using Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) technology, a trenchless process that rehabilitates existing pipes without extensive excavation. This cost-effective and less disruptive method extends the lifespan of our sewer system while minimizing community impact.

Facility Improvements: The District also upgraded two sewer lift stations and constructed a new rock trap facility at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Electrical System Upgrades: Construction began on a multi-year project to modernize the electrical system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, a \$3.8 million investment that will improve efficiency and reliability for years to come.

Operating Expenses

Like many households, the District continues to feel the effects of inflation and ongoing supply chain challenges. These pressures have led to higher construction and operational costs, with overall expenses projected to increase by approximately 4% in 2026. The District remains committed to managing costs responsibly while maintaining the high level of service our customers expect.

New Rates Effective January 1, 2026

To ensure we can continue providing safe, reliable drinking water and effective wastewater treatment, the Board has approved moderate rate adjustments for 2026 which include a 6% increase for water and a 4% increase for wastewater.

For the average household using 5,500 gallons of water per month, this change will result in an estimated monthly increase of about \$5.50 on the combined water and wastewater bill.

For more details, including the full rate schedule, please visit the District's 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.

Sanitary Sewer System Video Inspection Coming in 2026

In 2026, the District will begin a comprehensive closed-circuit television (CCTV) video inspection of the sanitary sewer system. Although many people assume that all sewer pipes and access manholes are located beneath streets, a substantial portion of the sewer system actually runs under backyards, vegetated easements, and wooded areas.

To prepare for this inspection work, District staff will be clearing access to sewer pipes and manholes in these harder-to-reach locations throughout late 2025 and early 2026. This preliminary effort is necessary to ensure that inspection crews can safely and efficiently access the system and accurately assess its condition.

Clear access to all pipes and manholes is essential for system reliability and emergency response. You can support this effort by keeping vegetation trimmed around manhole lids and ensuring that fences, sheds, landscaping, and other structures do not block access.

Your cooperation helps the District maintain a safe, reliable, and effective sewer system for the entire community. Thank you for your assistance!



ARE YOUR PIPES WINTER WEATHER READY?



BEFORE TEMPS DROP

- * Locate the water shut-off valve in your home.
- * Drain sprinkler and irrigation systems.
- * Identify and fix sources of cold drafts near your pipes.
- * Reinforce exposed water pipes with insulation or heat tape.

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THAWING PIPES

- * Turn faucets on.
- * Turn the thermostat in the house up.
- * Open kitchen and bathroom cabinets to allow better warm air circulation.
- * Use a blow dryer to thaw sections of pipe nearest to the faucet.
- * Never use an instrument with an exposed flame to thaw pipes.

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