2027
MONTHLY UTILITY BILLING RATES

Metered Water - Sewer - Stormwater - Lake Whatcom Watershed

City of Bellingham utility rates increase effective January 1, 2027. Rate increases are approved by City Council and included in Chapter 15 of the Bellingham Municipal Code (BMC). For information about rates, billing, low-income senior and disabled citizen discounts and payment methods, visit our website at www.cob.org/utilities.

This rate sheet provides 2027 rates for monthly billing.

1 CCF (100 cubic feet) = 748 gallons

METERED WATER

Water rates are based on the cost to provide drinking water.

SINGLE FAMILY *Includes individually metered residential units and resale services*		**Base Rates**	NON-SINGLE FAMILY & IRRIGATION *Includes shared meters, multi-family, condominiums, commercial, industrial and institutional services*	
INSIDE CITY	OUTSIDE CITY	Meter Size	INSIDE CITY	OUTSIDE CITY
Base Rate			Base Rate	
$ 36.30	$ 54.45	⅝"	$ 52.18	$ 78.27
$ 49.94	$ 74.91	¾"	$ 74.45	$ 111.67
$ 77.21	$ 115.81	1"	$ 118.94	$ 178.41
$ 145.46	$ 218.19	1 ½"	$ 230.18	$ 345.27
$ 227.30	$ 340.95	2"	$ 363.70	$ 545.55
$ 445.65	$ 668.47	3"	$ 719.71	$ 1,079.56
$ 691.29	$ 1,036.93	4"	$ 1,120.19	$ 1,680.28
$ 1,373.53	$ 2,060.29	6"	$ 2,232.73	$ 3,349.09
		8"	$ 3,567.71	$ 5,351.56
		10"	$ 5,570.05	$ 8,355.07
		12"	$ 7,572.85	$ 11,359.27

SINGLE FAMILY		**Consumption Rates**	NON-SINGLE FAMILY	
INSIDE CITY	OUTSIDE CITY	Meter Size	INSIDE CITY	OUTSIDE CITY
Per 1 CCF			Per 1 CCF	
$3.25	$4.87	ALL	$3.30	$4.95
			IRRIGATION	
			$4.37	$6.55

SEWER

Sewer rates are based on the cost of service to treat wastewater.

SINGLE FAMILY		Base Rates	NON-SINGLE FAMILY			
Rate Class 1			*Rate Classes 2-4*		*Rate Classes 5*	
INSIDE CITY Base Rate	OUTSIDE CITY Base Rate		INSIDE CITY Base Rate Up to 8 CCF	OUTSIDE CITY Base Rate Up to 8 CCF	INSIDE CITY Base Rate Up to 8 CCF	OUTSIDE CITY Base Rate Up to 8 CCF
$82.39	$123.58		$82.39	$123.58	$124.55	$186.82
SINGLE FAMILY		Volume Rates	NON-SINGLE FAMILY			
No Volume Rate			INSIDE CITY Per 1 CCF above 8	OUTSIDE CITY Per 1 CCF above 8	INSIDE CITY Per 1 CCF above 8	OUTSIDE CITY Per 1 CCF above 8
			$11.56	$17.34	$17.93	$26.89

STORMWATER

Stormwater rates are based on the costs of service for prevention and clean-up of water pollution, flooding, and to meet state and federal water resource regulations.

FOOTPRINT	IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA	RATE
Small Footprint	less than 1,000 sq. ft.	$7.72
Medium Footprint	1,001-2,999 sq. ft.	$12.83
Impervious Surface greater than 3,000 sq. ft.		$ 0.00701 per sq. ft. of total impervious surface
Impervious surface means a hard surface area that either prevents or slows the entry of water into the soil. For complete definition, see BMC 15.16.010.		

LAKE WHATCOM WATERSHED

The Lake Whatcom Watershed Land Acquisition and Preservation Program Charge funds land acquisition and other land preservation measures in the Lake Whatcom Watershed to help preserve water quality.

SINGLE FAMILY		Base Rates	NON-SINGLE FAMILY & IRRIGATION	
INSIDE CITY Base Rate	OUTSIDE CITY Base Rate	Meter Size ALL	INSIDE CITY Base Rate	OUTSIDE CITY Base Rate
$18.13	$27.19		$ 7.55	$ 11.32
SINGLE FAMILY		Consumption Rates	NON-SINGLE FAMILY & IRRIGATION	
No consumption rate for single family. Consumption is based off the Water Consumption line item on your utility bill.			INSIDE CITY Per 1 CCF	OUTSIDE CITY Per 1 CCF
			$ 0.94	$ 1.41