



Public Works Director's Report

PIES Committee – April 2026

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Utility Cost Comparison State*

	Spokane	Seattle	Portland	Tacoma
Local Utility Tax Rates	21.5% for all services	Water – 15.54%; Stormwater - 11.5%; Sewer - 12%; Solid Waste - 14.2%	5% for all services	8% for all services
Water	\$23.93	\$67.91	\$90.08	\$70.49
Wastewater	\$39.79	\$86.77 -161.44	\$108.32	\$67.30 - \$90.76
Stormwater/ Drainage	\$5.60	\$81.34	\$27.31	\$36.43
Water/WW Capital	\$36.30			
Solid Waste & Recycling	\$45.20	\$89.85	\$48.85**	\$59.98
MONTHLY	\$150.82	\$325.57- \$400.54	\$274.56	\$234.20 - \$257.66
ANNUALLY	\$1,809.84	\$3,906.84 - \$4,806.48	\$3,294.72	\$2,810.40 - \$3,091.92

**Example is based on usage for a family of four in a single residential home.*

**Charges are for inside City residents for each location.*

**Water consumption is assumed to be 50 gallons/day per person—or 8 units per month.*

**Sewer charges in Seattle & Tacoma listed at both 4.3 units and 8 units of water usage.*

Example uses as close to 60-gallon cart (with recycling) as possible depending on the options of each City. Seattle requires a food waste cart at add'l cost; example leaves off that cost. *Portland's service is every other week but includes yard.*



Utility Cost Comparison Local*

	Spokane	Airway Hgts	Post Falls	Spokane Valley
Local Utility Tax Rates	21.5% for all services	19% for water, sewer, solid waste	0% for all services	0% for all services
Water	\$23.93	\$34.25	\$22.41	\$23.53 & \$61.42**
Wastewater	\$39.79	\$83.33	\$71.94	\$50.41
Stormwater	\$5.60			\$5.25
Water/WW Capital	\$36.30			
SW & Recycling	\$45.20	\$37.84	\$22.85***	\$34.76
MONTHLY	\$150.82	\$155.42	\$117.20	\$113.95 - \$151.84
ANNUALLY	\$1,809.84	\$1,865.04	\$1,406.40	\$1,367.40 - \$1,822.08

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**Example uses as close to 60-gallon cart as possible depending on the options of each City and includes recycling.*

*** Vera Water charges \$23.53 for base chg and usage for ¾" meter. Pasadena Water base charge \$56.56 for a ¾" meter; 93.17 for a 1" meter plus water usage. *** Post Falls has a charge on Property tax bill for disposal*



Spokane Utility Rate History

**Included rate increases approved in 2024 for 2026 and an additional 0.5% in 2025 to accommodate a utility tax increase of 0.5%.*

Year	Water Rate Change	Wastewater Rate Change	Solid Waste Rate Change
2010	3.75%	15.0%	1.5%
2011	3.75%	15.0%	1.5%
2012	4.5%	13.7%	4.3%
2013	3.5%	3.5%	0.0%
2014	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
2015	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
2016	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
2017	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
2018	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
2019	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
2020	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
2021	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
2022	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
2023	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
2024	Overall, 2.9% increase. Water, WW, Stormwater, W/WW Capital flat; Solid Waste up 10%		
2025	Overall, 4.88% increase. Water base - 0.74%, Water use – varied; Solid Waste, WW, Stormwater – 7 %; Water/WW capital – 4%		
2026*	5.4%	5.4%	7.5%





Questions?

Avista Utility Rate History

Year	Avista Electric Change	Avista Natural Gas Change
2015	1.3%	7.1%
2016	2.7%	-14.4%
2017	4.4%	3.5%
2018	2.4%	-2.9%
2019	-4.1%	-18.9%
2020	1.2%	18.4%
2021	0.9%	1.5%
2022	-2.0%	14.9%
2023	7.6%	27.0%
2024	7.9%	16.6%
2025	2.01%	11.15%
2026	7.5%	2.81%
2027*	13.9%	4.7%
2028*	5.0%	2.5%

**Submitted
rate proposals
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