

SOUTHWOOD PARK WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATE CHANGES

Feel free to join us at 7:00pm Wednesday, March 26, 2025 for our public hearing of proposed water rate changes (ORS 264.312). The hearing will take place at our monthly board meeting at the Meadow Springs Community Church, downstairs, in the preschool, south side of church. 12647 SW 62 Ave., Portland, Oregon 97219.

Southwood Park Water District Recommended Rate Changes Current though 2027		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
		Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation
Rates & Charges	Current Rates	Rates After April, 2025 Reading. First Billing June, 2025	Rates After April, 2026 Reading. First Billing June, 2026	Rates After April, 2027 Reading. First Billing June, 2027
Bi-Monthly Base Fee	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
Water Usage Cost per CCF Using 14ccf	<i>ea 2.75</i> \$38.50	<i>ea 2.75</i> \$38.50	<i>ea 3.25</i> \$45.50	<i>ea 3.50</i> \$49.00
Average Water Bill, Bi-Monthly	\$88.50	\$108.50	\$125.50	\$139.00
Average Water Cost, If Budgeted Monthly	\$44.25	\$54.25	\$62.75	\$69.50

CCF = Centum Cubic Feet or 100 cubic feet of water

The average Southwood Park household uses 14 ccf bi-monthly or 7ccf per month

DISTRICT NEWS:

The ice and wind storm of January, 2024 caused multiple line breaks and a catastrophic pump failure. We've overseen repairs to the entire infrastructure, including a new pump, new well casing, repaired electrical supply to the pump and repairs to all damaged lines during the storm. Additionally, to prevent damage to the new pump, we are upgrading our surge protection. The district was able to recover well over \$115,000 (most of what was spent) through FEMA and insurance. Thank you to our current Board members, KC Rogers (chair), Kelli Byrd, Jim Hilker and Lisa Hilker. Their knowledge and time spent to recover these funds has been entirely unpaid.

Our Board is currently working with the Oregon Water Caucus in hopes of further funding 3 large projects: tank reservoir rehab, a larger inter-tie with the city of Portland for emergency back-up water, as well as replacing 4 neighborhood fire hydrants (unfortunately these hydrants were removed, instead of being replaced, when they had failed in the past).

Our Water System Feasibility Study is complete and you may find it on our website. Because of this, we are now able to move forward accessing all available grant opportunities. Although our grant writer has not yet begun, we've found a highly-experienced person and hope to get them started soon.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE:

There are 5 positions on the SPWD Board; position 5 is vacant. The Special District Election will be held May 20, 2025. Contact Clackamas County Elections or email the Board for information on this commitment.

NEED HELP WITH UTILITY PAYMENTS:

St. Vincent de Paul offers emergency help with utility payments. SVdP.org or call (503)235-8431.

PLANNING A PROJECT ON YOUR PROPERTY:

If you are planning on digging, YOU MUST call 811 at least 48 business hours before your project. Read further at www.DigSafelyOregon.com. This is the law and you will be liable for utility damage done if proper protocols are not followed.

DOES HILAND/NW WATER HAVE YOUR EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:

If there is an emergency with our water system, Hiland will send a recorded message and even texts to customers. Call (503)554-8333 to update your contact information.