

Comparison of Previous and Current Utility Rates

SECTION 8 HCV PROGRAM

BELLINGHAM-WHATCOM COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITIES, WA

NOTE: Rates in bold print indicate changes and gray print indicates removal.

(We use the absolute value of the changes which gives us the percentage of change. This is the best way to determine a 10% change in utility rates and charges.)

ELECTRICITY

UPDATE 2025

Puget Sound Energy (Sch 7)		Rates		Difference	
Description	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Basic Charge	per month	\$7.49	\$7.49	\$0.00	0%
Tier-1 Total Energy Charges (0-600)	per kwh	0.127333	0.152653	0.025320	20%
Tier-2 Total Energy Charges (over 600)	per kwh	0.146750	0.172070	0.025320	18%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.8734%	3.8734%	0.00	0%

City of Blaine (13.16)		Rates		Difference	
Description	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Base Rate	per month	\$7.27	\$7.63	\$0.36	5%
Consumption Rates	per kwh	0.081552	0.085629	0.004077	5%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.8734%	3.8734%	0.00	0%

City of Sumas (1796)		Rates		Difference	
Description	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Monthly Basic Charge	per month	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$0.00	0%
Consumption Rates	per ccf	0.0848	0.0848	0.0000	0%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.8734%	3.8734%	0.00	0%

NATURAL GAS

Cascade Natural Gas (Schedule 503)		Rates		Difference	
Description	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Basic Service Charge	per month	\$5.00	\$5.50	\$0.50	10%
Total Energy Charges	per therm	0.40300	0.53345	0.13045	33%
Municipal Taxes	% of total	6.383%	6.383%	0.00	0%

BOTTLE GAS/PROPANE

Northwest Propane		Rates		Difference	
Description	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Fuel Rate	per gallon	\$2.40	\$2.53	\$0.13	6%
Sales Tax	% of total	8.8%	8.8%	0.00	0%

Vanderyacht Propane		Rates		Difference	
Description	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Fuel Rate	per gallon	\$2.71	\$3.01	\$0.30	12%
Sales Tax	% of total	8.8%	8.8%	0.00	0%

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Average Fuel Rate	per gallon	\$2.56	\$2.77	\$0.22	9%
Sales Tax	% of total	8.8%	8.8%	0.00	0%

FUEL OIL

Description	Measure	Rates		Difference	
		5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Coleman Oil					
Fuel Rate	per gallon	\$3.35	\$3.92	\$0.57	18%
Sales Tax	% of total	8.8%	8.8%	0.00	0%

Description	Measure	Rates		Difference	
		5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Christensen Inc Yorkston Oil					
Fuel Rate	per gallon	\$4.55	\$4.98	\$0.43	10%
Sales Tax	% of total	8.8%	8.8%	0.00	0%

Average Fuel Oil Rate	per gallon	\$3.95	\$4.45	\$0.50	13%
Sales Tax	% of total	8.8%	8.8%	0.00	0%

WATER, SEWER & TRASH COLLECTION

Description - Water	Measure	Rates		Difference	
		5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
City of Bellingham (Multi-Family)					
Water Base Rate	per month	\$40.35	\$41.60	\$1.25	4%
Consumption Rate	per ccf	\$2.56	\$2.63	\$0.07	3%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	5.029%	5.029%	0.00	0%
Description - Sewer	Measure	Rates		Difference	
		5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Total Monthly Charges (0-8)	per month	\$68.28	\$70.03	\$1.75	3%
Sewer Rate (over 8)	per ccf	\$7.92	\$8.16	\$0.24	4%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.852%	3.852%	0.00	0%
City of Bellingham (Single Family)					
Description - Water	Measure	Rates		Difference	
		5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Water Base Rate	per month	\$28.07	\$28.94	\$0.87	4%
Consumption Rate	per ccf	\$2.52	\$2.59	\$0.07	3%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	5.029%	5.029%	0.00	0%
Description - Sewer	Measure	Rates		Difference	
		5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Total Monthly Charges	per month	\$68.28	\$70.03	\$1.75	3%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.852%	3.852%	0.00	0%

Description - Water	Measure	Rates		Difference	
		5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Birch Bay Water & Sewer District					
Water Minimum Charge (0-2)	per month	\$12.90	\$14.95	\$2.05	16%
Tier-1 Water Usage Charge (2.01-10)	per ccf	\$3.70	\$4.20	\$0.50	14%
Tier-2 Water Usage Charge (over 10)	per ccf	\$7.05	\$8.00	\$0.95	14%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	5.029%	5.029%	0.00	0%

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Birch Bay Water & Sewer District continued...

Description - Sewer	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Sewer Minimum Charge (0-2)	per month	\$23.80	\$27.30	\$3.50	15%
Sewer Usage Charge (2.01-10 max)	per ccf	\$3.15	\$3.60	\$0.45	15%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.852%	3.852%	0.00	0%

City of Blaine		Rates		Difference	
Description - Water	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Water Base Rate (0-3)	per month	\$20.11	\$23.62	\$3.51	18%
Tier-1 Water Consumption Rate (3.01-8)	per ccf	\$3.06	\$3.59	\$0.53	18%
Tier-2 Water Consumption Rate (over 8)	per ccf	\$4.25	\$4.99	\$0.74	18%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	5.029%	5.029%	0.00	0%
Description - Sewer	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Total Monthly Charges	per month	\$137.48	\$146.63	\$9.15	7%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.852%	3.852%	0.00	0%

City of Everson		Rates		Difference	
Description - Water	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Water Base Charge (0-3)	per month	\$19.12	\$19.69	\$0.57	3%
Water Usage Charge (over 3)	per ccf	\$2.62	\$2.62	\$0.00	0%
Utility Tax	% of total	6%	6%	0.00	0%
Description - Sewer	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Sewer Base Rate (0-6)	per month	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	0%
Sewer Rate (over 6)	per ccf	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	0%
Utility Tax	% of total	6%	6%	0.00	0%

City of Ferndale (MF/SF)		Rates		Difference	
Description - Water	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Water Base Chg (\$27.29 bi-monthly)	per month	\$13.19	\$13.65	\$0.46	4%
Tier-1 Water Consumption (0 - 5)	per ccf	\$5.79	\$5.99	\$0.20	4%
Tier-2 Water Consumption (5.01-7.5)	per ccf	\$6.38	\$6.60	\$0.22	4%
Tier-3 Water Consumption (7.51-15)	per ccf	\$7.55	\$7.81	\$0.26	4%
Tier-4 Water Consumption (over 15)	per ccf	\$8.90	\$9.21	\$0.31	4%
Description - Sewer (Multi-Family)	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Total Monthly Charges	per month	\$44.70	\$47.76	\$3.06	7%
Sewer Consumption	per ccf	\$11.70	\$11.70	\$0.00	0%
Description - Sewer (Single-Family)	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Total Monthly Charges	per month	\$42.96	\$46.02	\$3.06	8%
Sewer Consumption	per ccf	\$10.91	\$10.91	\$0.00	0%

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Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District		Rates		Difference	
Description - Water	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Water Service Charge (\$90.69 bi-monthly) (0-3)	per month	\$43.40	\$45.35	\$1.95	5%
Tier-1 Water Usage Chg (3.01-12.5)	per ccf	\$12.31	\$12.86	\$0.55	5%
Tier-2 Water Usage Chg (over 12.5)	per ccf	\$15.40	\$16.10	\$0.70	5%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	5.029%	5.029%	0.00	0%
Description - Sewer	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Sewer Service Charge (\$198.90 bi-monthly)	per month	\$95.86	\$99.45	\$3.59	4%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.852%	3.852%	0.00	0%

City of Lynden (Multi-Family)		Rates		Difference	
Description - Water	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Water Basic Charge	per month	\$34.08	\$39.02	\$4.94	15%
Water Volume Charge	per ccf	\$2.09	\$2.40	\$0.31	15%
Total Taxes	% of total	8.5%	8.5%	0.00	0%
City of Lynden (Single Family)		Rates		Difference	
Description - Water	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Water Basic Charge	per month	\$34.08	\$39.02	\$4.94	15%
Tier-1 Water Volume Charge (0-5)	per ccf	\$1.68	\$1.93	\$0.25	15%
Tier-2 Water Volume Charge (5.01-18)	per ccf	\$2.21	\$2.53	\$0.32	15%
Total Taxes	% of total	8.5%	8.5%	0.00	0%
Description - Sewer (MF/SF)	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Total Monthly Charges	per month	\$64.71	\$74.08	\$9.37	15%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.852%	3.852%	0.00	0%

City of Nooksack		Rates		Difference	
Description - Water	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Water Basic Rate (0-7500)	per month	\$34.08	\$34.08	\$0.00	0%
Water Rate (over 7500)	per 1000 gals		\$3.88		Added
Public Utility Tax	% of total		6%		Added
Description - Sewer	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Sewer Rate	per month	\$58.88	\$58.88	\$0.00	0%
Public Utility Tax	% of total		6%		Added

Tiers were restructured.

Nooksack Valley Disposal & Recycling		Rates		Difference	
Description - Trash Collection	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Total Monthly Charges	per month	\$14.90	\$14.90	\$0.00	0%
Total Taxes	% of total	17.4%	17.4%	0.00	0%

Sanitary Service		Rates		Difference	
Description - Trash Collection	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent

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Trash Collection Charge	per month	\$56.63	\$58.16	\$1.53	3%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.6%	3.6%	0.00	0%

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City of Sumas Description - Water	Measure	Rates		Difference	
		5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Water Base Charge (0-6)	per month	\$10.40	\$10.40	\$0.00	0%
Water Rate (over 6)	per ccf	\$1.13	\$1.13	\$0.00	0%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	5.029%	5.029%	0.00	0%
Description - Sewer	Measure	5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
		5/2024	5/2025	Amount	Percent
Total Monthly Charges	per month	\$15.85	\$15.85	\$0.00	0%
Sewer Volume Surcharge	per ccf	\$6.368	\$6.368	\$0.000	0%
Public Utility Tax	% of total	3.852%	3.852%	0.00	0%

Utility Allowance Schedule

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The following allowances are used to determine the total cost of tenant-furnished utilities and appliances.

Locality/PHA Bellingham-Whatcom County Housin Authorities, WA		Unit Type: Multi-Family (Apartment)					Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Utility of Service	Fuel Type	0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR	
Heating	Natural Gas <i>(Includes Monthly Charge)</i>	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$26.00	\$28.00	\$30.00	
	Bottle Gas	\$72.00	\$84.00	\$102.00	\$115.00	\$130.00	\$142.00	
	Electric <i>(avg)</i>	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$27.00	\$34.00	\$42.00	\$48.00	
	Electric Heat Pump <i>(avg)</i>	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$24.00	\$27.00	\$29.00	
	Fuel Oil	\$92.00	\$111.00	\$126.00	\$145.00	\$160.00	\$179.00	
Cooking	Natural Gas	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	
	Bottle Gas	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	
	Electric <i>(avg)</i>	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$15.00	
Other Electric	<i>(avg)</i> <i>(Includes Monthly Charges)</i>	\$24.00	\$28.00	\$35.00	\$43.00	\$51.00	\$59.00	
Air Conditioning	<i>(avg)</i>	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Water Heating	Natural Gas	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	
	Bottle Gas	\$24.00	\$27.00	\$36.00	\$48.00	\$60.00	\$72.00	
	Electric <i>(avg)</i>	\$24.00	\$28.00	\$35.00	\$43.00	\$51.00	\$59.00	
	Fuel Oil	\$29.00	\$34.00	\$48.00	\$63.00	\$77.00	\$92.00	
Water		See Attached Water, Sewer, & Trash Collection Schedule						
Sewer								
Trash Collection								
Range/Microwave		\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	
Refrigerator		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	
Actual Family Allowances -May be used by the family to compute allowance while searching for a unit.					Utility/Service/Appliance	Allowance		
Head of Household Name					Heating			
					Cooking			
					Other Electric			
					Air Conditioning			
					Water Heating			
Unit Address					Water			
					Sewer			
					Trash Collection			
					Other			
					Range/Microwave			
Number of Bedrooms					Refrigerator			
					Total			



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Locality/PHA Bellingham-Whatcom County Housin Authorities, WA		Unit Type Single-Family (Detached House)					Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Utility of Service	Fuel Type	0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR	
Heating	Natural Gas <i>(Includes Monthly Charge)</i>	\$24.00	\$27.00	\$31.00	\$34.00	\$38.00	\$41.00	
	Bottle Gas	\$105.00	\$124.00	\$145.00	\$166.00	\$184.00	\$205.00	
	Electric <i>(avg)</i>	\$40.00	\$47.00	\$55.00	\$63.00	\$71.00	\$80.00	
	Electric Heat Pump <i>(avg)</i>	\$22.00	\$26.00	\$31.00	\$34.00	\$38.00	\$42.00	
	Fuel Oil	\$136.00	\$155.00	\$184.00	\$208.00	\$232.00	\$257.00	
Cooking	Natural Gas	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	
	Bottle Gas	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	
	Electric <i>(avg)</i>	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$15.00	
Other Electric	<i>(avg)</i> <i>(Includes Monthly Charges)</i>	\$33.00	\$37.00	\$49.00	\$60.00	\$72.00	\$84.00	
Air Conditioning	<i>(avg)</i>	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Water Heating	Natural Gas	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$15.00	
	Bottle Gas	\$27.00	\$33.00	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$87.00	
	Electric <i>(avg)</i>	\$33.00	\$37.00	\$49.00	\$60.00	\$72.00	\$84.00	
	Fuel Oil	\$34.00	\$39.00	\$58.00	\$77.00	\$97.00	\$111.00	
Water		See Attached Water, Sewer & Trash Collection Schedule						
Sewer								
Trash Collection								
Range/Microwave		\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	
Refrigerator		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	
Actual Family Allowances -May be used by the family to compute allowance while searching for a unit.					Utility/Service/Appliance	Allowance		
Head of Household Name					Heating			
					Cooking			
					Other Electric			
					Air Conditioning			
Unit Address					Water Heating			
					Water			
					Sewer			
					Trash Collection			
					Other			
Number of Bedrooms					Range / Microwave			
					Refrigerator			
					Total			



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Water, Sewer and Trash Collection

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All Building Types

		Monthly Dollar Allowances					
		0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR
City of Bellingham	Water (MF)	\$62.00	\$63.00	\$68.00	\$74.00	\$79.00	\$85.00
	Water (SF)	\$43.00	\$44.00	\$49.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$66.00
	Sewer (MF)	\$73.00	\$73.00	\$73.00	\$81.00	\$98.00	\$115.00
	Sewer (SF)	\$73.00	\$73.00	\$73.00	\$73.00	\$73.00	\$73.00
Birch Bay Water & Sewer District	Water	\$28.00	\$29.00	\$38.00	\$47.00	\$60.00	\$76.00
	Sewer	\$39.00	\$40.00	\$47.00	\$55.00	\$58.00	\$58.00
City of Blaine	Water	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$49.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
	Sewer	\$152.00	\$152.00	\$152.00	\$152.00	\$152.00	\$152.00
City of Everson	Water	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$38.00	\$43.00	\$49.00
	Sewer	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$87.00	\$91.00	\$95.00	\$100.00
City of Ferndale	Water	\$42.00	\$44.00	\$57.00	\$72.00	\$88.00	\$103.00
	Sewer (MF)	\$104.00	\$106.00	\$130.00	\$153.00	\$177.00	\$200.00
	Sewer (SF)	\$99.00	\$101.00	\$123.00	\$144.00	\$166.00	\$188.00
Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District	Water	\$72.00	\$75.00	\$102.00	\$129.00	\$156.00	\$185.00
	Sewer	\$103.00	\$103.00	\$103.00	\$103.00	\$103.00	\$103.00
City of Lynden	Water (MF)	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$61.00	\$66.00	\$71.00	\$76.00
	Water (SF)	\$52.00	\$53.00	\$58.00	\$64.00	\$69.00	\$75.00
	Sewer	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$77.00
City of Nooksack Nooksack Valley Disposal & Recycling	Water	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$45.00
	Sewer	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$62.00
	Trash	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00
Sanitary Service	Trash	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
City of Sumas	Water	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$19.00
	Sewer	\$48.00	\$50.00	\$63.00	\$76.00	\$89.00	\$103.00



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