

SEWER UTILITY NEWSLETTER



Winter 2026

Secondary clarifier at Central Kitsap Treatment Plant



New Sewer Rate Plan Effective in January

Washington State law, [RCW 36.94.140](#) requires sewer rates to be set to produce revenues sufficient to cover the costs of maintenance and operations, bond obligations, repayment of loans, and other costs necessary to properly run the county's sewer systems.

The approved five-year rate plan for 2026-2030 provides a cost-of-service based approach ensuring sewer rates are as fair and equitable as possible across all customer classes. This includes customers connected to sewer and contractors using Central Kitsap Treatment Plant for liquid hauled waste disposal (septage and grease). Adjustments to hauled waste rates will allow for a fairer distribution of costs, mitigating the impact on connected customers.

This model aligns revenue generation with actual system use and service impacts, helping to responsibly fund operations while preparing the utility for future capital investments.

Due to the bimonthly billing cycle, some customers will receive a bill with 2025 and 2026 rates combined. More information can be found at kcowa.us/sewerrates.

Five-Year Sewer Rates for 2026-2030:

Customer Class *	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Residential	\$109.72	\$115.48	\$121.55	\$127.93	\$134.64
Multi-family	\$89.53	\$96.47	\$103.94	\$112.00	\$120.68
Commercial	\$0.156	\$0.164	\$0.173	\$0.182	\$0.191
Restaurant	\$0.260	\$0.286	\$0.314	\$0.346	\$0.380

* Residential and Multi-family are monthly charges per unit. Commercial and Restaurant are per cubic foot. Hauled Waste (septic and WAS/FOG) rates are per gallon.

Does Kitsap County offer any discounts on sewer fees?

A senior/low-income discount is given to customers that meet the Assessor's criteria for the Senior/Disabled Exemption on property taxes. The current discount on sewer accounts is 25%. If you qualify for this exemption, please contact Utility Billing at 360.337.7127 to request the discount.

Not sure if you qualify? Scan the QR code or visit [Kitsap.gov/assessor](https://kitsap.gov/assessor) for more information.



CKTP Solids and Liquid Hauled Waste Upgrades

The Central Kitsap Treatment Plant (CKTP) is a regional facility designed to serve the central area of Kitsap County. The facility began operating in 1979 as a conventional activated sludge - secondary wastewater treatment plant. CKTP serves the Central Kitsap area, Silverdale, Keyport, Naval Submarine Base Bangor, Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station at Keyport, and the City of Poulsbo. An average of four million gallons of wastewater is treated here each day.

CKTP processes solids from the Sewer Utility's three outlying treatment plants and other Tribal and jurisdictional treatment plants in the County. In addition, it is the only facility in Kitsap County that accepts liquid hauled waste, and fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.). Liquid hauled waste is a product removed from sewer technologies like single family septic tanks. There are over 58,000 household septic tanks in Kitsap County.



The current facility is at the end of its life expectancy and is not adequate to meet future demand. Without intervention, a system failure is inevitable. A project slated to begin in early 2026 will address these concerns.

The project will address aging infrastructure, regulatory compliance, worker safety, liquid hauled waste capacity and provide beneficial use of biogas. These upgrades will help the Sewer Utility continue to maintain our high standards of responsible resource management.

Construction is anticipated to start in February 2026 and will be completed in two phases through 2029 to minimize disruption to CKTP operations. For more details, visit kcowa.us/cktp.