



College Place in Review

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Quick Fact:

City Water Usage

November 2016
14,303,000

November 2015
22,438,000

YTD 2016
395,952,000

Total 2015
449,354,000

Your City Representatives

Mayor

Harvey Crowder

Council Members

Jerry Bobbitt
Michael Cleveland
Marge Nyhagen
Loren Peterson
Melodie Selby
Heather Schermann
Larry Dickerson

City Administrator

Mike Rizzitiello

Mayor's Message

Water Rates/Fees and Wastewater Rates

In 2016, the City conducted a comprehensive analysis of our water system, which included looking at the costs associated with providing water service to our customers, current infrastructure deficiencies that need to be addressed, and future infrastructure replacement needs. We want to be able to continue providing our customers a safe and continuous supply of water, and to do so we needed to address the deficit between revenues generated and expenses of operating and maintaining the system.

As a result of this analysis, there are three changes that are being implemented as of January 1, 2017:

- 1) Water rates are increasing to the following:

Description	New Fee
Water monthly residential base charge per unit	\$30.42
Water monthly business base charge per unit	\$41.46
Water usage fee (per 1,000 gallons)	\$1.15

- 2) **Red Tag Fee** implementation. Beginning January 1st 2017, there will be a fee of **\$20** for hanging a red tag.
- 3) Wastewater base fee is increasing to \$41.99.



The implementation of a red tag fee is to cover the City's cost of creating red tags and hand delivering

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625 S. College Ave
College Place, WA 99324

Municipal Building Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



NEW Phone Numbers:

Utilities/Finance—394-8509
Administration—394-8506
Mayor—394-8505
Human Resources—394-8508
Accounts Payable—394-8510
Building—394-8522
Fire Department—394-8600
Fire Chief—394-8605
Public Works—394-8526
Planning—394-8524
City Engineer—394-8525
City Shop—394-8653
Police —394-8550
Dispatch—527-1960

them to customers. The red tag only applies to customers whose accounts are past due, have been mailed a late notice and still have not paid their bill or made a payment arrangement. A red tag notifies the customer that their water will be shut off if they don't bring their account current by a certain date. The fee only affects those who are still past due after the late notice process.

The last change you might notice on your bill is an increase to the wastewater base rate. The wastewater utility is currently running on a deficit, with expenses exceeding revenues. Constantly changing requirements from the Department of Ecology and other agencies continue to increase the cost of providing this crucial service to our customers. A comprehensive analysis of the wastewater system's current and future financial needs will be conducted during 2017.

If you have questions please feel free to call the utilities office at (509) 394-8509.

Dog License Fees



Dog Licenses are now available at the College Place Police Department. The 2017 rates are \$15.00 for altered dogs and \$30.00 for unaltered dogs. The Blue Mountain Humane Society website states that licensing your pet helps to ensure their safe and timely return should they be lost, and it provides proof of ownership. About 95% of lost animals that wear current identification are reunited with their owners.

