

City of Port Townsend

UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

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Info & Forms



cityofpt.us/finance/page/utility-information

Leak Check

Concerned you might have a leak? Finding and fixing a leak quickly saves water and a high bill. For more information, visit cityofpt.us/finance/page/water-leaks



Happy Summer! Did you know? Pennies tossed into Haller Fountain are collected regularly by our Parks crew, and are donated to a City Parks fund.

Irrigation rates increase during summer

Customers with irrigation-only accounts will have an increase in rates during the summer months. Rates changed to \$9.83 (inside City limits)/\$11.80 (outside City limits) per 1,000 gallons effective May 1, 2025. Summer rates are scheduled through October 31. Rates will decrease November 1 to \$5.61 (inside)/\$6.73 (outside).

Join us at these City events and programs in July



Sign up for the City's E-News! The City of Port Townsend now sends a monthly e-newsletter. Stay up to date on City projects, events, and ways to engage in the future of Port Townsend when you sign up. To join the mailing list, visit mailchi.mp/cityofpt/city-of-port-townsend-newsletter.

- On July 7 at 6:00 p.m., attend **City Council's regular meeting** to learn more about proposed Land Use and Housing Policies as part of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review.

- Coffee with a Cop** returns to Velocity Coffee on July 11, and the City Manager's monthly coffee will be held at Sunrise

Coffee every first Friday of the month, July through September. Have your morning brew with City officials and your fellow PT residents!

- Bring the whole family for the **Annual K-9 Demonstration and Bike Rodeo** at Blue Heron Middle School on July 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Join the annual bike rodeo July 19.

Check to make sure
compost hasn't sold out!



Compost being hauled away for the Discovery Road project landscaping

Compost is available!

Now is a great time to spread compost and mulch in order to suppress weeds and retain moisture during the dry season, allowing you to water less and return nutrients to the soil.

The City's compost system is part of our Wastewater Treatment division and was one of the first in the state to compost bio-solids. The facility has been up and running at the same location since 1994. At the City's Composting Facility, we use an aerated static process to transform three waste streams (we call them resources) to make a "Class A" compost that is available for all of your gardening and soil amending needs. Our goal is to make the best compost we can and to return those much-needed nutrients to the soil so it can be used by the plants that help to make our community beautiful. Explore the City's Compost webpage to learn more, find a link to the sewer investments video, and to stay updated when compost is available and when it is sold-out: cityofpt.us/publicworks/page/compost-facility.

The Compost Facility

603 County Landfill Road
Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Fridays
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Price is \$12 a cubic yard for nine or fewer cubic yards, or \$9.00 for ten cubic yards or greater. Please bring exact change or a check to purchase compost.

Questions regarding compost you can call the compost facility at (360) 385-7908.

What can I bring to the facility?

If you are dropping off yard debris at the Compost Facility, please keep in mind:

Acceptable forms of yard debris: Grass clippings, Christmas trees, leaves, shrubs, branches less than 8' long and less than 10" in diameter. Tree trimmings. Weeds.

We cannot accept: Demolition lumber, dirt, food scraps/waste, plastic bags, rocks and gravel, sod stumps. And please do not dump your trash into the yard debris pile.



Don't feed the deer

Feeding deer is now illegal in Washington State. Per a new rule approved by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) director, effective May 17, 2025, it is illegal to feed deer, elk, and moose in Washington, as feeding draws animals together where they can spread disease. It is also illegal to place feed for other wildlife if it causes deer, elk, or moose to congregate. Learn more at wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/living/wildlife-feeding



Burn restrictions

Stay safe this summer by monitoring and following current burn restrictions in Jefferson County. When the fire danger is HIGH, fires can start and spread easily and can be very difficult to control.

Prohibited: No yard debris burning or land clearing fires. *Note: These fires are always prohibited within the City of Port Townsend, 365 days per year.*

No recreational wood fires.

No discharge of fireworks of any type.

No open flame wood or charcoal cooking in parks/campgrounds; no open flame devices such as tiki torches, liquid fuel candles, or lanterns; no gas or propane fired weed burners.

Allowed: Gas or propane fueled appliances; enclosed wood, pellet, charcoal, or solid fuel cooking at a private residence.

Visit ejfr.org/information/burn-ban-guide for updates as danger level can change.