

City of Port Townsend

UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

June 2026

City of Port Townsend Utility Billing

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9am–4pm M–Th
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Info & Forms



cityofpt.us/finance/page/utility-information

Holiday Closures

City of Port Townsend
operations will be closed
Friday, June 19 in honor of
Juneteenth and Friday, July 3
in honor of Fourth of July.



It's still a few weeks away before summer officially begins, but fire danger restrictions are starting earlier than usual, with the current danger Moderate as of May 8. See page 2 for more information.

Irrigation Rates Increase for Summer

Customers with irrigation-only accounts will have an increase in rates during the summer months. Rates changed to \$10.04 (inside City limits)/\$12.04 (outside City limits) per 1,000 gallons effective May 1, 2026. This is reflected on your May 31 bill. Summer rates are scheduled through October 31. Rates will decrease November 1 to \$5.71 (inside)/\$6.86 (outside).

Join us at these City events and programs in June

• **Coffee Chat with the City Manager** is at Velocity Coffee at Northwest Maritime first Fridays through June and heads to Fort Worden July to September. Join John Mauro, neighbors, and friends **9 – 10:30am on Friday, June 5.**

• June kicks off **Summer Reading at the Public Library!** Participate in self-paced reading challenges, interactive programs and activities, and live performances and events. Reading challenges for kids, teens, and adults run from June 1st–August 31st. Pick up a reading tracker at the library starting June 1 or print one from

the library website. Prizes like books and t-shirts are available for kids, teens, and adults that accomplish the reading challenge in each age category.

• Connect with the **City at the Farmers Market** this summer. City Councilmembers and staff will host a City table to connect with the community on June 20, July 25, and August 15. Bring your market basket for fresh veg and bring your curiosity for the City's work.

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code for the
answer!

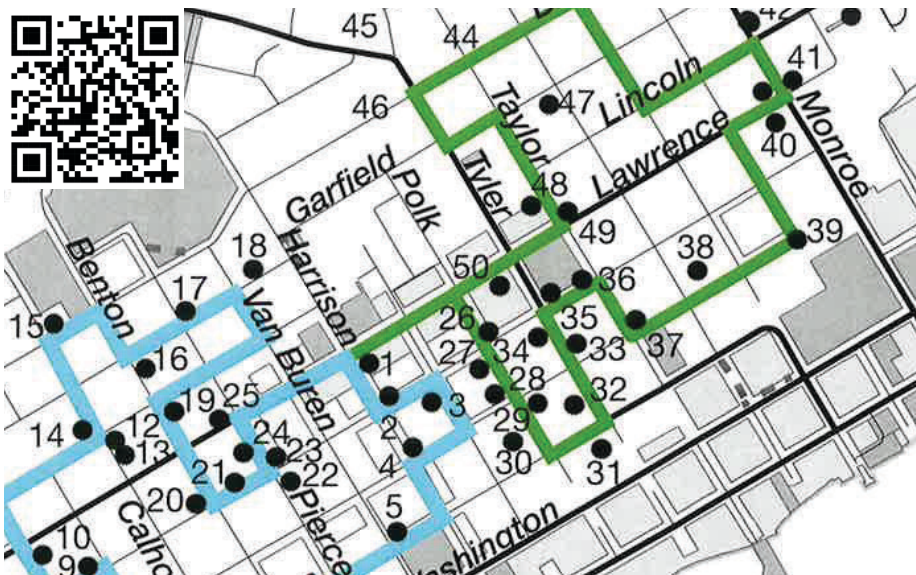


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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

**“What are PFAS and
do we have them
in our municipal
water supply?”**

Answered by Michael Spears
Operations Manager, Water Resources



The map above shows two walking loops and tree numbers to visit on the tree walking tour. Scan the QR code for the brochure and list of trees.

Take a Tree Walking Tour Uptown

The City of Port Townsend has published a tree walking tour guide of 50 trees in Uptown. The pamphlet is available at City Hall and the Public Library and includes a map and list of trees to visit. The walking tour is intended to start at the Public Library at Lawrence and Harrison. We welcome your comments to improve the list of trees and guide. Submit suggestions to The Parks, Recreation, Trees & Trails Advisory Board. Since many of the trees are on private property, we ask you to respect the privacy of the homeowners and admire the trees from a distance, on public streets and sidewalks.

Don't Flush "Flushable" Wipes!

Help prevent sewer backups and costly damage to pumps by not flushing any type of personal wipes.

Flushable wipes have been an issue for sewer systems since they came on the market. Unlike toilet paper, wipes do not break down or fall apart and will get caught on anything inside of a pipe like roots or grease. When this happens more grease holds onto the wipes and the pipe gets clogged, which leads to sewer backup.

If wipes get through to one of the lift stations, this can cause damage to pumps. For example, in the last decade, one pump was destroyed because of wipes that had collected. At that time the pumps were \$20,000 to replace. Now, that cost would be closer to \$75,000.

The following should never be flushed into the sewer system:

- Disinfecting wipes
- Baby wipes
- Q-tips
- Toilet cleaning pads
- Mop or Swiffer refills
- Paper towels
- Moist towelettes
- Any consumer item that is not toilet paper



As of May 8, the fire danger in Jefferson County is: moderate (blue). Scan the QR code for updates from Jefferson County.

Fire danger: Moderate

Stay safe this summer by monitoring and following current burn restrictions in Jefferson County. As of May 8, 2026, the fire danger is Moderate (Blue). This designation is being implemented early this year due to current atmospheric and observed field conditions. Prohibited devices & activities are: burn barrels, land clearing or yard debris burning (note: these fires are always prohibited within the City of Port Townsend, 365 days per year), and sky lanterns. Recreational burning and campfires are allowed during a Moderate fire danger level, and all barbecue appliances may continue to be used. Updates are available at: co.jefferson.wa.us/1687/Office-of-the-Fire-Marshal

Drinking Water Report Chart Correction

The 2025 Annual Drinking Water Report contained an error in the chart on page 4 under "Residential Testing." The MCL/MCLG number for "Lead 30 sites sampled" should read: 0.015, not 0.0015 as originally printed. An updated report reflecting the correction is available at cityofpt.us/publicworks/page/water-resources. All other information in the chart and report is accurate as published.