

UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

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Info & Forms



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Check for a Leak

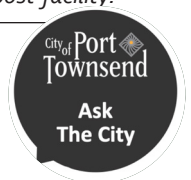
If you are concerned you may have a leak, the City can check your meter to help detect a leak, or, you can check yourself. Finding leaks right away helps avoid high bills and possible damage. Visit: cityofpt.us/finance/page/water-leaks



Happy Fall! Leaves are turning and falling in Port Townsend, which might mean trips to the compost facility this season. Keep in mind acceptable forms of yard debris include leaves, tree trimmings, weeds, and branches less than 8" long and 10" in diameter. For more information on what you can (and cannot) gather into your bag of yard debris, visit cityofpt.us/publicworks/page/compost-facility.

Queue Up Your Curiosity

If you have visited cityofpt.us recently, you may have noticed our new "Ask the City" feature. Click the button on the homescreen and ask a question to see a video response from City employees. If your question has not been answered yet, your inquiry will be reviewed for future videos.



Join us at these City events and programs in October



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.

- **Coffee Chat with the City Manager** continues first Fridays, at Marina Café in Boat Haven October through December. Join John Mauro, neighbors, and friends from 9 to 10:30am on **October 3**. Bring your questions and curiosity!
- Fall is the time to plant trees and shrubs! Attend the annual Autumnal Arbor Day celebration

on **Saturday, October 4** at Mountain View to adopt a new native tree or shrub for your property. The event will also feature a tour of 50 significant trees in the Uptown neighborhood, with guided walks starting at 2:00pm at the Public Library. The plant adoption event starts at 11:00am with one free

tree or shrub per household while supplies last.

- **Connect with City staff at the Farmers Market!** We'll be tabling the Saturday market on Tyler Street on October 25 talking to market-goers about the housing, streets, the City budget, and other topics of interest to the community. Come by and say hello!

Learn more about
the Wastewater
Treatment Plant



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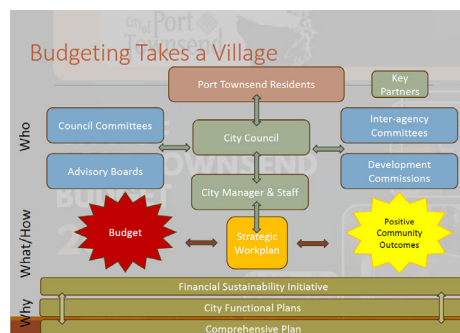
27 Years of Clean Operations

The Wastewater Treatment Plant and Compost Facility received a record 27th straight year of recognition from the state for clean operations with no permit violations. That's now over 9,855 straight days of doing everything just right

It takes an amazing team to lead the state in this – no other of Washington's 280 other cities is in this place right now. Above, Mike Zeller, Adam Freitas, Mike Bartkus, Bliss Morris, and Jake Sulzer show off the plaque. We appreciate Josh Graves and Jim Aman who keep the compost facility running well and compliant too. Well done, team!

It's Budget Season

Over the past month of September, City Manager John Mauro and Finance Director Jodi Adams have visited various locations in the City of Port Townsend to talk about the City Budget and answer community questions. If you weren't able to make it to one of the community events but still want to learn more about the budget process, listen to the KPTZ *Brewocracy Now!* segment that originally aired Thursday, September 18. John and Jodi are joined by Charlie Bush, the City Administrator of Sedro-Woolley to discuss city budgets and financial planning. Listen here: kptz.org/2025/09/18/brewocracy-



An excerpt from the September Budget Roadshow slideshow

now-9-18-25. You can also learn more through our new "Ask a Question" feature at cityofpt.us. For more information visit: cityofpt.us/engagept/page/budget.

Garbage Rates to Increase October 1

On May 20, 2025, Governor Bob Ferguson signed several bills into law, including HB 2081. This bill introduces surcharges and increases to Business & Occupation (B&O) tax rates.

This new tax rate is part of a comprehensive tax reform package that includes increases to existing B&O tax rates, new surcharges for large businesses, and expansions of the retail sales tax base. HB 2081 aims to address the state's budgetary needs and balance the budget by reducing projected deficits and ensuring a sustainable financial future for Washington state.

A brief description of the key changes follows:

October 1, 2025: Businesses with gross incomes exceeding \$5 million from services and other activities will see a B&O rate increase from 1.75% to 2.10%. Additionally, the B&O rate for specified financial institutions increases from 1.2% to 1.5%.

Due to the upcoming B&O tax increase effective October 1, Olympic Disposal will be implementing a rate adjustment of 0.35%, to be reflected on your invoice that generates November 1st. If you have any questions, please contact the Olympic Disposal office at 360-452-7278 and find the new rate sheet for households and businesses on our website.

For more information on Trash Collection and Recycling, visit cityofpt.us/publicworks/page/trashcollectionrecycling and jeffersoncountysolidwaste.com