



# SKYWAY SKYLINES

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## 2015 Water And Sewer Rates

Each year, the Board of Commissioners of Skyway Water and Sewer District has the responsibility of rate setting. With the aid of staff and financial consultants, they work in open public meetings to analyze the District's operating, maintenance, debt service and capital replacement requirements. They determine long term water and sewer system needs, prioritize projects, trim operating expenses as possible, project revenues and anticipate potential funding sources. The rate setting process for 2015 was no exception. Rate decisions made for 2015 were as difficult as usual, despite the slight positive trend in economic recovery that some are experiencing.

The District has a long history of managing rates through measured, deliberate increases rather than erratic increases. District commissioners continue this approach, confident that it is in the best interest of our customers and most affordable in both the short and long terms.

The enclosed bill reflects a rate increase of 4% in water and 10% in sewer. The water increase (\$1.84/month for the average single family customer) will help to fund the replacement and upsizing of old water mains and the development and treatment of District wells/well water. The sewer increase (\$2.94/month for the average single family customer) will help fund the ongoing replacement of our aging sewer system.

The District remains steadfast in its commitment to operate, maintain and develop our community's water and wastewater systems in the most cost-effective manner possible. The future of our community depends on good stewardship of our existing resources and continued commitment to infrastructure investment.



## Tool Lending Library

- Sharing and Caring!

So the weekend is coming up and you have some home improvement projects to do. But you don't have all the tools you need to get the jobs done right. You really don't want to buy them since you'll only use them once and you don't have room to store them after the jobs are done. So what do you do? What do your neighbor's do?? What if there was a friendly **Skyway Tool Lending Library** close by?

Tool Lending Libraries:

- ✘ stock a large variety of home repair, small-construction, and yard-work tools. Some stock home-event supplies (chairs and tables) for parties, home wedding receptions, and the like.
- ✘ are supported by membership dues, typically between \$20 (low income) and \$40 per year. There are no rental charges for use of the equipment.
- ✘ are a community asset; helping people to maintain their neighborhoods. They promote neighbor interaction and involvement. They save money for their community members and help them maintain their homes, yards and vehicles.
- ✘ provide *instruction & classes* for tool use; community fix it nights to help neighbors *learn, share, and repair* in order to fix and maintain anything.

For background, see the West Seattle tool library link <http://wstoollibrary.org> or the Share Starter website at <http://sharestarter.org/tools>.

**To learn more or volunteer** to help start a tool library in Skyway, please attend a meeting at the Skyway Water and Sewer District office on **March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM**. We sincerely hope to see you there!

-Jon Ault and Preston Horne-Brine

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL			NON-SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL							
MONTHLY WATER RATES			METER SIZE	MONTHLY CHARGE	VOLUME BLOCK (PER 100 CUBIC FEET)					
Meter Size	SF	SF Discount			COMMERCIAL/ INSTITUTIONAL	MULTI-FAMILY	IRRIGATION			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$17.11	\$11.97	5/8" X 3/4"	\$25.78	\$5.47	\$5.29	\$8.72			
1"	\$40.25	\$28.17	1"	\$56.70	\$5.47	\$5.29	\$8.72			
1 1/2"	\$78.86	\$55.20	1 1/2"	\$122.60	\$5.47	\$5.29	\$8.72			
BI-MONTHLY VOLUME BLOCKS (1CCF = 748 GALLONS)			2"	\$195.22	\$5.47	\$5.29	\$8.72			
0-8 ccf		\$3.80	3"	\$388.99	\$5.47	\$5.29	\$8.72			
9-12 ccf		\$4.80	4"	\$606.67	\$5.47	\$5.29	\$8.72			
13-24 ccf		\$6.06	6"	\$1211.76	\$5.47	\$5.29	\$8.72			
Over 24 ccf		\$7.73	SEWER RATES							
MONTHLY SEWER RATES										
District	\$32.33	\$14.70						King Co. DNR & District Volume Rate (per 100 cubic feet)		\$11.28
King County	\$42.03	\$42.03								
Total	\$74.36	\$56.73								

Please join us in helping to draft the Skyway West Hill Action Plan (SWAP). The SWAP will focus on the immediate and future needs of our community. This is a community-driven planning process. We are talking about health, jobs, business, transportation, education, and more.

**Everyone is invited to get involved in shaping the future of Skyway West Hill!**

## SAVE THE DATE:

**March 26, 2015 from 7-9pm**

### Thriving Educated Youth and Community

Secondary Learning Center 7800 South 132nd Street, Seattle WA 98178  
Hosted by Urban Family

**April, 22, 2015 from 6-8pm**

### Economic Prosperity and Affordability

Campbell Hill Elementary, 6418 South 124th Street, Seattle WA 98178

**May 18, 2015 from 6:30-8:30pm**

### Culture Art and Innovation

Secondary Learning Center 7800 South 132nd Street, Seattle WA 98178

To learn more about how to get involved with the SWAP, visit our website [www.buildskywaywesthill.org](http://www.buildskywaywesthill.org).



## NEW WATER CONSERVATION PILOT PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME SENIOR AND DISABLED CUSTOMERS!

Skyway and Cascade Water Alliance are offering qualified water customers in the Skyway area a new and unique program for 2015 aimed at saving both water and money.



To participate, customers must fill out the Water Conservation Pilot Program section of the 2015 Discount Form (below). Eligible customers will be contacted with further information.

The program is part of

Cascade's water use efficiency programs (see more at [www.cascadewater.org](http://www.cascadewater.org)).

Cascade and Skyway will perform an on-site audit of your home's water appliances and fixtures to determine if there are savings opportunities and may install water-saving equipment - for **FREE!** Renters can also apply but will need an owner's approval to participate.

For additional questions contact Agnes Hicks at Skyway, 206-772-7343 or Mike Brent at Cascade, 425-453-0930.



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## 2015 LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN / SOCIAL SECURITY (SSI) DISABILITY DISCOUNT FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the following which are true:

- I am the owner and/or tenant at the address listed above
- I am 62 years of age or older or my spouse is 62 years of age or older, OR
- My age or that of my spouse is less than 62, but I or my spouse are recipients of US Social Security (SSI) Disability payments

My gross household income from ALL SOURCES (including 100% of social security and other pension) for 2014 was less than the following:

- 1 person household: **\$31,500/year or \$2,625/month; OR**
- 2+ person household: **\$36,000/year or \$3,000/month**

### SKYWAY/CASCADE WATER CONSERVATION PILOT PROGRAM

- YES! I am interested in more no-cost ways to reduce my water bill.
- I get my water from Skyway.
- I own  I rent



### DECLARATION:

I swear under the laws of the State of Washington, under the penalty of perjury, that the foregoing statements are true and correct:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

City where signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Annual renewal of this form is required for program eligibility. Please return form by 3/31/15.