



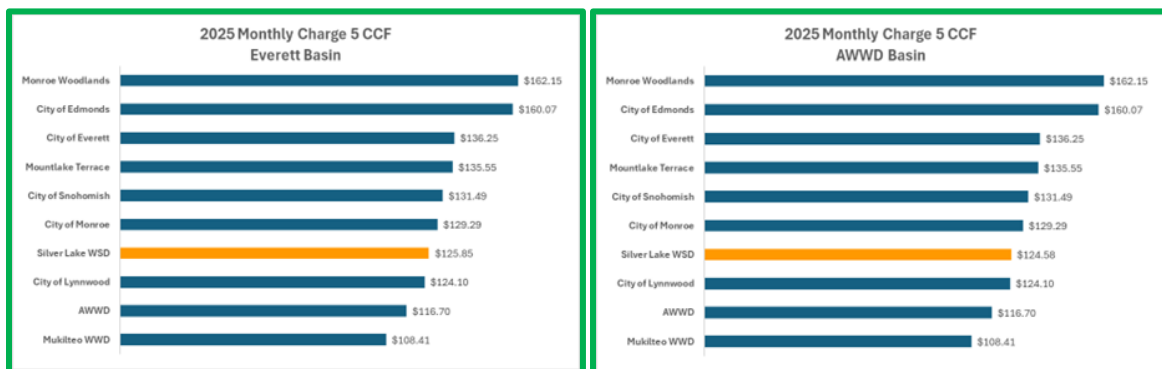
# 2025 Rate Adjustment Notice

Effective May 1, 2025, water and sewer rates are increasing to account for the increase to our wholesale purchase rates. The base residential water rate is increasing from \$16.25 per month to \$18.69 and the 100 cubic feet charge (1 CCF) is increasing from \$4.00 to \$4.60. The sewer rate in the Everett basin is increasing from \$79.40 to \$84.16 and in the Alderwood basin from \$78.20 to \$82.89. The following are examples of a single-family residential rate increase for those that use 5 CCFs per month:

SFR Bill - Everett Basin	5/1/2024	5/1/2025	SFR Bill - AWWD Basin	5/1/2024	5/1/2025
Water Base	\$16.25	\$18.69	Water Base	\$16.25	\$18.69
CCF fee	\$20.00	\$23.00	CCF fee	\$20.00	\$23.00
Sewer	\$79.40	\$84.16	Sewer	\$78.20	\$82.89
subtotal monthly	\$115.65	\$125.85	subtotal monthly	\$114.45	\$124.58
bi-monthly bill	\$231.30	\$251.70	bi-monthly bill	\$228.90	\$249.16

## Rate Comparisons

In comparing our May 1, 2025 rates to other jurisdictions in our areas, our rates remain in the lower half of rates charged, as illustrated by the graphs below (Silver Lake in orange):



## About Silver Lake/Wholesale Sources

The Silver Lake Water and Sewer District is committed to providing safe and reliable water and sewer services to our customers that meet and/or exceed all federal and state requirements. In addition to funding our operational and capital needs to achieve our commitment to you, the rates you pay also cover the cost of the District's purchases of wholesale water and wholesale sewer services.



The District purchases its water wholesale from three sources: the majority is from Clearview Water Supply Agency (CWSA), with some supply from the Alderwood Water/Wastewater District (AWWD) and purchased directly from the City of Everett. The City of Everett supplies water to both CWSA and AWWD. The District received notice that its wholesale water supply rates may increase up to 125% over what we have paid since 2023 (there was no increase to the water wholesale rate in 2024). After discussion at the April 10, 2025 Board meeting and the public hearing at the April 24, 2025 Board meeting, the District's Board has chosen to mitigate this increase to our customers by limiting our water rate increase to 15%.

Along with water, the District purchases sewer treatment services at a wholesale rate from both the City of Everett (Everett basin) and the Alderwood Water/Wastewater District (the Alderwood or AWWD basin). The District received notice that our wholesale sewer rates for AWWD would be increasing by 6% and received notice our wholesale sewer rates for Everett would be increasing 12.8%. Again, the Board chose to mitigate these increases for our customers by limiting our sewer rate increase to 6% for this year.



While the District has no control over the outside agencies from which we purchase our wholesale services, the District does have control over its operations and its capital improvement programs. By being as efficient (and lean) as possible with our staffing and operational costs and by being strategic in when we schedule capital projects and how we pay for capital projects, we were able to mitigate the rate increases imposed by these outside agencies for 2025.

Our mitigation efforts will not jeopardize our capital program, nor jeopardize our reserves which are

used to ensure cash flow for paying our expenses and for appropriate cash in the near future for our necessary capital expenses.

### **Customer Assistance**

The District acknowledges that rate increases of any amount, while necessary to maintain the health, safety, and efficiency of our water and sewer systems, can be challenging in these current economic times. If you are experiencing challenges paying your utility bill, please don't hesitate to visit our website at [www.slwsd.com](http://www.slwsd.com) for a list of customer assistance programs/agencies that may be able to help you.

