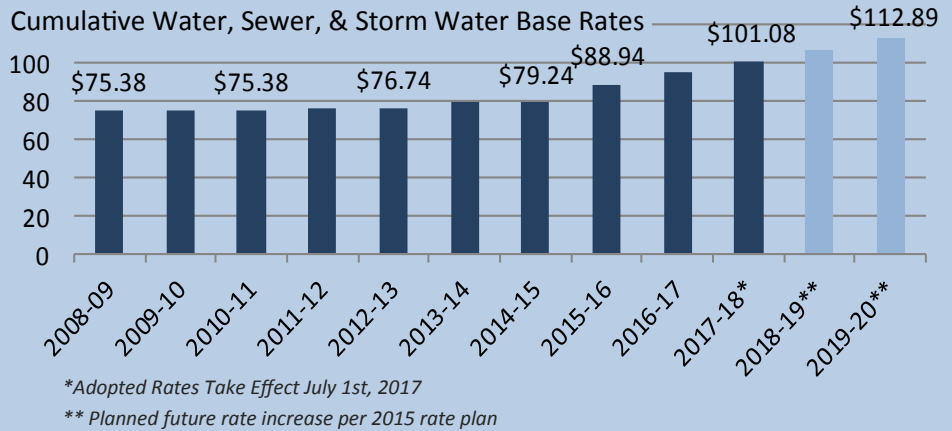




Utility Rate Information

Utility Rates: Past & Future

Between 2008 and 2015, municipal utility rates were generally held flat. In 2013, the City updated water and sewer masterplans that were last revised in 2001. The plans identified several large utility projects necessary to protect the City's water supply and wastewater system. A five-year rate plan was adopted in 2015 to pay for these projects.



Example Infrastructure Projects



Riverdale Reservoir

The 60 year old Riverdale Reservoir was fully renovated inside and out. The new reservoir holds 5 million gallons of water, or the equivalent of 2.5 days of drinking water for the City's utility customers. In the event that the City's water source is compromised, the Riverdale Reservoir can provide public works crews time to repair any issues without interrupting water supply to residents.

Water Transmission Line

The 20 mile waterline from the City's water source near Mt. Hood was fully replaced. The 1929 line leaked heavily and was in severe risk of failure in the event of an earthquake. The new line can now carry enough water to support Hood River's growing population over the next 75 years. The project was financed with a federal loan that will be repaid over the next 33-years with water rate revenue.



Why Aren't Rates Based Only on Usage?

The City of Hood River's utility rates reflect the costs of the utility. Our community is fortunate to have an abundant water source that requires little treatment and only gravity to bring it to the City reservoirs. Similarly, gravity primarily conveys waste to the treatment plant. The majority of utility costs are maintaining and repairing a fixed distribution system to homes and businesses, regardless to the volume that flows through it.

Customers are encouraged to conserve water to protect natural stream habitat. However, the City's rates are not currently designed to direct behavior, only to mirror the costs needed to keep the system safe & reliable.

July, 2017 Base Utility Charges:	Water	Sewer	Storm
(3/4in. Meter, 90% of rate payers)	\$37.18	\$55.00	\$8.90

Utility Rate Assistance Program (URAP)

In 2008, the City Council created the URAP program to assist low-income rate payers afford their utility bills. Households with incomes less than 60% of the area median are eligible for a 30% discount on sewer charges and a 40% discount on water charges.

The URAP program is administered by the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC). Contact MCCAC at (541) 386-4027 or at 205 Wasco Loop #101, Hood River OR.

2017-18 UTILITY RATES (12.01.030)

Water Meter Monthly Base Fee

3/4"	37.18
1"	63.20
1 1/2"	111.55
2"	199.63
3"	397.80
4"	620.83
6"	1,238.02

Water Commodity Charge

Residential > 5,000 gallons/month, per 1,000 gallons	2.30
Commercial > 0 gallons/month, per 1,000 gallons	2.30

Stormwater Monthly Base Fee

3/4"	8.90
1"	43.00
1 1/2"	74.50
2"	81.50
3"	142.00
4"	285.00
6"	444.50

Sewer Monthly Base Fee

Residential - Inside City Limits

3/4"	55.00
1"	93.41
1 1/2"	181.37
2"	291.36
3"	588.09
4"	917.97
6"	1,830.41

Residential - Outside City Limits

3/4"	68.69
1"	116.74
1 1/2"	226.73
2"	364.12
3"	735.63
4"	1,147.15
6"	2,287.45

Sewer Non-Residential Commodity Rates - Per 1,000 gallons

Low BOD <401	2.40
Medium BOD <801	3.60
High BOD > 800	4.77