

UTILITY SERVICE

The City of Colville provides water and sewer services to its citizens and businesses. In addition, the City provides water service to several out-of-town customers. The billing cycle is one (1) calendar month with a billing date of the last day of the month and due date of the 15th of the month following the billing date.

Water and sewer services are billed as follows:

Water Service (Ordinance No. 1388 N.S.)

Residential

Base In-Town	\$24.50/month
Base Out-Of-Town	\$34.50/month
Consumption	\$ 0.60/1000 gallons (0-20,000 gallons)
	\$ 0.90/1000 gallons (over 20,000 gallons)

Multi-Unit Residential

Base In-Town	\$20.00/month per unit
Base Out-Of-Town	\$30.00/month per unit
Consumption	\$ 0.60/1000 gallons (0-20,000 gallons)
	\$ 0.95/1000 gallons (over 20,000 gallons)

Commercial

Base In-Town	\$25.50/month
Base Out-Of-Town	\$35.50/month
Consumption	\$ 0.70/1000 gallons (0-27,000 gallons)
	\$ 1.15/1000 gallons (27,001-100,000 gallons)
	\$1.35/1000 gallons (over 100,000 gallons)

Irrigation

Base In-Town	\$25.50/month
Base Out-Of-Town	\$35.50/month
Consumption	\$ 0.70/1000 gallons (0-27,000 gallons)
	\$ 1.15/1000 gallons (27,001-100,000 gallons)
	\$ 1.35/1000 gallons (over 100,000 gallons)

Additional Charges

Temporary Connect	\$20.00 at customer request
Temporary Disconnect	\$20.00 at customer request
Delinquent Disconnect	\$25.00
Reconnection of Delinquent	
Disconnect after 2:30 p.m.	\$100.00
Late Fee	\$ 5.00 if paid after 3:00 p.m. on the 15 th

Sewer Service (Ordinance No. 1387 N.S.)

Commercial ERUs shall be calculated as follows:

Step 1: Calculate the average of all residential accounts' annual winter water use (which is six months) using a three-year rolling average. The three-year rolling average will be divided by 18 (which is six annual winter water use x three-year rolling average). This is the residential account winter water use average for one ERU.

Step 2: Calculate the commercial annual winter water use (which is six months) average using a three-year rolling average.

Step 3: Divide each commercial customer's annual winter water average (which will be 18 months) from Step 2 above by the residential account winter water average from Step 1 above. The result is the customer-assigned ERU value. The minimum customer-assigned ERU value shall be one ERU. Multiples shall be rounded to the nearest tenth (0.1) of an ERU.

Step 4: Billing for the customer is calculated by multiplying the customer-assigned ERU value from Step 3 times the base monthly rate per ERU.

Step 5: Repeat annually after each winter billing period to update the residential account winter water average, or commercial account winter water average and the customer-assigned ERU value for each commercial customer ERU. The revised ERU assignments will become effective with the May billing following the update.

Data from winters where the city requested customers to run their water shall be omitted from the three-year rolling average, and the next three most recent years will be used for calculating ERUs. If at any time a water leak has occurred at a single residential unit, multifamily residential unit or commercial unit that year, if it was a significant amount, which will be determined by the treasurer's department, that year in question will be dropped from the three-year averaging.

Base Residential	\$50.00
Base Multi-Unit Residential	\$50.00 x ERU's
Base Commercial	\$50.00 x ERU's
Utility Tax	5% on Water/Sewer

Closing/Final Billing Requests

Whenever a property with water and sewer service is sold, the closing agent must verify that no outstanding liens against the property exist per RCW 60.80. Water and sewer services are an unrecorded lien against the property.

Low-Income Senior/Disabled Citizens Utility Rate Reduction

The City of Colville is pleased to provide a reduced utility base fee for water and sewer charges and a 50% discount on a 32-gallon garbage container to low-income senior/disabled citizens.

The form below must be completed and submitted by April 30 in order to qualify for the benefit year beginning June 1 in the current year and ending May 31 in the following year.

The City Treasurer will need to verify your income. When you return the application, please bring the following:

1. A copy of your most recent IRS tax return

OR

Your Social Security Insurance distribution statement

OR

Your bank statement showing direct deposit of benefits into your account

OR

A copy of all prior year 1099's that you have received for investments or interest earned on a bank account

AND

2. Proof of any other income that you receive on a monthly or annual basis

Garbage Service

Garbage service within the Colville City limits is contracted with Sunshine Disposal and Recycling. Please contact Sunshine directly for service levels and fees.

Sunshine Disposal & Recycling
2405 W. University Road
Spokane, WA 99206
(509) 924-5678
(509) 924-7448 Fax
Colville (509) 685-9775