



Twisp Utility Rates

2018

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Water and Sewer rates increase in January

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Water 2.5%

Twisp residents currently pay a base water rate for 5,984 gallons/month during winter months and 8,976 gallons/month during summer months. When the base water allotment is exceeded, an overage charge is assessed.

I have recommended, and Council approved a water rate increase of **2.5%** in 2018 to **\$48.96** base rate, which is a **\$1.20**/month increase.

We are planning several water main improvement projects over the next few years that will improve the delivery and dependability of much of the Town's aging water system. These projects are necessary for the safety and viability of our community. These projects do necessitate funding by both grant and loan which does then impact our utility rates. There will continue to be public meetings to keep you informed regarding these and other public works projects, so keep a look out for those announcements in the Methow Valley News and at www.townoftwisp.com

REMINDER* Please remember to keep sidewalks and wheelchair ramps near your home or business clear of snow and ice.

Sewer 6.0%

Public works staff recently performed a video inspection of the Town's 9 miles of sanitary sewer. From this analysis we are able to develop a prioritized rehabilitation strategy as part of our General Sewer Plan. Our funding approach includes loan, grant and sewer reserves. To decrease the necessity for loan funding, our focus will be on grant and sewer reserves.

We strive to provide our customers with excellent, reliable and affordable services. Meeting the demands of an aging system and increasing regulations is hard work. Fortunately, we have been successful procuring grants to help support many of our infrastructure efforts.

The 2018 residential base sewer rate will be increased by **6.0%**, which is **\$3.14**/month.

The total utility increase for 2018 with tax is **\$4.73**/month for Water and Sewer, which brings the 2018 utility base rate to **\$113.78**

REMINDER* Winterize your pipes to prevent freeze ups. During very cold weather, think about running a small amount of water if necessary.



Left to Right

Andrew Denham, Director. Lori Rodio, Admin Assistant. Ryan Sisler, Operator. Duane Chavey, Operator 1. David Hunter, Operator 2.



Protecting the Methow River

Operating and maintaining the sanitary sewer system and wastewater treatment plant at this high level of efficiency ensures that we are getting the best results possible for our river and residents, while protecting this pristine resource for years to come.