



# King County Water District 90

## Winter 2021

# Newsletter

### Calendar

Board of Commissioner  
Meetings (4:30pm)  
First and Third  
Tuesdays at the  
District Office

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## THE CITY OF RENTON IMPOSES A UTILITY TAX BEGINNING JANUARY 2021

Beginning in January of 2021, the City of Renton has elected to charge a 6.8% Utility Tax on King County Water District No. 90's Customers that live within the City boundaries.

According to the City of Renton, *"The tax revenues collected from the sales of utilities are part of our general fund. The general fund is used to meet the basic services the City provides including, but not limited to police protection, parks and recreation, human services, municipal court, street maintenance and planning, economic development, and administrative functions. All residents within Renton City limits benefit from these services."*

On your water bill, you will see a line item at the bottom of your charges with "COR Tax." This 6.8% tax will be added to the total water bill, excluding street light charges and fire service. Because street lights and fire service are deducted from the total tax, your actual tax rate will be slightly less than the full 6.8%. \*Actual numbers are still being calculated. The effective tax rate will be noted on your bill. For details on this tax, please see City of Renton's Ordinance 5944.

Customers who do not live within the City of Renton boundaries are currently being charged the King County Right of Way Rental Fee of \$3.00 per household per month. The final rate for this fee is still being negotiated and/or litigated. The amount of this fee is expected to change once negotiations with King County are concluded.

Depending on where you live, all District Customers will either have the King County Right of Way Fee or the City of Renton Utility Tax on their bills.

### CARES ACT / CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FOR UTILITY BILLS

For customers living within Renton city limits, you may qualify for assistance on your rent, utility bills, and taxes. Visit [rentonwa.gov/cms](http://rentonwa.gov/cms) and select "Covid-19 Resources" under News and Events. Then, scroll down to "Utilities – Assistance" to see the various programs available to residents of the City of Renton.

## Emergency Notifications

**Do we have your phone number and/or email address?** KCWD90 uses this information for emergency or shut off notifications, and we do not share or sell your information. To update your contact information, email the District office at [info@kcwd90.com](mailto:info@kcwd90.com) or call us at (425) 255-9600.

## 2021 Rate Increase

Rates will increase starting with the January 2021 bills. Residential base rates will increase by \$2.75 to \$62.50 and the usage tiers will increase to \$3.75 (6-15 Ccf's), \$4.25 (16-25 Ccf's) & \$5.00 (26+ Ccf's). For a customer using 10 Ccf's, the total bill will be \$81.25 for a two-month period. The summer surcharge for usage will be \$1.00 per Ccf. The summer surcharge applies to bills between June and September. A Ccf is 100 cubic feet of water or 748 gallons. In other words, you pay just \$0.01 per gallon of water or about \$1.35 per day per household.

The District has a low-income assistance program for those over 55 or permanently disabled. The low-income base rate for 2021 is \$26.25. You may qualify if your income is below \$35,000 for a single person and \$45,000 for a family.

Please visit our website at [www.kcwd90.com](http://www.kcwd90.com) for more information. The Low-Income Application is located under the "Pay My Bill" tab. Also on our website is the complete 2021 Rate Sheet.

## Coronavirus Update & Payment Options

KCWD90 understands that this is a difficult time for many people. We know that many of you have been affected by the economic impacts of Covid-19. We assure you that we will do everything we can to work with you on your past due balance. Here is what we are able to offer.

- Late fees will not be charged nor will shutoffs take place until the Governor's order is lifted.
- Sign up for Low-Income/permanently disabled rate if you qualify.
- Payment plans are available. Please call our office at (425) 255-9600 if you would like to set something up. You can also contact us by email at [info@kcwd90.com](mailto:info@kcwd90.com).
- Although our office remains closed to the public, payments can be made on-site using our drop box. Payments can also be made by phone and electronically for a small fee.
- Most importantly, we encourage you to pay as much as you are able to. Every little bit helps. Making small payments now will help prevent your balance from growing too large.

We will continue to work diligently to ensure that all of our customers have access to clean water. We hope that everyone stays healthy and well during these uncertain times.

## Annual Report on Senior Citizen & Permanently Disabled Discount Rate

Last year, KCWD90 had 55 customers participate in our "Low Income Rate for Senior Citizens or Permanently Disabled" Discount Rate Program. The total cost to the District for the ninth year of this program (July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020) was \$11,056.

In 2020, customers who qualify for the discount program pay a base rate of \$25.00 rather than the full base rate of \$59.75. Consumption charges and the Summer Surcharge are at the regular rate.

The [Application for Reduction in Water Rates](#) form can be found on our website at [www.kcwd90.com](http://www.kcwd90.com) under Applications. For more information, please call the District at (425) 255-9600.

### Do you qualify? Here are the requirements that all need to be met:

- You or your spouse are 55-years of age or older, OR permanently disabled.
- You are living in the residence and pay the water bill.
- For 2020, your gross income from all sources is under \$25,000 if single and \$35,000 for a family.
- **FOR 2021, INCOME LEVELS HAVE BEEN INCREASED TO \$35,000 FOR SINGLE AND \$45,000 FOR A FAMILY.**