

Sewer

Summary

Despite the 12% rate increase since the last analysis, Hermiston residents still enjoy the second-lowest sewer bills compared to the other surveyed cities. Looking ahead, the rates which will take effect July 1, 2015 in Hermiston will result in Hermiston residents still enjoying the second-lowest sewer bills.

Comparison

Sewer rates are much simpler to compare across jurisdictions because most cities simply charge one base rate for residential units, irrespective of usage. Therefore, a straight-across comparison is possible.

Hermiston residents pay 22% more than residents of Baker City for sewer service. Since the last analysis was done, Baker City also raised its rate for sewer service. Hermiston residents also currently pay 31% less than residents of Pendleton, the next lowest cost provider.

Monthly Sewer Charges by City	
City	Monthly Charge
Baker City	\$18.64
Hermiston	\$22.65
Pendleton	\$29.70
La Grande	\$38.05
Ontario	\$35.30
The Dalles	\$44.78

Comparing Future Rates Against Current Rates in Other Cities

If Hermiston’s rate which is scheduled to take effect July 1, 2015 is compared against the current rates charged in the other surveyed cities, Hermiston rate payers would still enjoy the second-lowest cost, and still pay 26% less than the next-lowest-cost provider.

Hermiston’s Current & Future Rates vs. Current Rates in Other Cities
Monthly Sewer Bills

