



## June, 2026 Newsletter

### **Reminder: WATER USE RATES CHANGE JULY 1**

The rate structure for water use changes **effective July 1, 2026**. Both the use tiers and the charge that applies for each tier changes. The new rate structure is:

#### **High Use and Low Flow Months**

##### **Usage rates based upon our two month billing cycle for July through October:**

- Tier 1: 0-6000 gallons @ \$5 per 1000 gallons
- Tier 2: 6001-12,000 gallons @ \$10 per 1000 gallons
- Tier 3: 12,001-18,000 gallons @ \$20 per 1000 gallons
- Tier 4: over 18,001 gallons @ \$40 per 1000 gallons

#### **Lower Use and Higher Flow Months**

##### **Usage rates based upon our two month billing cycle for November through June**

- Tier 1: 0-6000 gallons @ \$4 per 1000 gallons
- Tier 2: 6001-12,000 gallons @ \$8 per 1000 gallons
- Tier 3: 12,001-18,000 gallons @ \$16 per 1000 gallons
- Tier 4: over 18,001 gallons @ \$32 per 1000 gallons

**Very high-water users will see a significant increase in their water bill.** Here are some examples comparing last year and this year charges.

<u>Water Used</u>	<u>July-August 2025</u>	<u>July-August 2026</u>
3000 gallons	\$12	\$15
8000 gallons	\$32	\$50
10,000 gallons	\$44	\$70
20,000 gallons	\$120	\$290
30,000 gallons	\$250	\$690
40,000 gallons	\$400	\$109

## **BACKFLOW PREVENTION SURVEY – REQUIRED for EACH SERVICE ADDRESS**

Take the survey here: [Back Flow Survey](#)

If you require a paper form, please reach out to us:

[nwdmanager@nehalemtnet.net](mailto:nwdmanager@nehalemtnet.net)

503-368-7309

Backflow preventors are critical safety devices that stop contaminated water from flowing backward into the District's water system. If you have certain fixtures connected to the District's water system, you must have a backflow preventor. Such fixtures include, for example, an irrigation system, a hot tub or swimming pool, a hot water-based heating system and even hose bibs that are not anti-siphon.

**The District is requiring that a Cross Connection Survey be completed for each service address.** The survey can be accessed with the link above or through the website at:

<https://www.nknwd.org/backflow-survey>

Fill out one survey for each service address.

Please be aware that an inspection report from a certified inspector verifying that the backflow device is operating properly must be submitted to the district annually. A list of such inspectors accepted by the District may be found on the District's website ([nknwd.org](http://nknwd.org)).

### **MESSAGE FROM THE NEHALEM BAY FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

Last Fall, Tillamook County received a grant from the department of Oregon State Fire Marshal to update its Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The county hired an agency to conduct the update in coordination with a committee comprised of Tillamook County fire chiefs and Oregon Department of Forestry leaders. The plan outlines risk assessments of communities throughout the county and recommended actions to mitigate those risks using mapping and historical data.

On Tuesday, June 30, 2026, the county will hold a meeting on the updated plan for public comment at Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue Station at 2pm and at Tillamook ODF at 5pm. For more details, email Chief Frank Knight at [f.knight@nbfrd.org](mailto:f.knight@nbfrd.org) or call (503) 368-7590

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### **FIRE DANGER DURING THE DRY SUMMER MONTHS**

Oregon like most western states faces significant risk from wildfires during the summer months. Unlike many other parts of Oregon, Tillamook County is not currently in drought conditions. However, it is projected that there will likely be drought conditions later this summer

(<https://www.drought.gov/states/oregon/county/Tillamook>). Therefore, it important that we use caution with open fires such as beach campfires and fire pits. Advisories from the Fire District regarding open fires should be monitored and carefully followed.

As you may know, the Water District has limited water storage which could be rapidly exhausted in a significant fire event. As spring flow decreases during the summer months, it takes longer to refill the reservoirs as they are drawn down due to increased demand. This is another reason to use water wisely this summer so that the District's reservoirs can be maintained at a high level as much of the time as possible.

In addition to open fires, the use of illegal fireworks in Neahkahnie presents a significant fire risk. Tillamook County recently adopted an Ordinance requested by the Sheriff to provide certain penalties for the use of illegal fireworks. This is in addition to the penalties for the sale and use of illegal fireworks that already exist under Oregon State law. Fireworks which are deemed illegal include aerial shells and rockets that are often used on Neahkahnie beach. The Sheriff has urged that his office be advised when the use of such fireworks is observed.

### **Conservation Update**

Currently, there are no restrictions in the district.  
The Spring Flows are just below average for this time of year. Please use wisely.

### **Around the Community**

One community member put in a dry well to keep runoff out of their garage and entry way. Being pro-active to keep runoff from damaging property is less expensive than fixing the damage later. Way to go, Michael!!

### **On the Calendar**

The next board meeting is June 16, 2026 at **9am**.

### **DISTRICT WEBSITE: [nknwd.org](http://nknwd.org)**

We are working to make the District's website more user friendly and more information rich. Please check the website for information about what is happening with the District. If you have questions, check the website before calling the District office. The website is a work in progress so check back periodically to see what may have been added, e.g., water saver tips, low water landscape plants, etc.

Board of Commissioners and Staff, Neahkahnie Water District

NOTE: We are working on updating our Logo and are currently using a place holder (see above). Do you know an up and coming designer who would be interested in helping us out?