



EWEB continues 2026 budget and rate-setting process

EWEB's elected Board of Commissioners recently reviewed proposed rate changes intended to help maintain reliable utility services and support essential investments in Eugene's water and electric infrastructure. The 2026 budget proposal includes the following residential rate adjustments:

 ELECTRIC: Average usage 1600 kWh for all-electric single family house	Current	Projected effective February 2026
Total Bill	\$209 per month, or \$6.95 per day	\$212 per month, or \$7.05 per day
Usage Charges	11.16¢ per kWh	10.82¢ per kWh
Basic Charge	\$30 per month	\$38.50 per month

 WATER: Average usage 9,000 gal for single family house inside city limits*	Current	Projected effective February 2026
Total Bill	\$46 per month	\$48 per month, then \$45 per month July 2026
Usage Charges	\$1.98 per thousand gallons	\$2.15 per thousand gallons
Basic Charge	\$25 per month	\$26 per month

*Excludes wholesale customers & elevation pumping fees.

MOST WATER BILLS WILL SEE MODEST DECREASE IN MID-2026



As planned, the temporary Watershed Recovery Fee, established following the Holiday Farm Fire, will end in mid-2026. For most customers, the fee has been a flat \$3 per month. When the fee ends, the average residential bill will decrease by about \$1 per month compared to 2025 rates.

We appreciate your support in helping restore and protecting our drinking water source after the fire.

CAREFUL PLANNING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

The costs of delivering water and electricity are rising due to inflation, evolving regulations, and the urgent need to upgrade aging infrastructure. These investments are not optional—they are critical to protecting public health, ensuring community safety, and supporting a resilient local economy.

At the same time, **we must consider what our community can realistically afford**. To reduce pressure on future rates, we're actively seeking savings, improving efficiency, and postponing some planned projects.

Some projects are too important—or carry too much risk—to delay. In making these decisions, we consider not only system performance and failure risk, but also public health and safety, regulatory requirements, environmental impacts, community resilience goals, and long-term cost avoidance.

With these factors in mind, we plan to continue investing in:



Supporting future needs and mitigating seismic and wildfire risks

- Critical substation and electric infrastructure upgrades
- Carmen-Smith hydroelectric license implementation
- Decommissioning the obsolete Leaburg hydroelectric facility

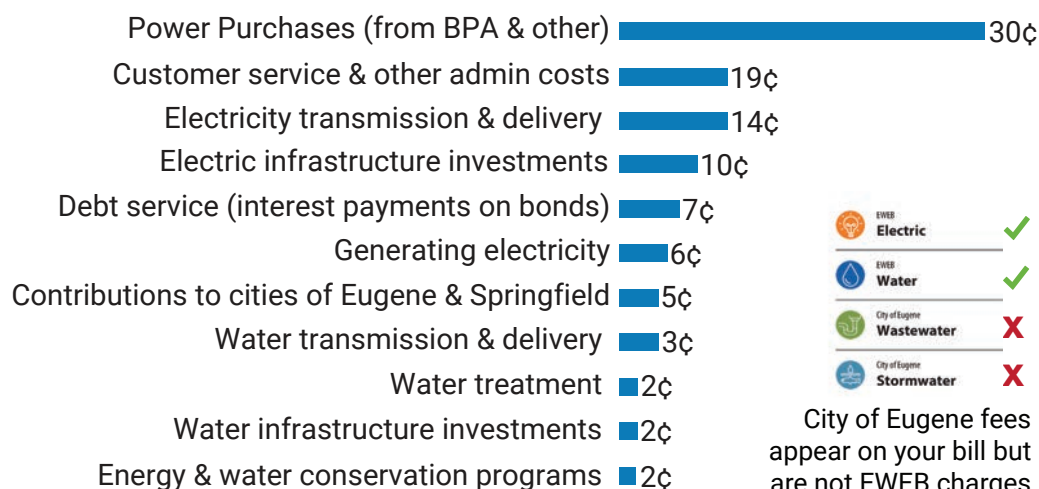


Meeting Oregon Resilience Plan long-term safety and reliability goals

- Targeted water pipeline replacements
- Planning for a second water source on the Willamette River
- Replacing College Hill Reservoir with seismically resilient tanks

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