

# Sewer Charges

2023

#### **Monthly Service Fees**

LOTT Alliance customers pay a monthly sewer service fee in two parts.

- The LOTT portion covers the cost of operating and maintaining treatment plants, pump stations, pipelines, and associated programs.
- The city portion covers the cost of constructing and maintaining the local city sewer system that serves homes and businesses.

2023 Monthly Service Fees				
	LOTT	City	Total	
Lacey	\$44.80	\$27.63	\$72.43	
Olympia	\$44.80	\$15.96-\$25.78	\$60.76-\$70.58	
Tumwater	\$44.80	\$21.84	\$66.64	

#### **Connection Fees**

New customers pay a one-time connection charge to LOTT and their respective city to cover their share of the costs to serve more customers, including sewer system pipelines, treatment plants, and other facilities.

2023 Connection Fees				
	LOTT	City	Total	
Lacey	\$6,841.49	\$4,393.00	\$11,234.49	
Olympia	\$6,841.49	\$4,003.00	\$10,844.49	
Tumwater	\$6,841.49	\$2,936.36	\$9,777.85	

#### For More Information

#### **About Your Utility Bill**

City of Lacey • (360) 491-5616 City of Olympia • (360) 753-8340 City of Tumwater • (360) 754-4133

#### **Regarding LOTT Charges**

LOTT Alliance • (360) 664-2333

# Frequently Asked Questions About LOTT Rates

### Why does the LOTT rate seem high?

Compared to other fees on your utility bill, the LOTT charge may seem high, but it is actually less than many wastewater utilities in our region. LOTT works hard to control costs and keep rates to a minimum while dependably providing an essential public service. Here are some reasons why wastewater treatment is expensive.

- Wastewater must be carefully treated and disinfected to remove pollutants before it can be released to the environment.
- LOTT must meet strict permit requirements to protect water quality in Budd Inlet, treating water to a higher level than most other utilities in the region.
- Wastewater treatment requires a complex system of equipment and processes that are energy intensive and must run 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- LOTT is continually working to maintain, repair, or replace parts of the treatment system, some of which are over 60 years old.

## Why do LOTT customers all pay the same rate when some households use a lot of water and others use very little?

About 90% of the costs of operating the wastewater system are not dependent on the amount of water being treated. Processes, pipes, buildings, and equipment need to be maintained and operated regardless of flow volume. The flat rate system provides a simple formula for sharing the costs across residential customers. Commercial customers are charged for LOTT services on a volume basis.

#### How can I learn more?

- · Check out www.lottcleanwater.org
- · Call (360) 664-2333 with questions and comments
- Visit the WET Science Center at 500 Adams Street NE in Olympia, open Monday-Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm