



Rockwood Water  
People's Utility District

# ROCKWOOD WATERLINES

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## CASCADE GROUNDWATER ALLIANCE - A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR ROCKWOOD WATER PUD!

A major milestone is almost here. Rockwood Water People's Utility District and the City of Gresham are partnering to deliver a safe, reliable and independent water system for the community.

By June, the transition to 100% groundwater will be complete. The expanded system will produce 25 million gallons of clean, refreshing drinking water every day.

*"This is an exciting moment for both Rockwood and Gresham. To be able to provide a long-term, locally owned and sustainable water source for the community will allow us to provide the best quality water at the best rate possible to our customers."* - Jeremy Hudson, Rockwood Water PUD General Manager

### Why it matters

Water independence means:

- High-quality groundwater year-round.

- Lower long-term rates.
- Shared costs that save money.
- Stronger, earthquake-resistant reservoirs and pipes.
- Local control over water decisions.

### Why groundwater?

Groundwater is a safe, reliable and abundant source in this region and across the country. Rockwood and Gresham draw from the Sand and Gravel Aquifer, where groundwater comes from as deep as 1,400 feet below the surface, where thick layers of earth help protect it naturally.

*"We are blessed with the amount of water flowing beneath us. The Sand and Gravel Aquifer recharges quickly, even when we're drawing the most water at the driest time."* - Mike Whiteley, City of Gresham Water Department Director

The aquifer has supplied high-quality drinking water to more than 1 million people in the region for decades.

## CASCADE GROUNDWATER ALLIANCE BENEFITS:



## LEARN MORE:

[rwpud.org/cascade-groundwater-alliance/](http://rwpud.org/cascade-groundwater-alliance/)



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## RATES AND FEE CHANGES

As part of our annual Budget and Rate setting process, the Board and Budget committee will establish the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) budget and rate adjustment at the April and June Board meetings. The new rate adjustment will be effective July 1, 2026.

Due to the rising cost of credit and debit card processing, Rockwood Water is evaluating options to share a portion of these costs with customers who choose to use this payment method.

Effective July 1, 2026, the District is considering implementing a convenience fee for payments made by credit or debit card. This fee would be structured as a percentage of the transaction amount, with a minimum flat fee per transaction, whichever is greater. Final details are still under review and will be communicated once a decision is made.

Rockwood Water offers several alternative payment options that are more cost-effective for both the District and its customers. Customers are encouraged to consider options such as check, eCheck, cash, or AutoPay (ACH) to avoid potential convenience fees.

## PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Rockwood Water's financial assistance program for qualifying customers is a once per year assistance payment of \$150 or a bi-monthly discount of \$25 on water bills for one year (six bills).

To get started visit [rwpud.org/payment-assistance/](http://rwpud.org/payment-assistance/) or pick up an application in person at our District office, 19601 NE Halsey St.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Sub-Districts 2, 4 & 5 will all have elections for members to serve as Board of Directors for Rockwood Water People's Utility District. Interested candidates can begin to file for the open positions on June 3, 2026. The filing deadline is Aug. 18, 2026 for elected incumbent candidates and Aug. 25, 2026 for non-incumbent (new).

Please visit our website for a map of sub-districts and visit [multco.us/elections](http://multco.us/elections) for further information about voting and candidate information.

## 2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Water Quality Report, also called the Consumer Confidence Report, is published annually by July 1. It will be posted on the District's website, and hard copies in English or Spanish will be available upon request. The webpage version will be translatable into several languages by clicking on the "translate" button.

A postcard will arrive in June, with details on how you can obtain a copy of the report.

## WEEKLY WATER NUMBER

Let us take the guesswork out of how much to water with the Weekly Watering Number. It's free, available to all of our customers via text or email, specific to the weather in your zip code!

Get ready for the watering season: <https://regionalh2o.org/WWN>