In our efforts to promote, educate and inform you on the importance of using water efficiently we are hoping you will understand and join us in our quest to conserve water for future generations and the environment.

Go to our website, www.cityoffircrest.net, to find useful information, tool and suggestions and/or ideas you can use to join us in our effort to use water wisely and efficiently.

Annual Water Use Efficiency Performance for 2017

Total Water Purchased……257,867,555 gallons

Authorized Consumption…242,907,940 gallons

Distribution System Leakage……14,959,395 gallons

Distribution System Leakage – 5.8 %

3 Year Annual Average 5.5 % (2015, 2016, & 2017)

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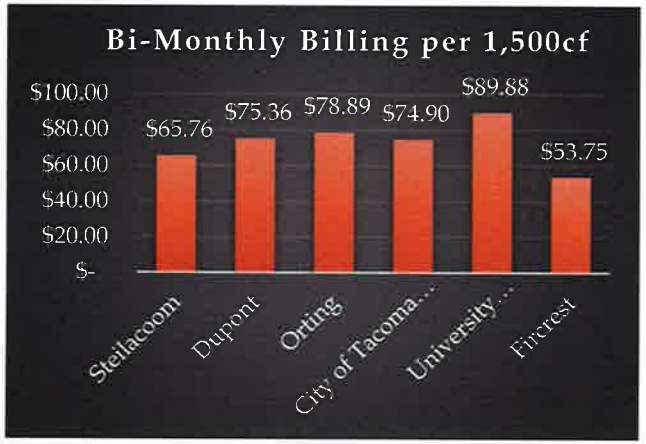
2018 Water Rates and Water Use Efficiency

In 2003 the State legislature passed the Municipal Water Law directing the State Department of Health to adopt a rule establishing water use efficiency requirements for all municipal water suppliers. The goal of the rule is to conserve water for future generations and the environment. This will help ensure enough water remains available regionally to meet your needs and the needs of our community as well as those of wildlife and the environment.

The Washington State Department of Health requires municipal water suppliers to establish a water conservation goal and report on its progress annually. The City of Fircrest believes water conservation should be an everyday practice and the prevention of unnecessary leakage as well as the minimization of wasteful, inefficient water usage or practices are goals that all water users should be aware of and should improve upon whenever possible.

The City of Fircrest has refined a conservation rate structure that began in 2017, which took our 2-tier rate structure and made it a 3-tier rate structure to further promote water conservation by making the residents of the City of Fircrest more aware of the amount of water they may be using. The City also promotes water conservation, which was established in the Water System Plan's conservation plan in 2014, by offering customers free low flow/water efficiency items and educational materials at the Public Works Building as well as at the City's Fircrest Fun Days event. Our focus on efficient use of water in homes, schools, and businesses is helping us maintain and exceed our progress toward the goal set on the demand side at 0.2% average annual consumption.

In our effort we have done significant research and have come to see that even though we have raised our water rates we still maintain one of the lowest water rates in the area, see graph.



Adopting our 3-year water rate structure, which began in 2017, is one of the many methods we are using to educate you, the residents of Fircrest on the importance of water conservation and water use efficiency, and to be in compliance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.199A.180 Water Use Efficiency Requirements. Other methods we are using, and have been for a number of years, is through education, we have established a booth at Fircrest Fun Days where we offer free water conservation kits as well as educational and informational brochures, we include water conservation ideas on our website and occasionally in the Fircrest Town Topics and we offer free water audits where a member of our crew will come out and meet with you to help with ideas, knowledge and education on how to cut back on water usage and to help determine and/or locating a potential leak. We also partner with the Pierce County Conservation District who assist us in restoration projects, workshops, they created a "Stream Team", Water Quality monitoring team along Leach Creek, amongst other important water quality and water conservation efforts.