



## Olympia 2045: Updating the Long-Term Vision for Olympia's Utilities Services

A subcommittee of the [Utility Advisory Committee](#) is engaging in a 5-month series of special discussions to look 20 years into the future and inform an update to the Utilities Chapter of the City of Olympia's Comprehensive Plan. The Chapter considers both City-owned and operated utilities (drinking water, wastewater, storm and surface water, garbage/recycling) and coordination with private, state-regulated utilities (electricity, gas, telephone, cable).

Those who use Olympia owned utilities are invited to attend, listen to the discussion and offer comments during the public comment portion of the following Utility Advisory Committee meetings. These discussions will take place in Room 207 of City Hall, 601, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E Olympia, WA 98507. This is your opportunity to help shape the City of Olympia's long-term vision and goals for city-owned utilities in an update to the City of Olympia's Comprehensive Plan Utilities Chapter.

- **Process & General Utility Policies:** 4:30 p.m. Thurs., Aug. 3, 2023
- **Drinking Water:** 4:30 p.m. Thur., Sept. 7, 2023
- **Waste ReSources (garbage/recycling):** 4:30 p.m. Thur., Oct. 5, 2023
- **Wastewater (sewer):** 4:30 p.m. Thur., Nov. 2, 2023
- **Storm and Surface Water:** 4:30 p.m. Thur., Dec. 12, 2023

Following the series of discussions, the Utility Advisory Committee will consider recommended updates to the Utilities Chapter at a regular public meeting in early 2024. Learn more about the Utilities Chapter update at [engage.olympiawa.gov/utilities2045](https://engage.olympiawa.gov/utilities2045).

Olympia's Comprehensive Plan helps the City to use limited resources and funding wisely and efficiently to better create the community we want. The City uses its Comprehensive Plan to determine what's needed to achieve our goals, set priorities, plan investments, build infrastructure, adopt regulations, and set annual work plans to achieve our vision. The update will address new or updated state requirements and implement these changes through creation of new or amended local development regulations.

Comprehensive planning is required, per Washington's [Growth Management Act](#), for cities of Olympia's size. Even without this mandate, planning is a good investment in Olympia's future. The City's utilities also use Wastewater, Storm and Surface Water, Drinking Water, and Waste ReSources specific management planning processes to provide strategic and financial guidance consistent with the growth and development direction provided through the Comprehensive Plan.

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