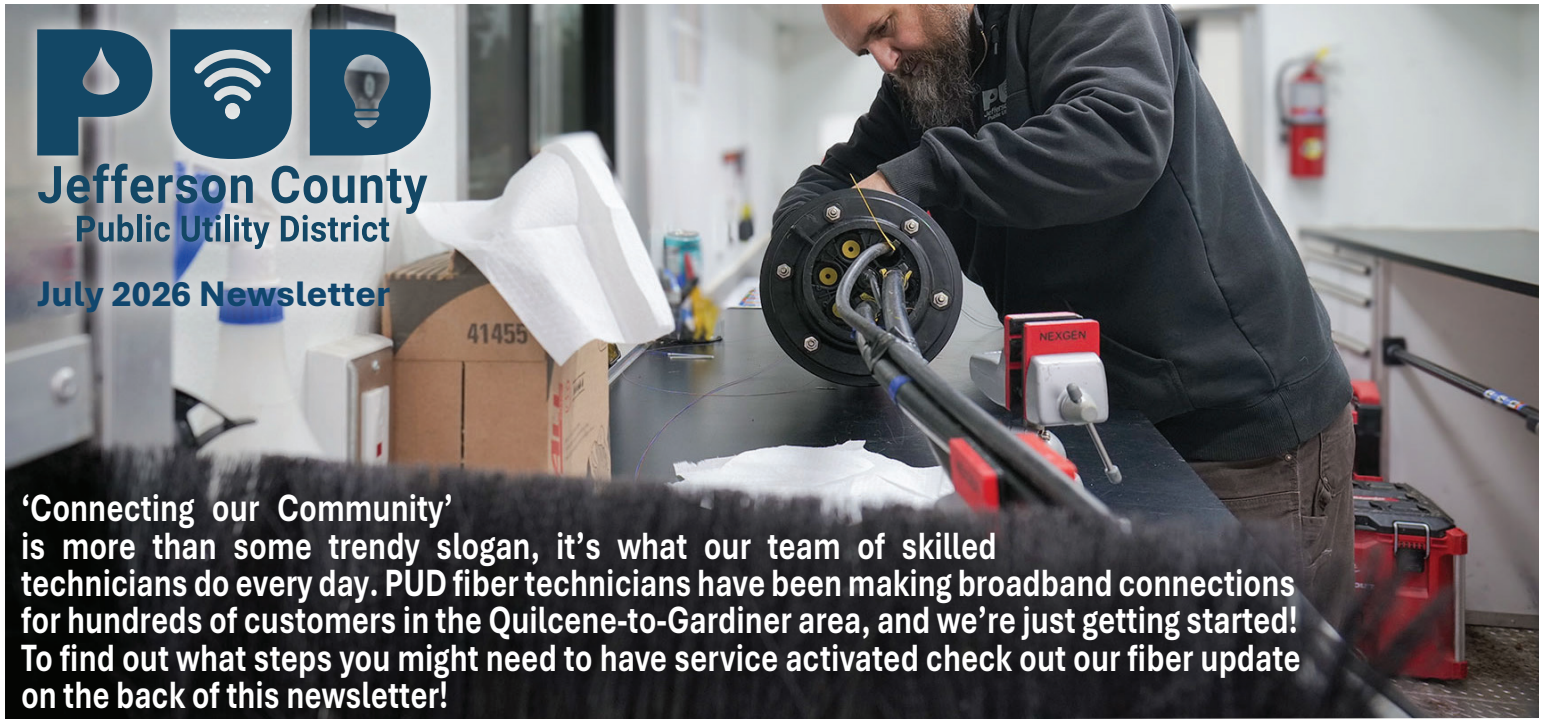




**Jefferson County**  
Public Utility District

July 2026 Newsletter



**‘Connecting our Community’** is more than some trendy slogan, it’s what our team of skilled technicians do every day. PUD fiber technicians have been making broadband connections for hundreds of customers in the Quilcene-to-Gardiner area, and we’re just getting started! To find out what steps you might need to have service activated check out our fiber update on the back of this newsletter!

## NEW RATES, LONG-TERM INVESTMENT

Jefferson PUD commissioners approved a revised electric rate schedule designed to support continued investment in the utility’s electric system and account for updates of its low-income program.

The rate adjustment takes effect July 5<sup>th</sup>, with additional annual reviews and adjustments planned through 2028. For a typical residential electric customer using under 600kWh of energy, the cost per kilowatt hour (kWh) rises from 10.5¢ in 2025, to 11.3¢ cents in 2026. Customers will first see the changes reflected on bills issued after the July billing cycle.

The price per kWh varies by usage tier and service type. Funding helps replace aging equipment, improve system reliability, maintain safety, and ensure the utility covers its costs.

JPUD Energy Charges		(price per kWh)		
Customer Class		2026	2027	2028
Residential – Tier 1 (0 – 600 kWh)		0.1130	0.1210	0.1297
Residential – Tier 2 (601+ kWh)		0.1371	0.1468	0.1573
General Service		0.1266	0.1345	0.1432
Small Demand - General Service		0.1119	0.1158	0.1198
Large Demand - General Service		0.0994	0.1029	0.1065
Primary - General Service		0.0981	0.1016	0.1051
Customer Class - Monthly Base Fee		2026	2027	2028
Residential – Single-Phase		\$32.90	\$35.61	\$38.31
Residential – Three-Phase		\$49.66	\$53.75	\$57.83
General Service – Single-Phase		\$35.88	\$39.06	\$42.24
General Service – Three-Phase		\$68.97	\$75.08	\$81.19
Small Demand - General Service		\$75.59	\$78.24	\$80.98
Large Demand - General Service		\$141.08	\$146.02	\$151.13
Primary - General Service		\$390.65	\$404.32	\$418.48

To see the full PUD rate schedule, updates to the utility’s low-income program, and customer service policy, please visit [jeffpud.org](http://jeffpud.org)

## BOARD APPROVES LOW-INCOME PROGRAM UPDATES

Jefferson County PUD commissioners approved updates to the utility’s low-income program, creating a more transparent approach to bill assistance.

In the coming months a separate line item will appear on utility billing reflecting the cost of the PUD’s bill assistance program. Previously, state-mandated low-income program assistance was integrated into the PUD’s monthly base rate. In 2025,

the amount of each monthly base rate used for low-income programs was \$3.30. The new monthly rate will be \$4.00. Customers enrolled in an assistance program will be exempt from the charge (see chart on back page).

The updated program also replaces the previous flat-credit model with a tiered structure designed to direct greater support to [see Utility Assistance on back page](#)

**Utility Assistance continued**

households with the highest financial need.

Per state requirements, the PUD will assist households with an energy burden of 6% or greater of their household income (FPL) in targeting energy efficiency upgrades geared to reduce energy usage and improve quality of life. Energy burden is the share of the annual household income used to pay annual energy bills. This includes electricity, propane, firewood, and any other fuels used to heat or cool the home.

**JPU D Low-Income Rate Reduction Program**

Tier Level	Income Level	Burden Requirement	Funding Charge	Bill Discount
Tier 1	150% FPL	None	Waive	30%
Tier 2	80AMI / 200FPL	6% or Greater	Waive	10%
Tier 3	80AMI / 200FPL	Under 6%	Waive	None

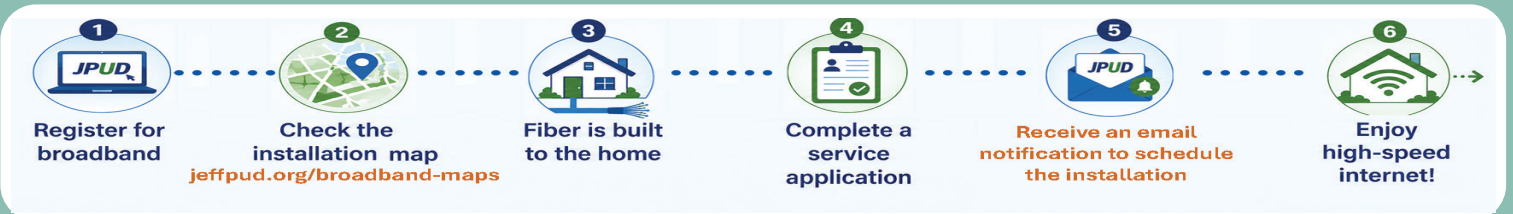
AMI: Area Median Income FPL: Federal Poverty Level

Income Threshold	1-Person	2-People	3-People	4-People	5-People	6-People
150% FPL	\$23,940	\$32,460	\$40,980	\$49,500	\$58,020	\$66,540
200% FPL	\$31,920	\$43,280	\$54,640	\$66,000	\$77,360	\$88,720
80% AMI	\$59,950	\$68,500	\$77,050	\$85,600	\$92,450	\$99,300

Curious if your household qualifies for energy billing assistance? Reach out to our program specialist at (360) 385-5800 to learn more. To learn more about utility billing support program, please visit [jeffpud.org/assistance](http://jeffpud.org/assistance) and check out our FAQ page.

# BROADBAND: MORE MILES, MORE CONNECTIONS

Every week, JPUD fiber technicians connect more new customers to their high-speed fiber optic network. With more than 800 customers connected across the county, how do you get connected?\*



\*Broadband service available within grant funded areas only. Grant funding is limited. Already registered? Be sure to submit a service application!



## It's More Than Just a Drop in a Bucket

**The reality:** There simply is not a lot of water to go around in east Jefferson County. We live in a naturally water-limited area as part of the Olympic Mountain rainshadow and we all need to be thoughtful in how we use water. Precipitation supplies nearly all of the annual recharge to groundwater in our corner of the world.



**Timing is everything!**  
Water your lawn in the early morning or late evening to avoid evaporation.



**Plan before you plant!**  
Choose climate friendly plants – many native plants can survive on rainwater alone, and they're more disease and insect resistant.



**Water every other day.**  
Grass requires approximately 4X more water than most other plants—when you do water, water thoroughly. Grass needs about 1" of water per week.



**Air it out.**  
Aerating your yard once a year will help it retain water.



**Did you know? 70% of water use is outside**



**Save loads of water each year!**  
You can save with every load! Upgrading to water-efficient washing machines can save between 2,000 and 2,500 gallons every year.



**Cut back on the grass coverage.**  
Grass requires a lot more water. Consider planting shrubs or ground cover or putting in rock gardens instead.



**Keep things squeaky-clean and save at the same time!**  
An Energy Star-certified dishwasher can save up to 5,000 gallons of water per year!



**19.1"**  
Average Quimper Peninsula Annual Rainfall Total



**32" - 35"**  
Average Puget Sound Region Annual Rainfall Total



**How long should I water?**  
When you do water, water long enough for moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good.



Learn more water saving tips on [jeffpud.org/water-wisely](http://jeffpud.org/water-wisely)

Has your contact info changed? Let us know by logging on to your SmartHub account! Updating your account annually is the best way to stay in the loop!

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