

# General Services



## *Emergency Services*

The Battle Ground Police Department would provide regular police service to annexed areas. This would include regular patrols, non-emergency and emergency response. Similar to fire service, there is a county-wide mutual aid agreement between all police departments and the sheriffs department to assure the fastest response of the nearest officer, city or county, in the event of an emergency call.

The primary fire protection provider for the City of Battle Ground is Fire District #11. However, on emergency, or "first alarm" calls, another district could respond under the existing mutual aid agreements that are in place throughout the County. The objective with emergency services is to provide citizens with the most prompt, responsive and highly trained service available, regardless of the origination of the service.

## *Other Services*

If a home or business is being served with water other than from the City of Battle Ground (i.e. Clark Public Utilities), or by a private water well, annexation does not require or result in any change from existing water to City water, or require connection to the city's public water service. However, if it is found that there is an unsafe drinking water source serving a residence or community, connection to a public supply may be required by the the Department of Health. Further, if property is annexed and requests approval from the City to develop, a condition of development may be to connect to a public water supply. The City of Battle Ground provides chlorine treatments and fluoridation of the city water supply.

The residential water rates inside the City are currently as follows:

Base rate, including 3 units of water usage:	\$10.80
4-15 additional units per month, based on usage:	\$2.05 per unit
16 or more units usage per month:	\$2.56 per unit

The City cannot project the water service charge on a 5-10 year horizon. However, the policy of the City Council is to keep rates at the lowest level that assures maintenance and operations of a water system that provides dependable, safe water supply that meets or exceeds all standards for drinking water.

The City of Battle Ground currently provides sewer service to limited areas outside its city limits. The City has adopted a multiplier of 1.5 that applies to sewer service accounts outside the city limits. If land that is currently served by City sewer is annexed, the rate is no longer subject to the multiplier, resulting in an approximate 33% reduction in that portion of the monthly bill.

Stormwater drainage impact fees are collected as a condition of new development, based upon the amount of impervious surface created by that development. That fee is \$361.00 per 3,000 square feet of new impervious surface. The City has a stormwater utility with a monthly rate of \$4.80 per month, which is charged per single family home or per 3,000 square feet of impervious surface, whichever is appropriate.