

MEDIA ALERT

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Public invited to new water rate structure open houses

- WHAT:** Two public open houses conducted by the City of Bend, to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about the new proposed conservation-based water rate structure.
- WHEN:** Monday, June 23, 6-8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 24, 2-4 p.m.
- WHERE:** Deschutes County Services
Barnes Room
1300 NW Wall Street
- INFO:** Like many municipalities across the country, the City of Bend is faced with a range of increasing costs related to the safe and efficient supply of water to its residents.

The proposed conservation-based rate structure is a tiered plan that weighs the cost of water based on water usage.

This structure is designed to help cover the expense of new surface water treatment, transmission line expansion and the repair and replacement of aging infrastructure.

City staff will be on hand at these open houses to provide an overview of the proposed rate structure and to answer questions.

Residents of Bend can visit **www.bendwaterrates.com** where a rate calculator allows them to input their current water usage for any given month and see how the new rate structure will affect their water bill.

For more information, the public can call 541-385-6192, e-mail info@bendwaterrates.com or visit **www.bendwaterrates.com**.

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