



## Utilities Element

Utilities include electricity, water, sewer, solid waste, phone, and cable providers, as well as transmission lines, networks, substations and cell towers, for both public and private entities. The Public Utility District (PUD) #1 is an example of a public utility, while Olympic Water and Sewer in Port Ludlow is private. The Port Hadlock – Irondale Urban Growth Area requires a sewer and the formation of a new Utility District to manage it.

The purpose of the Utilities Element is to help guide the review and approval of new private utility proposals, as well as reviewing and regulating utility services and facilities, both public and private.

What about this element is most important or stands out for you and why?

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### Current Utility Goals:

1. Provide adequate utility capacity for future growth consistent with the requirements of the Growth Management Act.
2. Coordinate planning and provision of utility services among Jefferson County, the State of Washington, local governments, and utility service providers.
3. Minimize adverse environmental impacts of utility systems development through proper utility design, siting, regulation, ongoing monitoring, and education.
4. Identify, conserve and preserve resources, and to provide cost effective services.
5. Promote coordination of water utility planning among purveyors, government agencies, and citizens to ensure an adequate potable water system, to protect the quality of the water supply, and to conform with the Comprehensive Plan.
6. Promote sanitary sewer systems that accommodate growth, are cost effective to construct and operate, and are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
7. Provide solid waste facilities and programs that are efficient, and which utilize recycling to the maximum extent practicable.
8. Accommodate telecommunication technologies and service providers by allowing systems development consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
9. Encourage conservation of electricity and accommodate efficient siting of electrical utilities infrastructure consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
10. Manage surface/storm water quantity and quality consistent with comprehensive surface/storm water and watershed management plans and to minimize adverse surface/storm water impacts from development.

Which one of these goals is most important or stands out for you and why?

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What would you like to see changed or added and why?



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How might we do that?

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