

McMINNVILLE WATER & LIGHT

At a Glance

2026



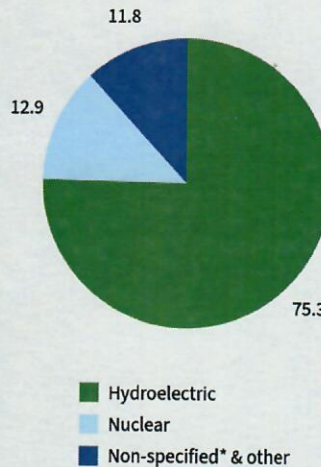
McMinnville Water & Light has a legacy of dedication to efficient, customer-focused service while thoughtfully planning and strategically investing for generations to come.

POWER SUPPLY

McMinnville Water & Light purchases wholesale power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), which forms the backbone for the electric grid in the Pacific Northwest. MW&L does not own any power generation facilities, but like many other public utilities in the Northwest, MW&L is a preference customer of BPA and gets first right to the low-cost power that BPA sells.

BPA Resources

- BPA is a self-funding, nonprofit federal power marketing administration within the Department of Energy.
- BPA markets wholesale electric power from 31 federal dams in the Northwest that are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation.
- Facilities controlled by the BPA represent 75% of the high voltage transmission capacity in the Pacific Northwest.



About 88% of BPA's resources are carbon-free, generated from hydroelectric sources, nuclear facilities, and wind farms. (Non-specified purchases are purchases made from another system without knowledge of specific fuel type.)

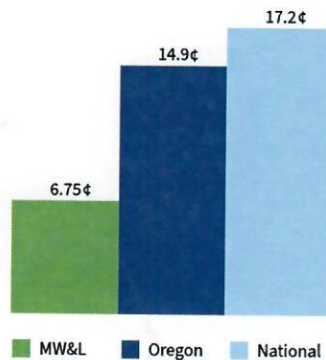
Source: BPA, 2024 calendar year

Rates and Reliability

MW&L rates are among the lowest in Oregon and are low compared to the average nationally.

6.75¢

MW&L average residential rate per kilowatt hour (2025)



The East Mac Substation is one of seven MW&L substations.

.298
outages



SAIFI: Average number of times a customer had service interrupted.

2024 U.S. Utility System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) reported to Energy Information Administration was **1.521** outages.

SAIFI & SAIDI

are metrics used to describe the reliability of an electric power system and are two of the many ways we track the quality of electric service for our customers and how we compare with utilities across the country.

31.834
minutes



SAIDI: Average amount of time customer's power was out of service.

2024 U.S. Utility System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) reported to Energy Information Administration was **611** minutes.

WATER SOURCE

McMinnville Water & Light's watershed and source water supply are located in the Coast Mountain Range northwest of McMinnville. The watershed is mainly undeveloped forest, and over 6,350 acres of this land is owned by MW&L. Protecting this vital natural resource and maintaining water quality is a top priority for McMinnville Water & Light.



McGuire Reservoir



Scott Water Treatment Plant

Managing the Watershed

MW&L contracts with a consulting firm to help actively manage the forest and natural resources within the watershed.

- 🌲 Timber is harvested using sustainable yield practices and reforested by planting thousands of seedlings each year. About 169,000 seedlings were planted on 526 acres in 2025 and 2026.
- 🌲 Watershed is closed to the public
- 🌲 Certified Tree Farm

McGuire & Link Reservoirs

Nestled at 1,895 feet in the Oregon Coast Range, the McGuire Reservoir holds 3.25 billion gallons of water. Link Reservoir is filled both by water that flows from Haskins Creek and water that is diverted from McGuire Reservoir through Idlewild Creek. Gravity delivers the water from both reservoirs to the Norm Scott Water Treatment Plant.

Scott Water Treatment Plant

The plant came online in 1977 and was expanded in 2010. The plant has a capacity of 22 mgd and is expandable to 30 mgd.

Water System

After treatment, water flows by gravity through 22 miles of transmission lines into 4 finished water reservoirs on Fox Ridge Road just west of the McMinnville city limits. The four reservoirs hold 22.7 million gallons. The distribution system consists of 153 miles of pipelines, which bring water to 12,000 households and businesses.

McMinnville's Water Usage

- 💧 5.2 million gallons a day (average)
- 💧 10.61 million gallons a day (maximum, 2025)



Learn more about McMinnville's water in the Consumer Confidence report at www.mc-power.com/water-quality

ABOUT US

QUICK FACTS

YEAR FORMED

1889, McMinnville, Oregon

METERS

- 18,200 electric customers
- 12,500 water customers

ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY

Approximately 75 square miles

SUBSTATIONS

7

TRANSMISSION LINES

11.2 miles of 115 KV lines

ELECTRIC USAGE

- 732,214 MWh (average, 2024)
- 167.1 MW (peak, 2024)

WATER USAGE

- 5.2 million gallons a day (average)
- 10.61 million gallons a day (peak)

WATER DISTRIBUTION

162 miles of water pipeline

WATER RESERVOIRS

4 reservoirs store 22.7 mg

WEBSITE

www.mc-power.com

SOCIAL MEDIA



A PIONEERING HISTORY: On December 10, 1889, the first water flowed to the city of McMinnville's new water mains from the South Yamhill River. The next day, crowds gathered to behold electric lights illuminate downtown for the first time, and McMinnville Water & Light was officially in business as one of the first municipally owned utilities in the Pacific Northwest.

The availability of power and water attracted population and commerce to the city. In 1910, a hydroelectric plant began generating power, and a diesel power plant was added in 1924. In 1940, MW&L signed its first contract with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and power generated by Bonneville Dam began flowing to the city.



Participants from McMinnville and McMinnville Water & Light posed for a photo during a field trip at the site of the future reservoir on Haskins Creek in 1927.

On the water side, the first service reservoir was established in 1906, and others were added in 1918, 1964, and 1995. In 1927, the 100-million-gallon Haskins Dam and Reservoir was established and in 1951, it was raised to hold 250 million gallons. In 1971, the 1.2 billion gallon Nestucca River impounding dam and reservoir was established and named for the utility's first general manager, Milton McGuire. In 2004, McGuire Reservoir was raised 30 feet and now holds 3.25 billion gallons, ensuring McMinnville's water supply needs through at least 2050. In 1977, McMinnville Water & Light built the Norm Scott Water Treatment Plant, which was expanded in 2010 and currently can treat up to 22 million gallons of water per day.

McMINNVILLE WATER & LIGHT GOVERNANCE

McMinnville Water & Light is governed under city charter by a 5-member commission, including the mayor, who is an ex-officio member.

Kim Morris, Mayor
Denny Elmer, Commission Chair
Lisa Macy-Baker, Commissioner

Jon R. Johnson, Commissioner
Andrew Anderson, Commissioner
John C. Dietz, General Manager