

Water Department Annual Reports, 1894-1990

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). City Clerk
Title	Water Department Annual Reports
Dates	1894-1990 (inclusive) 1894 1990
Quantity	1.2 cubic ft., (3 boxes)
Collection Number	1802-J2
Summary	Annual reports of the Seattle Water Department, including statistics and maps.
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

A public waterworks was created by Charter Amendment in 1875. Seattle has owned and operated a municipal water system since 1891, when it purchased private local water companies and began development of the Cedar River Watershed. The system was administered by the Superintendent of Water under the auspices of the Board of Public Works until 1905, when the Department of Lighting and Water Works was created. In 1910, the Water Department became a separate entity. In 1997, the Water Department was absorbed into Seattle Public Utilities.

Content Description

The annual reports date from 1894 to 1990. Reports for the Department of Lighting and Water are included in this series until 1910. Water supply issues are mentioned frequently in early reports. Detailed budgets are provided with construction costs for reservoirs and pipelines given. Early reports include statistics on pumping stations and reservoirs. Maps appear primarily in the 1910s and 1920s reports and are mostly of the watershed and water districts within the City. Beginning in 1922, reports include maps, photographs, and an index to exhibits. The exhibits, which comprise the bulk of the reports by the late 1920s, primarily detail the budget, detailing costs and expenses, such as numbers of taps and meters installed, water rates, and listing who received free water service. Between 1930

and 1959, reports are published every year. Reports of the Forester for the CRWS are included for some years in the 1930s and 1940s. Beginning in the late 1960s, statistical information is published separately in an Annual Report Supplement.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

[Item and date], Seattle Water Department Annual Reports, Record Series 1802-J2. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Annual reports are arranged chronologically by year.

Custodial History

Records were originally filed with the City Clerk in the Comptroller/Clerk's Files (CFs) and were removed to create this record series.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Water Department Annual Report	1894
1/2	Water Department Annual Report	1895
1/2	Water Department Annual Report	1896
1/3	Light and Water Annual Report	1900
1/3	Water Department Annual Report	1901
1/3	Water Department Annual Report	1903

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/3	Water Department Annual Report	1905
1/4	Lighting and Power Plant Annual Report	1906
1/4	Light and Water (Biennial) Annual Report	1908-1909
1/4	Light and Water Annual Report	1908
1/4	Light and Water Annual Report	1909
1/5	Water Department Annual Report	1910
1/5	Water Department Annual Report	1913
1/5	Water Department Annual Report	1913
1/5	Water Department Annual Report	1914
1/5	Water Department Annual Report	1915
1/5	Water Department Annual Report	1916
1/5	Water Department Annual Report	1917
1/6	Water Department Annual Report	1918
1/6	Water Department Annual Report	1919
1/6	Water Department Annual Report, Accounting Division	1920
1/6	Water Department Annual Report	1921
1/7	Water Department Annual Report	1922
1/7	Water Department Annual Report	1923
1/7	Water Department Annual Report	1923
1/7	Water Department Annual Report	1925
1/8	Water Department Annual Report	1928

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/8	Water Department Annual Report	1929
1/8	Water Department Annual Report	1930
1/8	Water Department Annual Report	1931
1/8	Water Department Annual Report	1932
1/9	Water Department Annual Report	1933
1/9	Water Department Annual Report	1934
1/9	Water Department Annual Report	1935
1/8	Water Department Annual Report	1936
1/10	Water Department Annual Report	1937
1/10	Water Department Annual Report	1938
1/10	Water Department Annual Report	1939
1/10	Water Department Annual Report	1940
2/1	Water Department Annual Report	1941
2/1	Water Department Annual Report	1942
2/1	Water Department Annual Report	1943
2/1	Water Department Annual Report	1944
2/2	Water Department Annual Report	1945
2/2	Water Department Annual Report	1946
2/2	Water Department Annual Report	1947
2/2	Water Department Annual Report	1948
2/2	Water Department Annual Report	1949

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/2	Water Department Annual Report	1950
2/3	Water Department Annual Report	1951
2/3	Water Department Annual Report	1952
2/3	Water Department Annual Report	1953
2/3	Water Department Annual Report	1954
2/3	Water Department Annual Report (Comparative Statement)	1954
2/4	Water Department Annual Report	1955
2/4	Water Department Annual Report	1956
2/4	Water Department Annual Report	1957
2/4	Water Department Annual Report	1958
2/4	Water Department Annual Report	1959
2/5	Water Department Annual Report	1960
2/5	Water Department Annual Report	1961
2/5	Water Department Annual Report	1962
2/5	Water Department Annual Report	1963
2/5	Water Department Annual Report	1964
2/6	Water Department Annual Report	1965
2/6	Water Department Annual Report	1966
2/6	Water Department Annual Report	1967
2/6	Water Department Annual Report (Supplemental)	1968
2/6	Water Department Annual Report	1968

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/6	Water Department Annual Report	1968
2/7	Water Department Annual Report	1969
2/7	Water Department Annual Report (includes Supplement)	1969
2/7	Water Department Annual Report (2 parts)	1970
2/7	Water Department Annual Report	1970
2/8	Water Department Annual Report (2 parts)	1971
2/8	Water Department Annual Report	1971
2/8	Water Department Annual Report	1972
2/8	Water Department Annual Report	1972
3/1	Water Department Annual Report (2 parts)	1973
3/1	Water Department Annual Report	1973
3/1	Water Department Annual Report (Supplement)	1974
3/1	Water Department Annual Report	1974
3/2	Water Department Annual Report (2 parts)	1975
3/2	Water Department Annual Report	1976
3/2	Water Department Annual Report (2 parts)	1977
3/3	Water Department Annual Report (2 parts)	1978
3/3	Water Department Annual Report	1978
3/3	Water Department Annual Report (2 parts)	1979
3/3	Water Department Annual Report (2 parts)	1980
3/3	Water Department Annual Report	1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/4	Water Department Annual Report	1981
3/4	Water Department Annual Report (2 parts)	1981
3/4	Water Department Annual Report	1982
3/4	Water Department Annual Report (includes Supplement)	1982
3/5	Water Department Annual Report	1983
3/5	Water Department Annual Report (includes Supplement)	1983
3/5	Water Department Annual Report	1984
3/6	Water Department Annual Report (3 parts)	1985
3/7	Water Department Annual Report	1986
3/7	Water Department Annual Report (includes Supplement)	1986
3/7	Water Department Annual Report (3 parts including Supplement)	1987
3/7	Water Department Annual Report (2 parts)	1988
3/7	Water Department Annual Report	1989
3/7	Water Department Annual Report	1990

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Electric utilities--Washington (State)--Seattle

Water utilities--Washington (State)--Seattle

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government

Form or Genre Terms :

Annual reports

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Water Dept.

(creator)

Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Lighting and Water Works

(creator)

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