

**WASHINGTON (State) PROBATE**  
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**Representative Washington  
 Legal Newspapers &  
 Costs of Publishing a  
 Probate Notice to Creditors**

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<u>County</u>	<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Adams				
Asotin	Lewiston Morning Tribune			
Benton	Prosser Record Bulletin	509 786-1711	\$7.83/in	\$150
	Tri-City Herald	509 582-1464	\$15.73/in	\$250
Chelan	Lake Chelan Mirror	509 682-2213	\$12.60/in	
	Wenatchee World	509 661-6370	\$15.66/in	\$300
Clallam	Peninsula Daily News	360 417-3556	\$9/in	\$150-200
	Sequim Gazette	360-683-3311	\$7.50/in	\$125
Clark	Battleground Reflector	360 687-5151	\$110 Flat	
	Camas-Washougal Post-Record	360 834- 2141	\$6.10/in	\$125
	Vancouver Columbian	360 993-5050	\$1.35/L	\$200-250
Columbia				
Cowlitz	Longview Daily News	360 577-2567	\$1.97/L + \$1.80/L	\$300-350
Douglas	Empire Press	509 886-8668	\$13.25/in	\$300
Ferry	Ferry County View	509 775-2425	\$9/in	\$190
Franklin	Franklin County Graphic			
Garfield				
Grant	Columbia Basin Herald	509 765-4561	\$6.33/in	\$250
	Coulee City News & Standard	509 632-5402	\$5/in	\$195
Grays Harbor	Aberdeen Daily World	360 532-4000	\$10.35/in (if Emailed)	
	Montesano Vidette	360 249-3311	\$200 Flat	
Island	Coupeville Examiner	360 678-8060	\$9.50/in	\$230
	Stanwood/Camano News	360 629-8066	\$7.50/in	\$175
Jefferson	Port Townsend Leader	360 385-2900	\$13/in	\$300
King	Daily Journal of Commerce	206 622-8272	\$108 Flat	
	Pacific Publishing Co. (4 papers)	206 461-1302	\$105 Flat	
Kitsap	Bainbridge Review	360 842-6613	\$11/in	\$300
	Bremerton Patriot	360 308-9161	\$9.90/in	\$275
	Bremerton Sun	360 415-2687	\$10.12/in	\$300
	Central Kitsap Reporter	360 308-9161	\$9.90/in	\$275
	North Kitsap Herald	360 779-4464	\$8.75/in	\$230
	Port Orchard Independent	360 876-4414	\$9.30/in (if Emailed)	\$250
Kittitas	Kittitas Daily Record	509 925-1414	\$7.07/in	\$300
	Northern Kittitas Tribune	509 674-2511	\$8/in + \$7/in	\$175
Klickitat	Goldendale Sentinel	509 773-3777	\$6.25/in	
	White Salmon Enterprise	509 493-2112	\$6/in	
Lewis	Centralia Chronicle	360 736-3311	\$1/L	\$175-250
	East County Journal	360 496-5993	\$6.50/in	\$150
	Tenino Independent	360 264-2500	\$7.95/in	\$150-180
Lincoln				
Mason	Sheldon-Mason County Journal	360 426-4412	\$13.50/in	\$350
Okanogan	Okanogan Valley Gazette-Tribune	509 476-3602	\$8.95/in	\$200
Pacific	Chinook Observer	360 642-8181	\$14.50/in	\$275
	Willapa Harbor Herald	360 942-3466	\$8.90/in	\$200
Pend Oreille				
Pierce	Tacoma Daily Index	253 627-4853	\$129 Flat	
San Juan				
Skagit	La Conner Weekly News	360 466-3315	\$7.20/in	\$200
	Skagit Valley Herald	360 424-4567	\$15/in	\$350
Skamania	Skamania County Pioneer	509 427-8444	\$5.25/in	\$150
	White Salmon Enterprise	509 493-2112	\$6/in	\$150

Snohomish	Everett Herald	425 339-3100	\$14.84/in + \$14.42/in	\$250
	Monroe Monitor & Valley News	360 794-7116	\$105 Flat	\$105
	Snohomish County Tribune	360 568-4121	\$12/in less discount	\$141
Spokane	Cheney Free Press	509 235-6184	\$115 Flat	
	Deer Park Tribune	509 276-5043	\$7.50/in	\$125
	Exchange Publishing	509 953-9535	\$0.82/L + \$0.80/L	\$90
	Spokane Spokesman Review	509 459-5121	\$2.81/L	\$425
	Valley News Herald	509 924-2440	\$0.75/L + \$0.55/L	\$125
Stevens				
Thurston	Olympia Olympian	360 704-6884	\$1.83/L	
	Nisqually Valley News	360 458-2681	\$180 Flat	
	Tenino Independent	360 264-2500	\$7.95/in	\$160
Wahkiakum				
Walla Walla	Waitsburg Times	509 337-6631	\$5.35/in	\$80-120
	Walla Walla Union-Bulletin	509 525-3300	\$7.30/in + \$6.37/in	\$100-150
Whatcom	Bellingham Herald	360 676-2600	\$1.88/L + \$1.60/L	\$350
	Ferndale Record-Journal	360 384-1411	\$17.70/in + \$16.15/in	\$300
	Lynden Tribune	360 354-4444	\$18.05/in + \$16.15/in	\$300
Whitman				
Yakima	Sunnyside Daily Sun News	509 837-4500	\$10.05/in	\$150
	Review Independent	509 865-4055	\$8.50/in	\$180
	Yakima Herald	509 577-7740	\$18.96/in + \$15.18/in	\$350

Notes:

1. "Flat" means the total charge for publishing any **Notice to Creditors** 3 times.
2. "/in" means the charge for one publication per inch of copy. The *Everett Herald* said that with the printing type that they use, \$12.60/in is equivalent to \$0.90/L, so these two different ways of quoting charges may be related on the basis of 1 inch = 14 Lines (at least for the style of type used by the *Everett Herald*).
3. "/L" means the charge for one publication per line of copy.
4. If more than one rate is given, the first rate is the charge for the first publication and the second rate is the charge for each successive publication.
5. "Estimate" means that newspaper's average charge for publishing a **Notice to Creditors** 3 times. Many salespersons indicated that a **Notice to Creditors** was seldom shorter than 5 inches, usually was around 7 inches, and occasionally was over 10 inches (eg, multiple Personal Representatives, each with their own attorney). Consequently, the total charge for publishing a 7 inch **Notice to Creditors** 3 times at a charge of \$10/in would be  $7 \times 3 \times \$10 = \$210$ .
6. Many papers charge more for weekend or Sunday publication. The above charges are all for weekday publication.
7. Most newspapers' charge includes their fee for supplying an **Affidavit of Publishing**, but some do not (eg, *Olympia Olympian*: \$8.50, *Bellingham Herald*: \$13).
8. The rates shown above were obtained in December, 2002 (or later) for publication in January, 2003 (or later).
9. Many counties, and most of the more populous counties, have not only a "popular" newspaper but also a "commercial" newspaper that has a lower, often "flat" rate. Publication at the lower rate produces just as "legal" a notice as does publication at a more expensive rate.
10. If the above list omits a newspaper in your county:
  - Check the [WNPA Member Newspapers](#) or
  - Go to [Washington Superior Courts](#) and click on your county.
  - From that county's directory, obtain the phone number of its Superior Court Clerk's Office.
  - Telephone the Clerk and ask for the names of the newspapers where **Probate Notices to Creditors** are usually published for that county --- many of the clerks will provide two or three.
  - Use [Google](#) to obtain the website for each newspaper.
  - From that newspaper's website, obtain the phone number for its classified department.
  - Telephone the newspaper, ask to speak to "Legal ads", and obtain the rate.