

# Definitions and Clarifications

**KW:** Kilowatt, a unit of measure describing the rate at which electricity is used (demand).

**kWh:** Kilowatt-hour, a unit of measure describing the amount of energy used.

**Base or Fixed Charge:** Pays for some of the costs associated with billing, metering and/or system capacity for electric, water and wastewater.

**Service Charge:** Covers administrative costs related to service requests, manual meter reading, delinquency and other items.

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# 2018 Residential Rates

## Electric • Water • Wastewater • Stormwater



## Monthly Utility Rates

Each year, we review our rates and adjust them when necessary to reflect the cost of providing electric, water, wastewater and stormwater services. City Council approves utility rates by ordinance, and new rates typically go into effect in January.

Fort Collins Utilities is committed to providing high-quality services needed to support the vitality of our community. For details about rates, visit [fcgov.com/residential-rates](http://fcgov.com/residential-rates), or for more about conservation and efficiency programs, visit [fcgov.com/conserves](http://fcgov.com/conserves).

## Electric Rates

(Effective Jan. 1 - Sept. 30, 2018)

**Energy Rate:** Residential customers will see their rates vary by season and electric use. Electricity will cost more per kilowatt-hour (kWh) as use increases. Costs will be highest during June, July and August.

**Demand Rate:** Only customers who heat their homes solely with electricity qualify for this rate. Depending on use, the residential energy rate may be a better option.

**Time-of Use Rates Transition:** As approved by City Council, Fort Collins Utilities will transition to Time-of-Use (TOU) electric rates for residential customers on Oct. 1, 2018.

With a TOU rate, when you use electricity is as important as how much electricity you use. The price you pay changes based on the time of day, the day of the week and the season. Additional outreach and education on TOU rates will occur throughout 2018.

Learn more at [fcgov.com/residential-electric-rates](http://fcgov.com/residential-electric-rates).

**Rounding:** Actual costs may vary due to rounding.

**PILOT:** A 6 percent PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) has been added to electric, water and wastewater rates. The PILOT is a payment to the City's general fund to replace revenue the City would receive from the utilities in taxes and franchise fees if they were privately owned.

Residential Energy Rate			
		Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)	Non-Summer (Sep–May)
Fixed Charge per Month		\$6.16	\$6.16
Tier 1	Usage Charge, per kWh		
Tier 2	First 500 kWh, per kWh	\$0.09582	\$0.09031
Tier 3	Next 500 kWh, per kWh	\$0.11448	\$0.09487
	All additional kWh	\$0.15158	\$0.10494
Energy Rate Codes: E100 <i>Actual charges may vary due to rounding.</i>			
Residential Demand Rate			
		Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)	Non-Summer (Sep–May)
Fixed Charge per Month		\$6.16	\$6.16
Usage Charge per kWh		\$0.07219	\$0.07028
Demand Charge per kW		\$2.60	\$2.60
Demand Rate Codes: E110 <i>Actual charges may vary due to rounding.</i>			
*These codes also may begin with the letter “A” or “B” in annexed areas where additional Rural Electric Association (REA) service-rights fees apply. A fee equal to 5 percent is added to “A” rates and a 25 percent fee is added to “B” rates.			

Typical Impacts on Residential Energy Rate(s)					
	kWh	2017	2018	% Increase	\$ Increase
JAN	764	\$75.26	\$76.36	1.5%	\$1.10
FEB	706	\$69.84	\$70.86	1.5%	\$1.02
MAR	639	\$63.59	\$64.50	1.4%	\$0.92
APR	531	\$53.50	\$54.26	1.4%	\$0.76
MAY	530	\$53.41	\$54.16	1.4%	\$0.75
JUN	636	\$68.63	\$69.64	1.5%	\$1.01
JUL	747	\$81.14	\$82.35	1.5%	\$1.21
AUG	823	\$89.70	\$91.05	1.5%	\$1.35
SEP	711	\$70.31	\$71.33	1.5%	\$1.02
OCT	566	\$56.77	\$57.58	1.4%	\$0.81
NOV	609	\$60.78	\$61.66	1.4%	\$0.87
DEC	718	\$70.96	\$72.00	1.5%	\$1.03
TOTAL	7,980	\$813.89	\$825.73	1.5%	\$11.84

# Water Rates

(Effective Jan. 1, 2018)

Single-family and duplex water rates are tiered. Water costs more per gallon as use increases.

# Wastewater Rates

(Effective Jan. 1, 2018)

Wastewater rates include both variable and fixed charges. Variable charges are calculated from each household’s average water use billed during January, February and March (winter quarter average, or WQA). Winter months are used to calculate the WQA because this best represent indoor water use. By conserving water, you can reduce your WQA and pay less for wastewater year-round.

The minimum WQA is 3,000 gallons for single-family homes and 4,000 gallons for duplexes. Customers who haven’t been in a residence long enough to establish a WQA are billed the median residential WQA of 4,000 gallons per single-family home or 6,200 gallons per duplex.

Monthly Single-Family and Duplex Water Rates		Single-Family	Duplex
Base Charge		\$17.87	\$18.80
Tier	Volume Charge per 1,000 Gallons		
1	0–7,000 Gallons	\$2.77	
	0–9,000 Gallons		\$2.39
2	7,001–13,000 Gallons	\$3.18	
	9,001–13,000 Gallons		\$2.74
3	Over 13,000 Gallons	\$3.66	\$3.16

Monthly Multi-Family Water Rates	Winter (Nov–Apr)	Summer (May–Oct)
Base Charge per Account	\$13.52	\$13.52
Additional Charge per Dwelling Unit	\$4.49	\$4.49
Volume Charge per 1,000 Gallons	\$1.96	\$2.45

Monthly Residential Wastewater Rates	Single-Family	Duplex	Multi-Family
Base Charge	\$18.97	\$21.75	\$2.76 per unit
Volume Charge per 1,000 Gallons	\$3.69	\$3.27	\$3.71
Minimum WQA (Gallons)	3,000	4,000	N/A
Rate class average WQA gallons for customers who have not established a WQA	4,000	6,200	3,200 per unit

# Stormwater Rates

(No changes in 2018)

Rates pay for the construction and maintenance of the stormwater system to better protect Fort Collins during storms and floods. All developed properties within city limits pay stormwater rates based on:

- *Lot Size*: lot area in square feet, plus the customer’s share of open space in the development, if applicable
- *Base Rate*: \$0.0042697 per square foot
- *Rate Factor*: based on the percentage of impervious area (surfaces that do not absorb water), such as buildings, parking lots and concrete surfaces

Visit [fcgov.com/residential-rates](https://www.fcgov.com/residential-rates) for information related to single-family residential lots greater than 12,000 square feet.

Rate Factor	Percent of Impervious Area	Category Based on Land Use
.25	0–.30	Very light
.4	.31–.50	Light
.6	.51–.70	Moderate
.8	.71–.90	Heavy
.95	.91–1.0	Very Heavy
<i>Light</i> is the typical residential land-use category.		

# Make Efficient Choices

By making choices that combine water and energy efficiency, your home can feel more comfortable and save you money.

**Save Energy:** Lights, electronics and appliances account for almost 40 percent of the average home’s energy use. When making upgrades, be sure to look for ENERGY STAR® labeled products ([energystar.gov](https://www.energystar.gov)).

- *Reduce energy use.* Conserve electricity by changing your use (adjust the thermostat up or down, turn off lights, etc.) or by implementing efficiency measures, such as adding insulation and using high-efficiency appliances.
- *Sign up for a Home Efficiency Audit.* Reduce utility costs and increase the comfort of your home with a \$60 home efficiency audit (\$400 value). You’ll receive a report with recommended upgrades and information on rebates in more than 20 categories. Visit [fcgov.com/home-efficiency](https://www.fcgov.com/home-efficiency) for details.

**Save Water:** When you shower or wash dishes and clothes, you also are paying to heat the water. When making upgrades, look for WaterSense® labeled products ([epa.gov/watersense](https://www.epa.gov/watersense)).

- *Fix drips and leaks.* It’s the fastest way to conserve.
- *Upgrade to water efficient appliances.* Rebates are available for qualified clothes washers, WaterSense toilets and sprinkler equipment.
- *Try these easy, low-cost tips:* Don’t pre-rinse dishes before loading the dishwasher; add an aerator to your faucets; take shorter showers; install low-flow showerheads; and turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth or shaving.

# Affordability Programs

Need help paying your bill?

- Visit [fcgov.com/paf](https://www.fcgov.com/paf) for a list of assistance agencies.
- Call Catholic Charities Larimer County, 970-484-5010.
- Contact La Familia/The Family Center, 970-221-1615.
- Call United Way 2-1-1, 970-407-7066.

Electric rate discounts are available to qualifying households for medical equipment or air conditioning. Call 970-212-2900 or visit [fcgov.com/medical-assistance](https://www.fcgov.com/medical-assistance).

For information on how to make your utilities more affordable, visit [fcgov.com/utilities-affordability](https://www.fcgov.com/utilities-affordability).

To donate or for more information on Utilities’ Payment Assistance Fund, visit [fcgov.com/paf](https://www.fcgov.com/paf).

Use Utilities’ free, online tool to track energy/water consumption and costs.

Log in at [fcgov.com/monitor-my-use](https://www.fcgov.com/monitor-my-use).