

Community Night in the Park



You're Invited!

September 21, 2021

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Metcalfe Park

704 E. Ohio Avenue
Fountain, CO 80817

Sponsored by the City of Fountain

SOLAR BUYBACK UPDATES:

YOU ASKED. WE LISTENED. WE AGREED WITH YOU!



Based on your input, the City of Fountain Utilities Department has some exciting news to share. Starting with your June 2021 billing, you will see the delivered (the electric you bought from us) and the buyback (the electric we bought from you) values displayed differently in the usage graph. Previously the two values were added together and we agreed with you that this was very confusing.

The graph on your future billings will look like the sample graph below. Notice that the delivered value is shaded dark blue, and the buyback value is shaded light blue and displayed as a negative value. In this example, the customer bought 220 kWh from us (delivered value in dark blue) and the City of Fountain bought 256 from them (buyback meter value in light blue). Subtracting the buyback value from the delivered value left them with a net kWh credit of 36 kWh.

MONTHLY ELECTRIC USAGE IN kWh



ELECTRIC METER INFORMATION

Description	Current Read	Previous Read	Difference	Multi	Usage
Meter: 23416178	Read Dates: 02/18/2021 to 03/22/2021		Billing Days: 32		
ELECTRIC	382	162	220	1	220
ELECTRIC	429	173	256	1	256
Customer Charge	0.00		0.4900/Day		\$15.68
Energy Charge - Buyback	256.00		-0.068000		(\$17.41)
Energy Charge/kWh	220.00		0.068000		\$14.96
Delivery Charge	220.00		0.030000		\$6.60
ECA	88.00		-0.003873		(\$0.34)
ECA	168.00		-0.001141		(\$0.19)
ECA	76.00		0.003873		\$0.29
ECA	144.00		0.001141		\$0.16
Street Lights	0.00		0.086000/Day		\$2.75
ELECTRIC TOTAL					\$22.50

Thank you for allowing us to serve you. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our customer service at 719-322-2010 or you can email us at customerservice@fountainutilities.org

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LIGHTEN THE LOAD

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Lighten the Load (LTL) provides utilities payment assistance to individuals and families throughout our community who are experiencing a financial emergency, regardless of income.

Funding comes from late fees (11% of late fees are assigned to LTL), monthly donations made through your utility account, and "one-off" donations from residents and business organizations.

LTL donations are kept in a separate fund and are utilized by Salvation Army of Fountain to assist Fountain residents in paying overdue City of Fountain utility bills during times of hardship. Although the City provides the funding to the LTL program, it's independently managed by Salvation Army, so they will meet with every LTL applicant and make a determination if they can assist, and if so, the amount of assistance.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



We have enclosed a form to sign up to donate to Lighten the Load! Every dollar of your donation will go towards helping fellow community members. If YOU would like to donate, please fill out the enclosed Lighten the Load Donation form, and mail it back to us at: 101 North Main St., 80817. You can also drop it by our office in person or the lockbox out in front of our office.

Donations may be tax deductible. Please refer to IRS rules or check with your tax professional.

Donation form can also be found on our website: www.fountaincolorado.org



UTILINEWS 2021

TOPICS

- Lighten the Load
- Conservation
- Rebate News
- Fall Landscaping
- Water Master Plan
- Community Night Invite
- Solar Buyback

The City Recreation Department is hosting family-friendly movies in September and October! Visit FountainColorado.org or follow us on Facebook for the date and location!



PREPARE YOUR LANDSCAPE FOR COOLING TEMPERATURES

As nighttime temperatures begin to drop, it's time to start thinking about preparing your lawn for the cooler season. Here are some tips to help you save water, money, and foster a drought resilient landscape!

Blow out your sprinkler system.

Freezing temperatures can cause breaks in irrigation lines as water expands and contracts. October is a great time to winterize your sprinkler system to avoid costly repairs next spring.



Be the envy of your neighbors next Spring. Fertilize for fall!

Summer heat puts stress on lawns and perennials. Give your landscape a boost of nutrients to rebuild its stamina for Spring.



Give fallen leaves a second life.

Leaves are a great way to restore soil fertility, enriching dirt as it decomposes. They can also be used to mulch vegetable gardens, trees, or perennial beds to improve moisture retention.



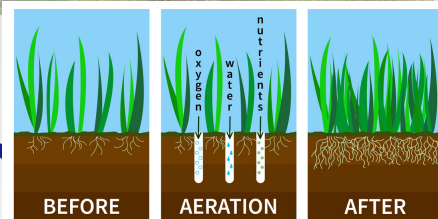
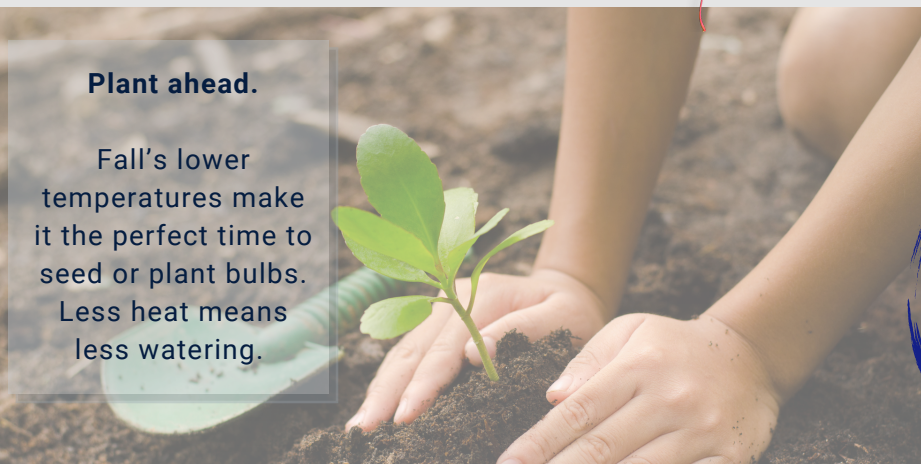
Aerate in the Fall for a thicker, greener Spring.

Give your lawn some breathing room. Aerating will loosen compacted soil, helping water and nutrients penetrate the root system. The extra space helps roots expand and strengthen, making for a more drought tolerant lawn.



Plant ahead.

Fall's lower temperatures make it the perfect time to seed or plant bulbs. Less heat means less watering.



Remember, any time you plan to dig always call 811 for your safety; and the safety of underground utilities!!



FAREWELL, SO LONG. IT WAS A GOOD RUN.

Have you been holding off on replacing that old, inefficient toilet? The time to upgrade is now!

Beginning January 1, 2022 we will be discontinuing our rebate for WaterSense certified toilets.

But don't worry, the end of this rebate means that the debut of another is underway! *Stay tuned.*

Visit fountainutilities.org for rebate details.



New Water Master Plan Underway!

Preparation of a new Water Master Plan to identify Fountain's future water system needs is underway. When completed later this fall, the plan will include the policies that will guide the future of Fountain's water supply. The key elements of the water supply system that will be addressed in the plan are water rights, water conveyance and storage, water treatment and water distribution. In addition to identifying the resources needed to meet the future needs, the plan will address how we as a community can extend our current resources via conservation and how the City as an organization can more effectively and efficiently manage and operate the community's water system.



Join us in the City Council Chambers on October 12th to review the Water Master Plan.