

PWC CONNECTIONS

Your Link to News & Information from the Fayetteville Public Works Commission July 2022

Upcoming Events

"Public Works" Art Exhibit
Now Through August 20
Arts Council (301) Hay Street
wearthearts.com

National Irrigation Month
July 1st - 31st

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 2nd
natw.org

National 811 Day
Call Before You Dig!
Thursday, August 11
nc811.org

PWC Connections: The Podcast
Listen to PWC's bi-weekly Podcast for FREE on your favorite podcast listening platform. Get your questions answered about your utility services, learn more about PWC and get the scoop on hot topics!



PWC TV: Now Streaming!



Watch Your PWC Connections anytime on your favorite streaming device in addition to daily airings on Fay TV – the City of Fayetteville's government access channel on Spectrum Cable channel 7. Your PWC Connections is also available on PWC's Youtube channel & website.



July is Irrigation Awareness Month! Properly watering your landscape is one of the easiest ways you can save water. Do a weekly check on your sprinklers, to see if they are watering the landscape and not the sidewalk, walkways, or streets. Many times, sprinkler heads are moved, or the direction of the spray is altered due to water pressure changes or lawnmowers. A simple check each week will help solve this common problem.

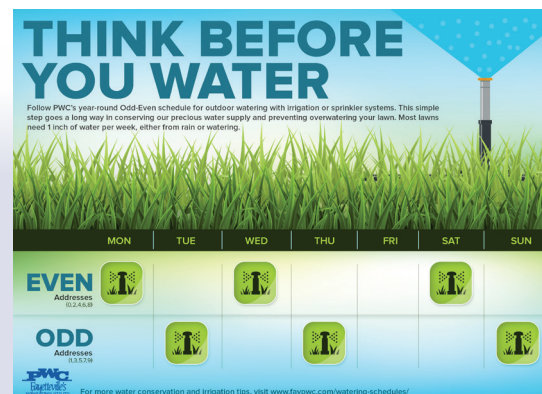
Manage your Outdoor Watering Wisely

During warm weather, lawns and gardens thirst for water. Remember to follow the year-long Odd-Even schedule for outdoor watering with unattended sprinklers or automatic systems. It's a simple step that conserves our precious water supply and helps us be better prepared for drought conditions.

Save Water (and Money) with Easy Irrigation Tips

Please remember to:

- Follow PWC's Year-Round Outdoor Watering Schedule (see below for details)
- Water as needed, not just because it's your day
- Avoid watering during the heat of the day. Try watering before 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.
- Check your irrigation controllers often since they can get accidentally reset.
- Take advantage of PWC Rain Sensor Incentive Program & earn bill incentive.
- If you live in a rental unit, talk to your landlord or management company if you notice the sprinklers are on frequently.



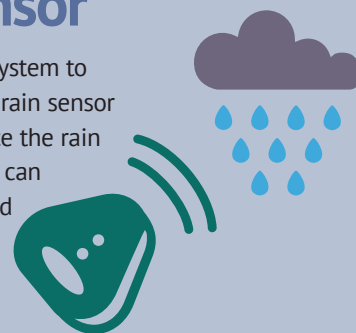
Reap the Rewards of a Rain Sensor

Rain sensors are devices that can be attached to an automatic irrigation system to monitor rainfall levels. When a certain amount of rainfall is detected, the rain sensor temporarily overrides the controller to prevent unnecessary irrigation. Once the rain sensor dries out, the system operates according to the timer. A rain sensor can significantly reduce your water bill while benefiting both the customer and the community over time.

PWC's Rain Sensor Program runs through September 30, 2022*. Water customers may purchase and install any new rain sensor to qualify for the incentive**. A bill credit of up to \$50 will be applied to utility bills after the rain sensor is installed. For complete Program details and application visit PWC's website and click the "Incentives" link on the home page.

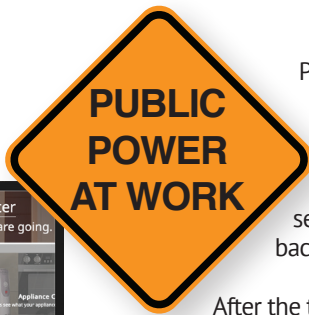
*PWC reserves the right to cancel or amend the Program at any time

**Limit one Rain Sensor Incentive per account



Take Charge of Your Energy Savings

PWC's Energy Resource Center helps you save power and lower your bills! The Energy Resource Center includes an online energy audit that allows you to customize your home as well as use numerous online calculators to find additional savings. In addition, electric customers will be emailed a personalized monthly bill overview to identify factors that may have impacted your energy use. Watch for this new Power Tool coming soon to your email and online at www.faypwc.com and the Online Account Manager.



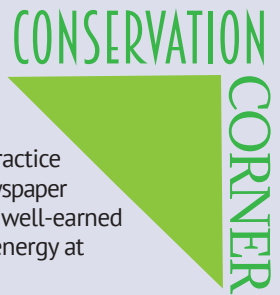
PWC recently hosted several Cumberland County STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) teachers for a day of learning! The educators started their day by touring various departments around the utility, including Electrical Engineering, Water Resources Engineering and Information Technology. Throughout the tours, teachers interacted with staff and asked several questions about day-to-day operations, and how employees use their background in STEM to further their careers.

After the tours, the teachers participated in a panel discussion with a group of employees who work in various STEM focused departments at PWC, including Accounting, PWC's Lab, Engineering, and Information Technology.

The purpose of the visit was to expose teachers to local STEM career opportunities, so that they can share what they learned with their students when school begins in hopes of inspiring them to pursue a career in the STEM field right here at home!



Saving Money & Energy at Home While on Vacation



Before leaving town for vacation or other extended periods of time, it is common practice to make sure the house is well secured, the pets are taken care of, and the mail and newspaper are stopped or brought in by a neighbor or friend. But when planning to leave for a well-earned summer getaway do not forget to take some basic, small steps to save money and energy at home, including:

- Turning down the water heater to "vacation mode." Because water heating can account for 14%–25% of the energy consumed in the home. Since a large percentage of the cost of running a water heater is due to the "stand by" losses, this is probably the easiest and most cost-effective money and energy-saving tip for a home when it is vacant. Just remember to leave yourself a note to turn it back on when you return home.
- Setting the programmable thermostat at a higher temperature than usual - as long as there are no pets in the home. Check out PWC's Smart Thermostat Incentive Programs for information on how to save even more money!
- Unplugging "energy vampires" - electronic appliances that even when turned off utilize a small amount of electricity. Called phantom loads, these can include items such as a coffee maker, microwaves, laptops, TVs, cable boxes, rechargeable toothbrushes and printers. Americans can waste up to one month's electricity bill each year on vampire energy.
- Keeping window shades drawn to help keep the house cool from the afternoon sun.
- Making sure all lights are turned off. For lights on a security timer, use LED bulbs. PWC also has an LED Incentive Program!

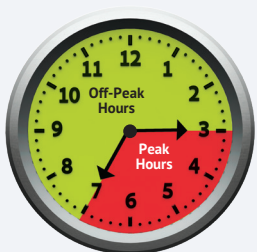


Info provided by energy.gov

Reminder: Summer Peak Time-of-Use Hours

PWC made the switch to Summer Time-of-Use (TOU). Beat the Peak and make TOU Rates work for you! Summer Peak will run through October between the hours of 3pm – 7pm. Rates for electricity used during Off-Peak hours will cost 35% less than Peak and will occur 20 hours on weekdays and all day on weekends and PWC Observed holidays. Visit PWC's Time-of-Use page for details and conservation tips: www.faypwc.com/time-of-use-rates/

Summer Peak Hours (April - October)
For PWC Electric Customers
3pm-7pm Weekdays



Plan. Prepare. Be Ready. Stay Safe.

Hurricane season is here, so prepare now for potential storms. Visit Fayetteville PWC online to download PWC's Storm Prep Guide or request a FREE copy by completing the online form. It's full of helpful information like safety tips, important phone numbers & more!

Check power outages & restoration times using Fayetteville PWC's 24/7 Electric Outage Map. It's a great idea to sign up today, for FREE text and/or email outage notifications. If there's a loss of service in your area, we'll alert you when you lose service and when service is restored. Signing up is quick and easy at faypwc.com!

