

PWC CONNECTIONS

Your Link to News & Information from the Fayetteville Public Works Commission July 2023

Upcoming Events

"Public Works" Art Exhibit
Arts Council (301 Hay Street)
Now Through July 20th
WeAreTheArts.com

National Irrigation Month
July 1st – July 31st

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1st
natw.org

National Professional Engineer's Day
Wednesday, August 2

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

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The Podcast**
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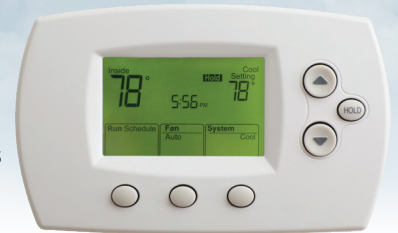


Saving Money & Energy at Home While on Vacation



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 the water heater off or to "vacation mode" (if available) 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, microwave, 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 helps 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

PWC's Fleet Department Recognized for Its Service

PWC's Fleet Maintenance has been recognized for outstanding operations by the NAFA Fleet Management Association. PWC was named #30 Best Fleet operations of the Top 100 in America.

The 100 Best program identifies and encourages the ever-increasing levels of performance improvement and innovation within the fleet industry. The goal of the 100 Best contest is to foster pride in the industry, build recognition within the national fleet community, increase levels of productivity and operational effectiveness and to encourage more individuals to consider fleet operations as a career choice.



PWC was rated on 12 performance measures to ultimately be named the 30th best operation. PWC received its highest marks in Creativity, Use of Technology and Information, Staff Development and Resources Stewardship. PWC's Fleet department has 27 employees that maintain over 800 vehicles/equipment that log over two million miles annually.

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, if you have a significant change in your bill, you will be emailed a personalized monthly bill overview to identify factors that may have impacted your energy use.

Visit the Energy Resource Center and save! You can find the Energy Resource Center at FayPWC.com or by scanning this QR code.



Summer Fan Giveaway for Seniors

Seniors, 60 or older, who are Cumberland County residents are eligible for "Fans for Seniors" organized by the Cumberland County Council on Older Adults. The program runs thru August or as long as fans are available. Residents can call the Council at 910-484-0111 to request a fan (must be picked up).

If you would like to donate a fan, the Council also accepts donations of new 20" box fans to help sustain the program through the summer months. For additional details, visit: www.ccccoo.org



Save Water (and Money) with Easy Irrigation Tips

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.

Please remember to:

- Follow Fayetteville 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's Rain Sensor Incentive Program and earn bill incentive (see below for details)
- If you live in a rental unit, talk to your landlord or management company if you notice the sprinklers are on frequently.

Manage your Outdoor Watering Wisely

During warm weather, lawns and gardens thirst for water. Remember to follow the year-round 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.



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.

Fayetteville PWC's Rain Sensor Program runs through September 30, 2023*. 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 FayPWC.com and click the "Incentives" link or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone.

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

**Limit one Rain Sensor Incentive per account

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 and more!

Check power outages and restoration times using Fayetteville PWC's 24/7 Electric Outage Map. Signing up is quick and easy at FayPWC.com



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