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After six years of drought, Utahns have generally adopted more of a conservation mindset. Thank you to all residents who have cut back on their use of water - our most precious natural resource.

The real test comes after having an incredible winter with high snow pack levels and a seemingly plentiful supply of water. I echo Governor Huntsman's advice as he stated recently, "We live in a desert and therefore it is no time to let down our guard on water conservation."



There are easy ways we can continue to conserve water both indoors and outdoors. As you encourage your family to do its part to conserve water, remember that if we each save a little, we'll all save a lot.

For tips on ways you can conserve visit www.conservewater.utah.gov

City Calendar

- Aug 2 7:00 p.m. City Council
- Aug 3 7:30 a.m. Chamber of Comm.
- Aug 9 6:30 a.m. Water Board
7:00 p.m. Planning Comm.
- Aug 10 6:30 a.m. Power Board
(Whitehead Power Plant)
- Aug 16 7:00 p.m. City Council
- Aug 17 7:00 p.m. Board of Adjustment
- Aug 18 4:30 p.m. Emergency Prepare
- Aug 23 7:00 p.m. Planning Comm.
- Aug 25 6:30 p.m. Parks Board
- Sep 1 4:00 p.m. Airport Board
- Sep 6 7:00 pm City Council
- Sep 7 7:30 a.m. Chamber of Comm.

Meetings are held at City Hall, 50 South Main, unless otherwise indicated. For more information contact 489-2712. Agendas and minutes are available on the city website at www.springville.org

Neways Summer Concert Series

August 19th
Blues Traveler
\$20

Tickets can be purchased at City Hall. All concerts are held at the Arts Park. Gates open at 6:30 pm.

MANAGE YOUR POWER BILL TO SAVE MONEY

With this bill, residential customers will see a new power rate structure. The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) has been eliminated and customers have more control over their power bill. With the changes, average power users will see little or no change in their monthly bills. Those that have a connection and use no power or those that use significant amounts of power will see a rate increase. Since we are in the middle of a very hot summer, please remember that higher temperatures usually result in more power use. As a result, your bill will likely be higher than last year's bill because of the hotter temperatures, not because of the change in rate structure.

The tiered rate structure charges higher amounts for higher usage. In addition to a monthly service charge of \$11.00 the rates are as follows:

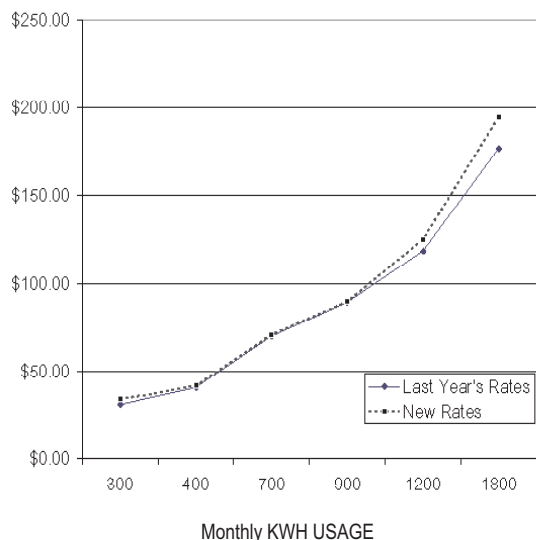
Kilowatt hours (used in a meter reading period)	Charge per Kilowatt hour
0 - 400	\$0.077
401	\$1.000
402 - 1,000	\$0.094
1,001	\$3.000
1,002 and above	\$0.116

During the summer months, increased usage requires the City to purchase expensive peak power from the market. Most of the increased usage is due to air conditioners particularly those in larger homes. This new rate structure distributes a more proportionate share of this high cost power to those that use it. By turning your thermostat up and lowering power consumption, your bill will stay lower and the City will save money too.

According to several power companies, by raising the thermostat setting during the summer just one degree, you can save up to 5 percent on your cooling costs. Based upon U.S. Department of Energy costs for our area, an average home spends about \$1,200.00 per year on heating and cooling costs. Raising your temperature one degree in the summer and lowering it one degree in the winter could save you as much as \$60.00! Circulating air from a ceiling fan will feel two degrees colder. So, turn on the fan, lower your thermostat, feel the same, and save \$100!

Comparison of New Rate vs. Old Rate

Monthly Cost



UNDERSTANDING YOUR NEW WATER RATE

The Springville Water Board and the City Council have spent the past six months analyzing the costs to operate the water system in Springville with the objective of developing a new water rate structure that would encourage water conservation as mandated by the State of Utah and would more equitably distribute the costs of water among water users. The culmination of this effort is new water rates which went into effect July 1, 2005.

An analysis of all residential water users in Springville shows that during the peak summer months (June – September) 13.6 % of homes used over 60,000 gallons per month. These 13.6% homes used 38% of the water. The old water rate structure charged \$1.05 per 1,000 gallons of water regardless of usage. The new rate structure is an inverted block rate structure that separates consumption into six blocks, with rates increasing as the level of consumption increases. The new rate structure is only in place during the months of March through October when water meters are read monthly and will revert back to the old rate structure during the months of November through February. The following chart shows the new water rates at the various levels of usage.

Usage per 1,000 gallon	Monthly Service Charge	Water Rate Per 1,000 Gallon
0 - 5,000	\$10.00	\$0.00
5,001 - 20,000		\$0.95
20,001 - 60,000		\$1.50
60,001 - 100,000		\$2.00
100,001 - 150,000		\$2.50
150,001 - 200,000		\$3.00
200,000+		\$4.00

In 2004 the average monthly consumption for a residential home over the course of a full year was 18,000 gallons per month with July being the highest average usage month at 37,000 gallons.

Under the new rate structure the average water cost for residential users under 20,000 gallons per month decreases. The rates increase slightly for users in the 20,000 – 60,000 gallons per month range. Rates begin to increase more for users over 60,000 gallons per month. Rates for commercial customers will remain the same at a flat rate of \$1.05 per 1,000 gallons. The following chart compares new rates to the old rates.

In developing and maintaining a water system which includes storage tanks, wells, and transmission lines, everything must be built to meet the peak water demands during the summer time. The new rate structure is designed so that high water users that cause this peak will pay a larger and more equitable share of the costs to maintain and develop the infrastructure.

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UPDATE ON MAIN STREET ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The Main Street projects continue to move forward on schedule and within budget. 80% of the cost of the project is being funded through a Federal grant. Now that the roadway underground work is complete, UDOT will begin repaving our Main Street by removing the top two inches of asphalt and replacing it with a new asphalt overlay. Once the overlay is finished, construction crews will be back to install medians, light poles and concrete crosswalks. The landscaped medians will be located between 1st – 2nd and 2nd – 3rd South. Thirty-two new black fluted light poles will be installed between Center and 4th south connected to underground wires. The light poles will stand 20 feet tall and include both street and pedestrian lights. Stamped concrete colored crosswalks will be installed on 1st, 2nd and 3rd South intersections. Included in the Main Street project will be UDOT funded ATMS (Advanced Traffic Management Signal) traffic signal lights which will synchronize traffic lights along Main Street and assist in maintaining traffic flow.

The projected is scheduled for completion around the end of August.

City Chat

Q. *I'm doing some landscaping at my home - is it okay to have the top soil unloaded onto the sidewalk or street?*

A. With summer here and many building and home landscaping projects underway, please remember to have the materials placed or stored on private property. Springville City streets and sidewalks need to be kept free of obstructions for everyone's enjoyment. Any blocking of streets or sidewalks may result in a warning or nuisance citation/fine.

Do you have a question for City Chat? Email us at citychat@springville.org

GARBAGE CAN PLACEMENT

DO . . .

Place can in the street on a flat surface where it cannot roll back into the curb and tip over.

Place can facing forward as the arrows show.

Make sure the lid closes completely.

Have can on the road by 7:00 a.m. ready for service.

DON'T . . .

Don't place can within 8 feet of a parked car or trailer.

Don't overfill can to the point the lid won't close completely (if the lid can't close completely, you are responsible for the spilled garbage).

Don't place construction materials in can (boards, bricks, concrete, etc.).

Don't place hazardous materials in can (acids, paints, batteries, ashes, etc.).

Don't place boxes, bags, etc. around the can (the garbage truck can only pick up cans).

Water Rates (continued)

Springville water rates are still some of the lowest in Utah. The new rate structure will allow us to keep our rates low except for the high end water users.

Water Usage	Old Rate	New Rate
5,000	\$10.00	\$10.00
10,000	\$15.25	\$14.75
20,000	\$25.75	\$24.25
30,000	\$36.25	\$39.25
40,000	\$46.75	\$54.25
50,000	\$57.25	\$69.25
60,000	\$67.75	\$70.75
70,000	\$78.25	\$104.25
80,000	\$88.75	\$124.25
90,000	\$99.25	\$144.25
100,000	\$109.75	\$164.25
150,000	\$162.25	\$289.25

If you want to evenly distribute your utility costs throughout the year, contact the billing department at 489-2706 and ask about the equal pay program.

Contact Us

Administration	491-7801
Business Licensing	489-2718
Building Inspection	489-2704
Code Enforcement	489-2714
Court Clerk	489-2707
Electric Department	489-2750
Fax	489-2709
Library	489-2720
Mayor/Council	491-7801
Parks	489-2726
Planning & Zoning	489-2704
Pool	489-2731
Public Safety	489-9421
Public Works	491-2780
Recreation	489-2730
Utility Payment Info	489-2706

For numbers not listed above call 489-2700.

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