

Water and Light News



EAST GRAND FORKS WATER AND LIGHT

January 2016

Electric, Water and Sewage Rates for 2016

The Water and Light Commission approved the new water and electric rates for 2016 at their November 19th meeting. The sewage rates are set by the City Council.



Electric Rates Per KWH

Res General.....10.429¢/kwh
 Res Elect Heat..9.866¢/kwh
 Off Peak.....7.475¢/kwh
 Small Comm....8.309¢/kwh
 Large Comm....Call Business
 Office 773-1163

Electric Fixed Charges

Res General.....\$7.75/mth
 Res Elect Heat...\$7.75/mth
 Off Peak.....\$5.75/mth
 Small Comm.....\$9.75/mth
 Large Comm....Call Business
 Office 773-1163

Water-Residential Rates

1st 4000 gals...\$6.25/1000
 Excess.....\$8.00/1000

Water-Apartment Bldg Rate

1st 4000 gals per unit-
 \$6.25/1000
 Excess.....\$8.00/1000

Water-Commercial Rate

1st 36000 gals-\$6.25/1000
 Excess.....\$8.00/1000

Water Fixed Charges

5/8"Meter.....\$8.50/mth
 3/4"Meter.....\$8.50/mth
 1" Meter.....\$13.66/mth
 1½"Meter.....\$27.32/mth
 2" Meter.....\$43.71/mth
 3" Meter.....\$81.96/mth
 4" Meter.....\$135.09/mth
 6" Meter.....\$273.21/mth

Sewage Meter Capacity Fee

5/8"Meter.....\$17.00/mth
 3/4"Meter.....\$17.00/mth
 1" Meter.....\$27.39/mth
 1½"Meter.....\$34.05/mth
 2" Meter.....\$54.50/mth
 3" Meter.....\$102.24/mth
 4" Meter.....\$169.99/mth
 6" Meter.....\$340.77/mth

Residential Sewage

You are charged 65% of your water charge plus a meter capacity fee (above).

Commercial Sewage

You are charged 95% of your water charge plus a meter capacity fee (above).

Multi-Unit Sewage

Each unit is charged a \$17.00 flat rate per month.

CFL/LED Giveaway & Food Drive

In October, during Public Power Week the Water and Light Department held it's 3rd Annual **CFL/LED Bulb Giveaway & Food Drive**.

Over 200 customers participated, bringing in non-perishable food items for the East Grand Forks Food Shelf. In return they could choose up to 6 Compact Fluorescent or LED light

bulbs. At the end of the week, **1178 pounds** of food was delivered to the Food Shelf.



The customers that participated in this event also win, because in total, they will save 25,000 kwhs annually by using the energy efficient bulbs instead of incandescent bulbs!

We would like to thank all that participated in this good cause and hope to see you all again next year for our Food Drive!

Need Help Paying Your Utility Bill?

WE COULD ALL USE A LITTLE HELP FROM TIME TO TIME. THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR THOSE HAVING TROUBLE MAKING ENDS MEET. THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS:

TRI-VALLEY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL—LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: (866) 264-3729

POLK COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES: (218) 773-2431

SALVATION ARMY—HEATSHARE: (701) 775-2597

ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL CARE (701) 795-8614

Commissioner Retires



Marilynn Ogden has served as a Water and Light Commissioner for 9 terms, since 1989. She has decided not to serve a 10th term and has retired from her position as of 12/31/15. We want to thank Marilyn for 27 years of dedicated service to the Department!

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Recipe—Satisfying Soup

Chicken Wild Rice Soup

2 quarts chicken broth
1/2 lb fresh mushrooms, chopped
1 cup finely chopped celery
1 cup shredded carrots
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 tsp chicken bouillon granules
1 tsp dried parsley flakes
1/4 tsp garlic powder
1/4 tsp dried thyme
1/4 cup butter, cubed
1/4 cup flour
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
1/2 cup dry white wine or add'l chicken broth
3 cups cooked wild rice
2 cups cubed cooked chicken

In large saucepan, combine the first 9 ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes.

In Dutch oven, melt butter, stir in flour until smooth. Gradually whisk in broth mixture. Bring to boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Whisk in soup and wine. Add rice and chicken and heat through.



Water & Light Hires Linemen

The Water and Light Department is pleased to announce that two new employees joined our team in October 2015.

Matt Konze



Matt was hired as an Apprentice Lineman. He graduated from East Grand Forks Senior High and Minnesota State Community and Technical College, from the Electrical Line Worker program. Before joining the

Water and Light, Matt worked for 3 years as a Lineman for AW Power in Watford City, ND. Matt is no stranger to our crew, as he worked for us as a part time summer employee for three years. We are glad to have him back on a full-time basis!

Tyler Tretter



Tyler has joined the Water and Light as an Apprentice Lineman. He has 3 years

experience working as a lineman for Key Contracting out of West Fargo, ND. Also a hometown guy, Tyler graduated from East Grand Forks Senior High and Minnesota State Community and Technical College with an Electrical Line Worker degree. We are happy to have Tyler join our crew and know that his experience will benefit our Department.

*Welcome to both of you!
We are happy to have you on our team!*

Don't Forget About Our Energy Rebates in 2016

- Refrigerators
- Refrigerator Recycling
- Clothes Washers
- Dishwashers
- ECM Fan Motors
- Central A/Cs
- Weatherization Rebate
- LED Bulb or Fixture Rebate
- A/C Tune-up Rebate

If you want to save \$6.00 per month, sign up for our Load Management Program. We will control your Electric Water Heater and you will receive a \$6.00 credit on your bill each month.