

TOWN OF PINETOPS NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024

Tips to Keep Your Bills Cooler in Summer

- ≈ Set your thermostat at 78°F. For every degree above 78, you'll save 3-5% on your cooling costs.
- ≈ Get your central AC system checked by a professional once a year. An improperly running unit can bump up your monthly bill.
- ≈ Change dirty air filters. Cheap filters work just as well as the more expensive kind.
- ≈ Use a ceiling fan along with your AC. A fan can make you feel 4° cooler and costs only pennies to operate.
- ≈ Close drapes or window shades, especially during the hottest times of the day. It's a simple way to cool your home.
- ≈ Properly insulate your home. This keeps hot air from entering and cold air from escaping, which helps your home stay cool in the summer.
- ≈ Wash & dry laundry early in the day before the temperature rises outside so the dryer doesn't bring extra heat into your home.
- ≈ Check seals around doors & windows faulty receptacles could allow air to flow in or out of your home. Cover any you don't use.

Pedestrian & Bicyclists Safety

State law requires pedestrians walking along the road to use sidewalks when available. When sidewalks are not available, pedestrians must walk to the far-left edge of the road facing traffic. Walking in this direction gives pedestrians the best view of traffic. Bicyclists must ride on the right in the same direction of traffic and as far to the right as is safe and practicable.

Sewer Rate Increase

Through a rate study completed by NC Rural Center to see if the Town of Pinetops sewer rates were aligned with surrounding town & cities, they found our rate was below the average. There has been a 5% increase of the inside and outside sewer rates. This would lead to an overall average increase of \$5-\$10 to just the sewer portion of customer bills. The new rate schedule will be attached to the back of this page.

Possible Mid-Year Electric Increase

With costs rising across the country, Duke Energy will be increasing the price of electricity which will lead to Wilson Energy raising their rates. The Town of Pinetops purchases power from Wilson which means the cost increase will be passed onto the Town residents and we'd have to go up on our rates as well. This increase is yet to be determined but expected to happen sometime around October.

Solid Waste and Collections Regulations

The Town would like to remind our residents of our waste collections policies. This policy is available on our website <https://townofpinetopsnc.com/sanitation-and-recycling>. We have included a copy of this policy as well as the recycling guide with this Newsletter for your convenience. Please contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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WATER AND SEWER RATES

EFFECTIVE JULY 2024

*Sewer Rate Increase effective July 2024 Billing

IN TOWN WATER RATES

USAGE	ADM CHARGE	COST/1000 GALS
UNDER 3,001	\$14.17	\$4.22
3,001-5,000	\$14.17	\$4.44
5,001-15,000	\$14.17	\$4.52
15,001 or More	\$14.17	\$4.60

OUTSIDE WATER RATES

USAGE	ADM CHARGE	COST/1000 GALS
UNDER 3,001	\$27.30	\$6.80
3,001-5,000	\$27.30	\$6.93
5,001-15,000	\$27.30	\$7.24
15,001 or More	\$27.30	\$8.30

IN TOWN SEWER RATES

USAGE	ADM CHARGE	COST/1000 GALS
Under 3,001	\$25.44	\$7.31
3,001-5,000	\$25.44	\$7.52
5,001-15,000	\$25.44	\$7.61
15,001 or More	\$25.44	\$7.71

OUTSIDE SEWER RATES

USAGE	ADM CHARGE	COST/1000 GALS
UNDER 3,001	\$43.96	\$8.75
3,001-5,000	\$43.96	\$8.93
5,001-15,000	\$43.96	\$9.16
15,001 or More	\$43.96	\$9.32

IN TOWN STORM WATER USER FEES

Flat Fee	\$2.00
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IN TOWN TAP FEES

TYPE	TAP FEES
WATER	\$350.00
SEWER	\$350.00

OUTSIDE TAP FEES

TYPE	TAP FEES
WATER	\$750.00
SEWER	\$550.00