



NEWS FROM YOUR BPW

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2023 ELECTRIC RATE CHANGES

The Auburn Board of Public Works strives to provide utility services with fair rates to our customers. The past year has provided challenges for essential services and the electric world is no different. Wholesale transmission providers have increased rates from 5% to as high as 15% in 2022. In addition, overall expenses continue to rise due to vendor price increases. As a result, the BPW electric department will be averaging overall cost increases of 7.18%. In order to maintain good financial position, the Board of Directors have approved recommended increases in various rates that will be no higher than 5.61%, effective January 1, 2023. For residential service rates, this would potentially increase an average bill approximately \$5.17 a month which will vary depending on customer usage. The Board continues to work hard to create equitable fees while maintaining infrastructure of the facilities. BPW is grateful for its customers and their continued patronage and support.

Equal Pay Customers Please Take Note...

Your equal pay monthly utility amount is re-calculated /re-evaluated every January & July of each year. Your new monthly equal pay amount may go up or go down depending on the previous 12-month usage.

Save \$1 every month by signing up for paperless billing.

Save an additional \$1 every month by signing up to have your utility bill paid thru ACH-Electronic Funds Transfer.



REMINDER ABOUT SEWER BILLS

All residential customers' usage shall be calculated based on water consumption for the billing months of January, February, and March. Sewer use fees are calculated on this three months' average water usage and will then remain the same for the next 12 months. New sewer use fees will be reflected on your April 2023 billing.

All other customers' usages (commercial and general service) are calculated each month based on the previous month's usage.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Be Prepared for Unexpected Power Outages due to Winter Storms!

Your BPW strives to ensure that you always have electrical service; however, power can be interrupted due to winter storms. Be prepared for such an emergency.

Here are some things to think about:

- If you are on power dependent life support, register with the BPW. This will put your home in a higher priority when there is a power outage.
- Insulate your pipes.
- Have flashlights, a portable radio, and batteries on hand.
- If you take prescription medicine, have at least a three-day supply available.
- Have at least a three-day supply of canned and non-perishable foods. Some examples include bread, peanut butter, canned tuna, fruit, granola bars, jugs of water, etc.
- Have a manual can opener on hand.
- Dress for the temps. Wear layers of clothing and use blankets to keep warm.
- Food in your refrigerator should be good for up to six hours and the freezer will keep food good up to two days. However, if there's any doubt, throw it out!



Contact the BPW [402-274-4981](tel:402-274-4981) if you are without power.

Medical Conditions Notice

We care about our customers! In the event of power line maintenance or a widespread power outage, we will do our best to restore the electricity to customers with serious medical conditions first. If you have a medical condition that the loss of power would negatively affect your health, please contact your physician and have them send a letter to the BPW stating the necessity of uninterrupted electricity to support your in-home medical equipment, such as dialysis, oxygen, and CPAP machines. The BPW will maintain this information and do our best to restore your power as quickly as possible to ensure your safety and peace of mind.



**OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY JANUARY 2ND, 2023**



Office Hours: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm M-F

Service Center Hours: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm M-F