

# 2016

## Mid-Size Commercial Rates

Electric • Water • Wastewater • Stormwater

Each year, we review our rates and adjust them when necessary to reflect the cost of providing electric, water, wastewater and stormwater services. City Council approves utility rates by ordinance, and new rates typically go into effect in January. For more information about rates, visit [fcgov.com/commercial-rates](http://fcgov.com/commercial-rates), or conservation, visit [fcgov.com/conserves](http://fcgov.com/conserves).

### Electric Rates Mid-Size Commercial Accounts

#### (E250\* Series)

(Effective January 1, 2016)

This rate applies to commercial customers with monthly average electric demand between 25 and 49 kilowatts (kW), typically the mid-sized commercial accounts.

The rate is seasonal to align with Platte River Power Authority's seasonal rate structure. During the summer months (June, July and August), higher rates for energy (kWh) and demand (kW) will be charged to cover the higher costs of purchasing power from Platte River, the City's wholesale electric provider.

E250 rates include:

**Electric Energy:** Total amount of electricity used in a month (measured in kilowatt-hours) plus a fixed charge for metering and billing. A kilowatt-hour (kWh) is a unit of measure describing the amount of electricity used in one hour.

**Electric Demand:** Highest 15-minute electric demand (kilowatt) during the billing period. A kilowatt (kW) is a unit of measure describing the rate at which electricity is used (demand).

**E250\* Series Monthly Electric Rates (Includes PILOT\*\*)**

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Electric Energy	
Fixed Charge per Account	
E251: Single-phase, 200-amp service	\$3.46
E252: Single-phase, above 200-amp service	\$10.18
E253: Three-phase, 200-amp service	\$5.26
E254: Three-phase, above 200-amp service	\$12.44
Energy Charges per kWh	
Summer (Jun, Jul and Aug)	\$0.06477 per kWh
Non-Summer (Sep–May)	\$0.06296 per kWh
Demand Charges per kW	
Summer (Jun, Jul and Aug)	\$8.33 per kW
Non-Summer (Sep–May)	\$4.84 per kW
<i>Actual rates may vary slightly due to rounding.</i>	

\* E251-E254 are the rate codes printed on your monthly bill. These codes also may begin with the letter "A" or "B" in annexed areas where additional Rural Electric Association (REA) service-rights fees apply. A fee equal to 5 percent is added to "A" rates and a 25 percent service-rights fee is added to "B" rates.

\*\* PILOT: A 6 percent PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) has been added to electric, water and wastewater rates. The PILOT is a payment to the City's general fund to replace revenue the City would receive from the utilities in taxes and franchise fees if they were privately owned.

Many important details are not included in this summary. Information about power factor requirements and charges, standby service, parallel generation and special services is included in the *City of Fort Collins City Code Section 26.467* and *Electric Service Rules and Regulations* at [fcgov.com/commercial-electric-rates](http://fcgov.com/commercial-electric-rates).

# Reduce Your Use and Save

- Sign up for a facility assessment and learn about rebates and programs to help you conserve at [fcgov.com/assessments](http://fcgov.com/assessments).
- Replace toilets and urinals with WaterSense fixtures and save water and money.
- Use a programmable thermostat to automatically set temperatures back by at least 10 degrees after hours, on weekends and in unoccupied spaces.
- Email your Utilities' account representative at [utilitiescustomeraccounts@fcgov.com](mailto:utilitiescustomeraccounts@fcgov.com) to learn more about your specific rates.

## Water Rates

(No changes in 2016)

Commercial water rates ("W" rate code) are seasonal, costing more in the summer (May–October) when demands are higher due to lawn watering and less in the winter months (November–April). In addition, raw water surcharges may apply.

Please note: Summer water rates apply for six months, while summer electric rates apply for three months (June – August).

## Wastewater Rates

(Effective January 1, 2016)

Wastewater rates for most commercial customers are based on monthly water use ("S" rate code). Commercial customers may apply to be billed based on their average water consumption during January, February and March (winter quarter average, or WQA) or a minimum of 6,000 gallons, whichever is greater. These customers have a "Q" rate code. Surcharges for wastewater concentration also may apply to commercial accounts.

## Stormwater Rates

(No changes in 2016)

Rates ("H" rate code) pay for construction and maintenance of our stormwater system, which helps protect residents and businesses during storms and floods. All developed properties within city limits pay stormwater rates, based on:

- **Lot Size:** lot area in square feet, plus the customer's share of open space in the development, if applicable
- **Base Rate:** \$0.0041454 per square foot
- **Rate Factor:** based on the percentage of impervious area (surfaces that do not absorb water), such as buildings, parking lots and concrete

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Aids/services available for persons with disabilities.*

Monthly Commercial Water Rates	Base Charge	Volume Charge per 1,000 Gallons		
		Gallons per Month	Winter (Nov-Apr)	Summer (May-Oct)
¾" Meter	\$14.45	0–100,000	\$2.011	\$2.512
		>100,000	\$2.889	\$3.612
1" Meter	\$40.31	0–300,000	\$2.011	\$2.512
		>300,000	\$2.889	\$3.612
1–½" Meter	\$109.61	0–625,000	\$2.011	\$2.512
		>625,000	\$2.889	\$3.612
2" Meter	\$165.20	0–1,200,000	\$2.011	\$2.512
		>1,200,000	\$2.889	\$3.612

6% PILOT added to water rates (included above)  
See [fcgov.com/commercial-water-rates](http://fcgov.com/commercial-water-rates) for meter sizes greater than 2 inches.  
Actual charges may vary slightly due to rounding.

Monthly Commercial Wastewater Rates	Base Charge	Volume Charge per 1,000 Gallons
¾" Meter	\$9.30	\$3.2213
1" Meter	\$21.45	\$3.2213
1–½" Meter	\$43.18	\$3.2213
2" Meter	\$73.89	\$3.2213

6% PILOT added to wastewater rates (included above)  
See [fcgov.com/commercial-wastewater-rates](http://fcgov.com/commercial-wastewater-rates) for meter sizes greater than 2 inches.  
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Stormwater Rate Factor	Percent of Impervious Area	Rate Factor Category (based on land use)
.25	0–.30	Very Light
.40	.31–.50	Light
.60	.51–.70	Moderate
.80	.71–.90	Heavy*
.95	.91–1.0	Very Heavy

\*Typical for commercial

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