

## What to expect in 2012.

In February, most residents' electric rates will increase by an average of 6 percent over 2011 rates. A new seasonal three-tier electric rate structure also will become effective. The majority of residential customers will see their rates vary by season and electric use. *(Note: Customers who heat their homes solely with electricity have another rate choice available to them.)*

## Why the rate structure changed.

City Council adopted the rate to accurately reflect the cost of providing electric service and the rate structure to encourage conservation and discourage high electric use.

## How the seasonal tiered rate structure works.

Residential customers on the tiered rate have a fixed monthly charge of \$4.75. Energy use is billed in three tiers. The tiers are based on time of year with electricity costing more per kilowatt hour (kWh) in each of the three tiers as use increases.

- **Nine non-summer months.** During the months between September and May, the average rate increase will be 2 percent.
- **Summer months.** A higher rate per kWh will be charged in each tier during June, July and August when it is most expensive to purchase power from Platte River Power Authority, the City's wholesale electric provider. In 2012, the average summer rate increase will be 16.8 percent.
- **These are averages.** Individual customers may have increased costs greater or less than the average.

## Exceptions to the tiered rate structure.

- **Residents who live in all-electric homes.** Residents on the demand rate will see rates increase on Jan. 1, 2012, to reflect the higher costs to serve customers in this rate class. Customers on the demand rate will be required to qualify for this rate by April 1, 2012. Depending on use, the residential energy rate may be a better choice.
- **Customers with medical conditions.** Customers who require medical life support equipment in their homes should contact Utilities at (970) 212-2900.

Residential Energy Rate		
Monthly Residential Electric Rates* (includes PILOT - payment in lieu of taxes)	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)	Non-Summer (Sep–May)
Fixed charge, per month	\$4.75	\$4.75
Usage charge, per kWh		
Tier 1 First 500 kWh, per kWh	\$0.08342	\$0.07823
Tier 2 Next 500 kWh, per kWh	\$0.10017	\$0.08226
Tier 3 All additional kWh	\$0.13367	\$0.09105
Energy Rate Codes: E100, E101, E1D0, E1D1, A100**, A1D0**, B100**, B1D0** *Effective on meter readings on or after Feb. 1, 2012. **Additional charges apply in certain annexed areas.		

Residential Demand Rate		
Note: Customers on the demand rate will be required to qualify for this rate by April 1.		
Monthly Residential Demand Rate* (includes PILOT - payment in lieu of taxes)	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)	Non-Summer (Sep–May)
Fixed charge per month	\$7.67	\$7.67
Usage charge, per kWh	\$0.06996	\$0.06816
Demand charge, per kW	\$2.58	\$2.58
Demand Rate Codes: E110, A110**, B110** *Effective on meter readings on or after Jan. 1, 2012. **Additional charges apply in certain annexed areas.		

# Important Information about 2012 Residential Electric Rates.

## Online rate calculator.

Visit [fcgov.com/residential-electric-rates](http://fcgov.com/residential-electric-rates) to use the online rate calculator to estimate your bill based on seasonal rates and historic monthly use.

Sample Residential Energy Rate Calculator		
Month	kWh	Monthly Electric Cost
Jan	700	\$60.32
Feb	700	\$60.32
Mar	600	\$52.09
Apr	600	\$52.09
May	700	\$60.32
Jun	800	\$76.51
Jul	900	\$86.53
Aug	1000	\$96.55
Sep	900	\$76.77
Oct	600	\$52.09
Nov	700	\$60.32
Dec	700	\$60.32

## Make efficient choices.

- **Track your energy use over time.** Particularly during the summer months, tracking energy use is a good way to manage your utility bill. It's easy to do.
- **Reduce energy use.** Conserve electricity by changing your use (adjust the thermostat up or down, turn off lights, etc.) or by implementing efficiency measures such as adding insulation and using high-efficiency appliances.
- **Visit [fcgov.com/rebates-programs](http://fcgov.com/rebates-programs).** Find energy saving tips, home efficiency improvement ideas, rebates and energy conservation programs.
- **Check eligibility for financial assistance.** Customers who meet income guidelines may be eligible to receive assistance through Utilities and other organizations. Call (970) 212-2900 for more information.