

Utilities Affordability Programs (UAP)



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What are you most interested in hearing about today?

- □ COVID-19 Updates
- Utility Billing and Payment Arrangements
- Payment Assistance Programs
- □ Efficiency Programs and Practices



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We are committed to helping you find payment solutions that fit your unique situation.

Contact Utilities Customer Support to get started 970-212-2900





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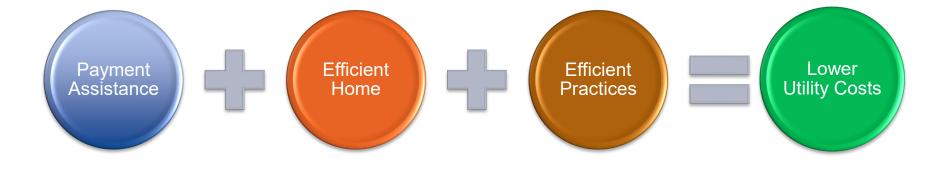
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• Efficiency Programs and Practices





Utilities Affordability





Was your household negatively affected by COVID-19?

Yes

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Somewhat

Utilities Affordability and COVID-19



Utilities Affordability and COVID-19

How has Fort Collins Utilities helped customers during COVID-19?

- Payment Arrangements Extended
- Late Fees Waived (March Present)
- Suspended shut-offs (March 2020 April 2021)
- Additional COVID-19 Payment Assistance
 Opportunities



Al igual que los demás servicios de la nación, Fort Collins Utilités se compromete a proveer servicios confiables de luz y agua a sus clientes las 24 brons del da, todos los días Estos ignifica proveer los servicios que usted necesita, en las buenas y especialmente ahora, en tiempos de retos especiales. La seguridad de nuestros clientes, empleados y la comunidad es nuestra principal prioridad. Fort Collins Utilités procurarás mantener el mismo nivel de servicio a nuestra comunidad. Por favor note:

 No desconectaremos el servicio a clientes por falta de pago hasta nuevo aviso. Si tiene dificultad para pagar sus cuentas, llámenos el 370-212-2900 para ayuda o para fectar a hacer arreglos para sus pagos. También puede obtener ayuda para efectuor sus pagos llamando a:

- Catholic Charities Larimer County, 970-484-5010
- La Familia/The Family Center, 970-221-1615

 Por razones de salud pública, todas las instalaciones de la Ciudad han sido cerradas al público. Seguiremos sirviendo a nuestros clientes por vía telefónica y correo electrónico.

Las opciones de pago incluyen ebili, llamando al 970-212-2900 para servicio automatizado las 24 horas del día, el envio de pagos por correo postal, o depositándolos en las cajas de depósito. Para más detalles, visite *fegovcom/payment-options*.

Recursos adicionales:



Utilities Billing and Payment Arrangements



Payment Options

Utility Payment Option Website:

https://www.fcgov.com/utilities/manage-your-account/payment-options

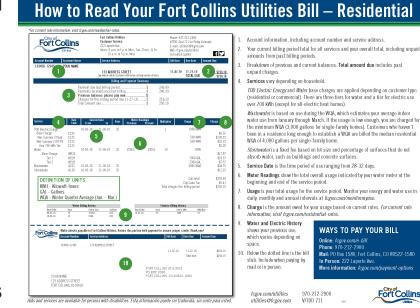
If you are overdue on your utility bill:

- Contact Customer Care as soon as possible 970-212-2900
 - Set up a payment arrangement
 - Connect with partner agencies for payment assistance options

Payment Arrangements

A payment arrangement is an agreement you establish with Fort Collins Utilities that allows you more time to pay off your past-due balance.

- Pay the current month's charges in addition to a set portion of your past-due charges to keep your service connected
- Renters required to obtain landlord permission for arrangements over 14 days



Payment Assistance Programs





One-time Payment Assistance

- Payment Assistance Fund
 - Once per season (October 1 September 30)
 - At least one day past due
 - 80% of Area Median Income
 - Contact partner agencies
 - Catholic Charities 970-484-5010
 - La Familia/The Family Center 970-221-1615
 - Discover Goodwill 1-888-775-5327
 - fcgov.com/PAF



Payment Assistance Fund (One-Time Assistance)



One-time Payment Assistance

- Neighbor to Neighbor Utility Assistance
 - Only for renters
 - 80% of Area Median Income
 - All Fort Collins utility services are covered except for Broadband
 - Contact
 - n2n.org
 - 970-484-7498

Monthly Payment Assistance



Income-Qualified Assistance Program (Discounted Rate)

- ~23% rate reduction
- Qualifications
 - LEAP Approved
 - 60% of State Median Income
- Utilities Insights and Conservation Programs
- fcgov.com/IQAP or 970-212-2900

Monthly Payment Assistance



Medical Assistance Program (Discounted Rate)

- ~23% rate reduction
- Qualifications
 - Medically necessary electric equipment or air conditioning
 - Physician certification
 - 60% of Area Median Income
- fcgov.com/MAP or 970-212-2900

What Utilities Affordability Programs do you qualify for?

Step 1: **Confirm** you are a Fort Collins Utilities electric and/or water/wastewater customer.

Step 2: Verify gross income (amount of money your household earns before taxes).



You may qualify for:

- Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP): help with wintertime heating costs
- Income-Qualified Assistance Program (IQAP): must be enrolled in LEAP for reduced rate on elements of utility services

Step 3: Apply at *fcgov.com/UAP*.

60% Larimer County Area Median Income 2020		
# in Household	Income Limit	
1	\$39,540	
2	\$45,180 \$50,820	
4	\$56,460	
5	\$61,020	
6	\$65,520	
7	\$70,020	
8	\$74,580	

You may qualify for:

 Medical Assistance Program (MAP): households that require medically necessary electrical equipment or air conditioning

80% Larimer County Area Median Income 2020		
Income Limit		
\$52,760		
\$60,240 \$67.760		
\$75,280		
\$81,360		
\$87,360 \$93,360		
\$99,440		

You may qualify for:

- Payment Assistance Fund (PAF): households with a current past due notice
- Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE): free weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades

Note: All Utilities customers are eligible for a free home efficiency assessment and products through the Larimer County Conservation Corps, regardless of income.



¿Califica usted para programas de servicios públicos a precios asequibles?

Paso 1: Confirme que usted es cliente de servicios de luz, agua o aguas residuales de Fort Collins Utilities.

Paso 2: Verifique su sueldo bruto (ingreso familiar antes de la deducción de impuestos).



Quizá califique para:

- Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP): ayuda para cubrir el costo de calefacción en el invierno
- Income-Qualified Assistance Program (IQAP): deberá estar inscrito en LEAP para recibir una tarifa reducida en ciertos elementos de los servicios de luz y agua

Paso 3: **Complete** su solicitud hoy en <u>fcgov.com/UAP</u>.

60% Ingreso Medio del Área del Condado Larimer 2020		
Núm. de personas que viven en el hogar	Límite de ingresos	
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Quizá califique para:

 Medical Assistance Program (MAP): hogares que requieren equipo eléctrico para uso médico necesario o aire acondicionado

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Quizá califique para:

- Payment Assistance Fund (PAF): hogares con una factura vencida actual
- Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE): mejoras gratuitas para la impermeabilización y el uso eficiente de energía

Nota: Todos los clientes de Servicios Públicos son elegibles para una evaluación de eficiencia del hogar y productos gratuitos a través de Larimer County Conservation Corps, sin importar su nivel de ingresos.



Efficiency Programs



Efficiency Programs

- Free water and energy efficiency upgrades (Feb. May)
- Basic Efficiency Assessment
- Equipment replacement (e.g., LED light bulbs, low-flow fixtures, smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, highefficiency toilets)
- Qualification
 - Customer of participating utility
- fcgov.com/lccc or 970-498-6660



LCCC Water and Energy Program (Basic Retrofits)



- Free energy efficiency upgrades
- Energy Assessment
- Equipment replacement (e.g., HVAC, insulation, lighting, low-flow fixtures)
- Qualifications
 - 80% Area Median Income
 - Customer of participating utility
- energyoutreach.org or 303-226-5061



Colorado Affordable Residential Energy (Deep Retrofits)

Efficiency Practices





MyEnergy and MyWater Portals





MyWater Portal: fcgov.com/MyWater



MyEnergy Portal: fcgov.com/MyEnergy

- Track utility use and costs
- Find new ways to save
- Set leak alerts
- Earn rewards for energy savings

Utilities Insights



March 15-21 is Fix a Leak Week. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save you 10% on water bills.



Auxiliary aids and services are available for persons with disabilities. WTDD 711

- Monthly newsletter
- Low- or no-cost tips for energy and water savings
- Fcgov.com/utilities-insights



After learning more about Utilities programs and services, which are you most likely to try? (Choose all that apply)

- Payment Arrangements
- One-time Payment Assistance
- Monthly Payment Assistance
- □ Home Efficiency Assessment
- Tips from the Insights NewsletterNone



Thank you!



970-212-2900 fcgov.com/utilities