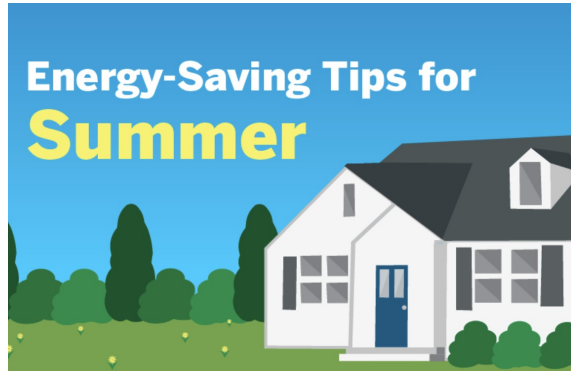


NEWARK

NEWS BRIEF



SAVE MONEY ON ELECTRIC COSTS THIS SUMMER!

As energy prices continue to vary and the effects of excessive energy usage on the environment become increasingly evident, it is crucial that people start implementing better practices for energy use. Even though there are many factors to consider, learning how to reduce your summertime electric bill and putting energy-saving measures into place is not as difficult as you may believe. In fact, many of the best ways to cut down on energy use are simple to implement and don't require a lot of time or money.

Summer Energy Saving Tips

Let's recap the primary considerations and strategies for lowering energy consumption and electricity bills throughout the summer heatwave:

- Regular HVAC maintenance is essential in achieving meaningful energy reductions.
- Proper insulation and sealing minimize heat transfer and air leaks.
- Energy Star-rated appliances are the best choice for power-conscious homes.
- Utilizing smart power strips and unplugging unused devices eliminates 'phantom' energy use.
- Using natural light and creating strategic shade reduces the need for excessive cooling.
- Natural cooling methods can significantly decrease your reliance on energy-intensive cooling systems.
- Programmable and smart thermostats offer multiple energy-saving features and comfort

CITY OF NEWARK TO BEGIN CHARGING CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD SERVICE FEES

In an ongoing effort to provide the exceptional service Newark customers are accustomed to receiving, the City announces that effective Monday, July 15, 2024, payments for certain transactions using credit and debit cards will include a service fee. This fee, which will be collected directly by the payment processor, will help manage expenses incurred from credit and debit card transactions and better manage operational costs.

Payments for taxes, permits, licenses, and general billing will be impacted by this change. The service fee will be equal to 3.95% of the billed amount, or \$2.50, whichever is greater. Payments made by phone will incur an additional \$.50 fee. For customers that wish to avoid this fee, payments via check and cash are encouraged, which will remain free of additional charges. Customers will also have the option to pay by eCheck at no additional charge, except for \$.50 if the payment is made by phone.

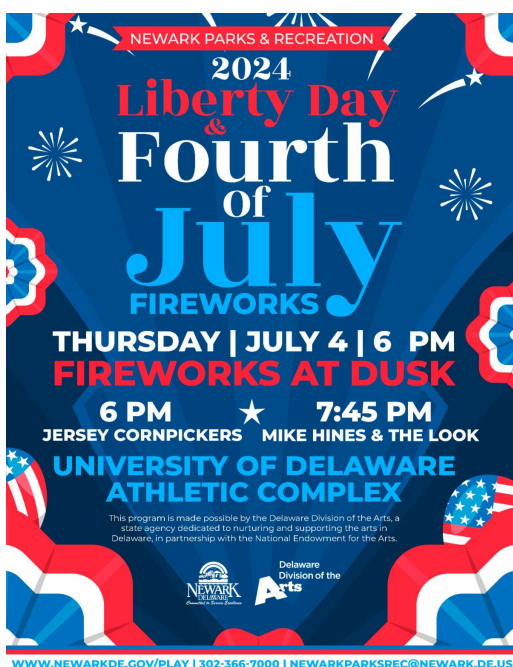
"We understand that any additional cost may be a concern and we assure our customers that we carefully considered this decision. We're pleased to continue offering lower cost and free payment options including cash, check, and eCheck," said Finance Director David Del Grande. "The City of Newark remains committed to providing services that meet the highest standards of quality and value."

Customers may contact customer service by calling 302.366.7000 or sending an email to customerservice@newark.de.us.

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- Properly utilized ceiling fans are an essential component in keeping your home cool.
- Limiting heat-generating activities can significantly lower the inside temperature.
- Energy-efficient lighting solutions create a more sustainable living environment.
- Switching to a cleaner energy solution allows you to save on utility bills while also reducing your carbon footprint and playing your part in mitigating climate change.

Excessive electricity costs put a burden on your spending plan and deplete your funds, which may be especially upsetting in the summer when you have exciting family activities and outings scheduled. You can drastically cut your monthly expenses and use the money you save toward other investments and objectives by making a concerted effort to reduce your energy consumption.



LIBERTY DAY & 4th OF JULY FIREWORKS

THURSDAY, JULY 4

6 - 10 P.M. - UD ATHLETICS COMPLEX

4th of July Fireworks will be held on Thursday, July 4th at the University of Delaware Athletic Complex. Vendors and entertainment will begin at 6 p.m. Please call (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us for more information. This program is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency dedicated to nurturing and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

SUMMER CAMPS

Enjoy the summer with Newark Parks and Recreation. We have a wide variety of camps from sports, science, theater, cooking, art, dance and more! There is bound to be something for all to enjoy!! Spaces are limited so

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

The Newark Senior Center works with the Community Services Corporation to assist homeowners who are age 62+ and living in the City of Newark by providing FREE Home Repairs.



Projects could include:

- Installing, repairing or replacing doors, windows, screens, gutters, shingles or other roofing
- Outlets and light switches
- Hand & stair railings and grab bars
- Minor plumbing repairs: faucets, toilets, hand held shower heads, and raised toilet seats
- Building ramps & widening doorways
- Weatherstripping, caulking, air seals and insulation

Eligibility requirements:

City of Newark Resident, age 62+, homeowner, household income not to exceed \$40,000, have current homeowners insurance – most retirees are eligible

For more information & application, please contact Anika Turner: 302-737-2336 ext 112.

The program is funded by a Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Please note: Applications being accepted for this Program include City of Newark Residents only. If you pay your electric utilities to Delmarva Power, you would apply to the County Home Repair Program at (302)395-5688.

PERMITS AND CONTRACTORS – If you are contemplating any renovation work in your home, please contact the City of Newark or New Castle County (or other local government) to ask if your project requires a permit. Please contact City of Newark 366-7000 & ask for Code Enforcement or Joe Day, New Castle County, 395-5519 for information.

ARCHITECTURAL ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM For more information, please contact New Castle County Department of Community Services at (302) 395-5648.

SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

The Newark Senior Center works with the Community Services Corporation to assist eligible homeowners, who are aged 60+, living in the City of Newark, by providing FREE home repairs through the Senior Home Repair Program. The program addresses minor home repair needs that focus on health, safety, and security conditions of the home. Qualifying repairs under the program include:

- Installing, repairing, or replacing doors, windows, screens, gutters, shingles, or other roofing
- Outlets & light switches
- Hand & stair railings & grab bars
- Minor plumbing repairs
- Building ramps & widening doorways
- Weather stripping, caulking, air seals & insulation

For additional information on the Senior Home Repair Program, contact the Newark Senior Center at (302) 737-2336 ext. 112.



TYLER DEBRUIN NAMED PARKS & RECREATION DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The City of Newark is proud to announce Tyler DeBruin as the new Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation. Mr. DeBruin is a 19-year employee of the City of Newark's Parks & Recreation Department. Prior to this promotion, he served as the Recreation Supervisor of Athletics and also as the Recreation Supervisor for the George Wilson Community Center.

In his new role, Mr. DeBruin is responsible for providing assistance to the director for budgeting and oversight of the organization, along with supervision of departmental activities, programs, and events. He will also assist with capital planning and development along with oversight of maintenance activity at Parks' facilities and within the more than 600 acres of city maintained parkland.



HOLIDAY COLLECTION CHANGES

Due to the July 4th holiday, recycling normally collected on Thursday, July 4 will be collected on Wednesday, July 3. Friday's recycling will remain the same. There will be NO yard waste collection on Wednesday, July 3. Please call Public Works at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.



PARKS ON DRAFT

One of summer's biggest treats is back! Parks on Draft, a family friendly beer garden, will be held July 19 at Handloff Park from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. featuring Roja & Verde providing food and drink. The event is open to all ages, but attendees must be over the age of 21 and have an ID on-hand to purchase alcohol.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets and relax in the shade with a cold drink, some great food, while we let the good times roll together!

For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at 302-366-7000.

Proceeds from the beer garden benefit the Friends of Fusion Foundation. They will distribute the proceeds to Shoes That Fit DE Chapter and the Newark Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program.

NINTH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Newark Police Department, University of Delaware Police Department, and Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Company will be hosting the annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6 in Downtown Newark from 6 - 8 p.m. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Please stay tuned to Newark Police Department social media and website for updates.

FREE WATER WINNER!

Congratulations to the fourth and final winner of our water service line raffle! For completing the quick survey, Mr. James Grimes won't have a water bill for the next year! Thank you to everyone who completed this survey.



WELCOME TO THE CITY!

The City of Newark is welcoming new faces to our workforce. Our new employees includes:

- Jameer Dale-Nelson, PT Parking Ambassador, Parking Division, 06/03/2024
- Veronica Slater, PT Parking Ambassador, Parking Division, 06/03/2024
- Christopher Greenplate, Temporary Laborer, Parks & Recreation Department, 06/18/2024



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