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Keeping our valued customers current on all things water, power, and resource conservation. Weather's Role In Your Utility Bill: A Closer Look At Newnan Utilities

Ever wonder why your utility bill fluctuates with the seasons? Let's explore how weather patterns affect the numbers on your Newnan Utilities bill.

#### Weather's Impact:

- 1. **Temperature Extremes**: Extreme temperatures, whether scorching heat or bitter cold, drive up energy usage. In summer, your AC works overtime to keep things cool, while winter demands more heating to stay warm.
- 2. Humidity Levels: Humidity affects how your HVAC system operates. Higher humidity can make your home feel warmer, prompting increased AC usage. Conversely, lower humidity levels might reduce the need for heating.
- 3. Stormy Weather: Severe weather events like storms can wreak havoc on utility infrastructure, leading to unexpected outages or repair costs.

#### **Tips To Weather The Bill:**

- 1. Seasonal Adjustments: Be mindful of temperature changes and adjust your thermostat accordingly to save energy.
  - Here are the optimal thermostat temperatures, according to the US Department of Energy:
    - 1. Winter: 68 degrees
      - For maximum efficiency, you should also designate eight hours per day, decreasing the temperature by between 7 and 10 degrees.
    - 2. Summer: 78 degrees
      - Keep your home warmer than usual when no one is home, and then set the temperature as high as comfortably possible when you are home.
- 2. Energy-Efficient Upgrades: Invest in energy-efficient appliances and devices to reduce overall energy consumption.
- 3. Smart Thermostat Control: Programmable thermostats efficiently regulate your home's temperature, adjusting settings based on weather forecasts and your schedule.
- 4. Weatherproofing: Seal gaps around windows and doors to prevent heat loss in winter and maintain cool air in summer.
- 5. Emergency Preparedness: Be ready for weather-related outages with emergency kits and alternative power sources if possible.

By understanding how weather impacts your utility bill, you can proactively manage your energy usage and save money.

## Newnan Utilities In Our Community







Welch Elementary Career Day



Elm Street Elementary Tour

Jefferson Parkway Elementary Canongate Elementary Career Day Career Day



Moreland Elementary Career Day



Atkinson Elementary Career Day



Newnan-Coweta Chamber Golf Classic



Volunteering at Special Olympics

## Fire Hydrant Flushing





Newnan Citizen Academy



LINC Event

Our crews have started their annual fire hydrant flushing schedule, which will continue through the summer.

This controlled action ensures proper water flow in hydrants for firefighters, residents, and businesses. Hydrant flushing further clears sediments and minerals from the water main and retains a high quality of the water.



SCAN for more information on hydrant flushing





## Spotlight: Coweta CASA

For almost 20 years, the mission of Coweta CASA has been to recruit, screen, train and support community volunteers to advocate for children experiencing foster care until a safe, permanent home is assured. Their vision is to serve 100% of children experiencing foster care in their service area (Coweta, Meriwether, and Heard Counties).

Last year, Coweta CASA received a Caring Customers grant to help furnish additional office spaces, including a small conference room and storage room. With the grant, they purchased shelving for their new storage room to accommodate necessities to support our local children experiencing foster care. They also purchased a new table for their conference room, which volunteer coordinators and Coweta CASA have been able to utilize. *cowetacasa.org* 

## **Recent Caring Customers Grants**

#### Habitat for Humanity \$2,000 | Project: Brush with Kindness Home Repair Program

This critical home repair program aims to carry out repairs for low-to-moderate-income homeowners who would otherwise be unable to afford the repairs necessary to maintain their homes' safety, sanitation, and security. *Visit nchfh.com* 

#### Midwest Food Bank \$2,000 | Project: Zero Cost Food Source to Nonprofit Partners in Newnan

The program aims to increase the amount of food they can provide our local organizations: AO House, Crossroads Church, Meals on Wheels of Coweta, Sisters for Society Corporation, and The Salvation Army. *Visit midwestfoodbank.org* 



We hope you'll register to partner with us for Caring Customers. The program donates 100% of the funds collected to local, qualifying nonprofit organizations, and all donations are tax-deductible. CaringCustomers.org.

## Helping Our Neighbors After Tornadoes Strike

A crew from Newnan Utilities traveled to Tallahassee, Florida, after it was struck by two EF-2 tornadoes with winds reaching 100 MPH in May. They assisted the Florida Municipal Electric Association and seven other entities in restoring power after the storm, including helping repair the 300 broken poles.

Thank you to Garrett Coggin, Shannon Walker, Lance East, and Nick Cameron for your willingness to help others in their time of need!





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## **Committed To Safety**

#### Live Safety Demonstration

Our Collection and Distribution crew recently performed a live safety demonstration focused on a simulated lifesaving exercise of an employee getting seriously injured on the job. This demonstration was done in collaboration with the Newnan Fire Department, Newnan Police Department, EMS, and Air Life Georgia, which helped make it successful.

These teams worked together to simulate a real-life emergency scenario and demonstrate the importance of quick thinking and preparedness. We're so grateful for this community's collaboration and commitment to safety!





#### Safety City with ChildrenConnect

Our crews also recently had the opportunity to present to the Safety City spring break camp at the ChildrenConnect Museum.

Our electric crew members educated the campers about electrical safety (including insulators and conductors). Meanwhile, the collection and distribution crew members shared vital information on what should not be flushed down the toilet and how to protect pipes from freezing.



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