



JANUARY 2016

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 28-January 15:
Christmas Tree pickup

January 1: Last night of the Festival of Lights, 6pm-10pm at Canyon View Park

January 1: City offices closed for New Years

January 4-5: Recycling Pickup

January 5: City Council Meeting, 6pm, Broadcast live on Spanish Fork Channel 17 and YouTube

January 6: Planning Commission Meeting, 6pm

January 18-19 Recycling Pickup

January 19: City Council Meeting, 6pm, Broadcast live on Spanish Fork Channel 17 and YouTube

UTILITY EDUCATION MONTH

Everyone uses utilities and often you pay them without thinking about it. The majority of this newsletter is dedicated to helping you understand your utility bill. Visit <http://spanishfork.org/dept/finance/utilities/> for more information, to see your garbage schedule, read some FAQs, or see an example bill.

WHAT ARE THE CITY'S RATES AND HOW ARE THEY MEASURED?

The table to the right details both the city's base rates and usage rates.

Electricity is measured in kilowatt hours (kWhs) which is the equivalent of 1 kilowatt of power sustained over an hour. For example, if you have a heater rated at 1,000 watts (1 kW) and operate it for an hour, that would use 1 kWh.

Water is measured in thousands of gallons. Therefore, if your bill says "6" under culinary water usage, it means 6,000 gallons.

Your sewer usage rate is based on winter water usage. If you have no previous winter water usage rates, it will be based off the city average of 6,000 gallons.

Utility	Residential Base Rate	Usage rate
Electric	\$3.50	\$0.08984 per kilowatt hour
Culinary Water	\$10.00	\$1.14 per 1,000 gallons
Pressurized Irrigation	\$13.25	\$0.87 per 1,000 Gallons
Sewer	\$16.59	\$1.52 (based on winter water usage)
Garbage	n/a	\$10.87 per can
Storm Drain	n/a	\$6.42 per unit

HOW DO SPANISH FORK'S RATES COMPARE TO OTHER CITIES?

Below is a chart detailing rates based on certain levels of usage across cities. These rates are based on residential summer rates.

Although Spanish Fork does not always have the lowest rate, Spanish Fork is below the average in each category. We do our best to keep costs down while providing good service and covering costs.

Utility	Average	Spanish Fork	Springville	Salem	Payson	Provo	Orem	American Fork	Pleasant Grove
Electricity Based on 600 kwh use	\$63.47	\$59.26	\$61.60	\$62.79	\$71.24	\$59.43	\$64.49	\$64.49	\$64.49
PI Based on 10K gallons	\$24.44	\$21.95	n/a	n/a	\$13.58	n/a	n/a	\$32.52	\$29.72
Water Based on 10K gallons*	\$23.99	\$21.40	\$25.25	\$61.00	\$24.62	\$36.69	\$25.79	\$42.65	\$28.92
Sewer Based on 10K gallons	\$34.85	\$31.79	\$32.93	\$24.00	\$43.29	\$27.31	\$23.52	\$49.55	\$46.40
Storm Drain Per Unit	\$6.91	\$6.42	\$5.04	\$6.24	\$5.43	\$6.99	\$5.25	\$6.00	\$13.88
Garbage Based on one can	\$11.64	\$10.87	\$12.00	\$13.09	\$10.86	\$14.50	\$10.56	\$10.00	\$11.14
TOTAL	\$162.38	\$151.69	\$136.73	\$167.12	\$169.02	\$144.92	\$129.70	\$205.21	\$194.55

*Cities without PI are calculated with an estimated 20K gallons monthly usage. Water average cost is calculated by first dividing all cities without PI by 2 and then calculating the average.

CAN I TELL IF I HAVE A UTILITY PROBLEM?

Occasionally, you may have issues with your utilities. You can help take care of these issues quickly and save money if you keep a close eye on your utility bill.

If your water usage drastically changes but you did not change your water usage, you may have a leak somewhere in your home. Average culinary water usage at a home is 6,000 gallons. It is your responsibility to make sure everything is working properly, but the city will do what it can to help you. Contact the city if you think there might be an issue.

Sudden changes in electric rates, however, are more common and do not necessarily signify a problem. Starting up air conditioning in the summer can double or triple your electric bill. Space heaters and heat tape can have the same effect. If you see a sudden change in your electric usage, think about how your use has changed and that may explain the difference.

WHICH INTERNET PACKAGE FITS MY NEEDS?

Use the table below to determine which internet package is best for you. The chart shows which levels of internet are best for various activities. Find more information at www.sfcn.org.

Package	Price (Without TV package)	Uses:
Starter (12 Mbps)	\$35	Web Search, Email, Social Networking, Online Banking
Plus (60 Mbps)	\$45	Online gaming, video streaming, upload photos and videos, online classes and tests
Premium (120 Mbps)	\$75	Telecommuting and VPN

RECREATION CALENDAR

January 4: Begin accepting Water Park & Park Pavilion Reservations for 2016

January 7: Winter Session Little Hoopsters early registration ends

February 4: Spring Youth Soccer early registration ends (age 5-grade 9)

February 11: Adult Co-ed Volleyball early registration ends

February 16: Women's Basketball early registration ends

February 18: Spring Youth Soccer regular registration ends (age 5-grade 9)

Register for youth sports at www.reconline.spanishfork.org

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

City crews will begin picking up Christmas Trees on Monday, December 28, and will continue to pick up trees through Friday, January 15. Trees must be placed at the curbside and

all lights, stands and decorations must be removed and trees should not be placed in any type of bag.

UTAH VALLEY JOB FAIR

Mark your calendar for the Utah Valley Job Fair on **Wednesday March 9, 2016** from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This will be the largest job fair planned for 2016 in Utah County. The Job Fair will be held at the Utah Valley Convention Center at 220 W. Center St. (Exhibit Hall A) in Provo, Utah.

Job-seeking Attendees will be able to create invaluable relationships with HR personnel and explore career opportunities with some of the biggest and best paying companies. Around 120 employers will be looking to hire hard working employees.

Attending Employers will have an opportunity to meet hundreds of job seekers looking for work or exploring ways to find long-term careers. Marketing efforts for this event come from local governments, school districts, state agencies, LDS employment and local universities.

Employer Registration will open the first week of February. To receive updates and find out what companies will be attending the Job Fair, "like" the Facebook page at Utah Valley Job Fair. If you have questions about the Job Fair, e-mail utahvalleyjobfair@gmail.com



DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From Left to Right, Back Row:
Richard Davis, Brandon Gordon,
Rod Dart, Mike Mendenhall;
Front Row: Mayor Steve Leifson,
Keir Scoubes.

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Please complete the form and return it with your utility bill. You can also send comments to the City from the City's website. Thank you for your comments.