

# Soak up sun and summer with parks and recreation

## Fresh air opportunities across the City help get Lovelanders out and about

Colorado summers are best spent outdoors. Whether you want to enjoy warm summer days or cool summer nights, take advantage of trails, parks, events, swim areas, activity guides, movies and more to experience a fun-filled, fresh air summer in Loveland.

#### Summer-long activities and events

#### **Kids to Parks Activity Booklet**

Get outdoors and celebrate the national day of play all summer with a free Kids to Parks activity booklet from the Chilson Recreation Center (700 E. Fourth St.) Visit all the different parks in Loveland and earn free stickers with activities at each park. Complete your booklet by the end of summer and win a prize. lovgov.org/services/parks-recreation/events.

#### **Passport to Trails**

Complete the Ticket to Trails Passport by visiting all seven sections of the Recreation Trail System to earn a prize. Passports may be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Office (500 E. Third St.) or on the website: lovgov.org/services/parks-recreation/trail-info.

#### **Farmer's Markets**

Voted one of the 10 best farmers markets in Colorado, the City of Loveland Farmer's Market at Fairgrounds Park (700 S. Railroad Ave.) is a great way to shop local for farm-fresh produce, baked goods, honey, fresh-roasted green chiles, tamales and crafts. Enjoy food trucks, entertainment, special events, and more when you visit Sundays through September 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. lovgov.org/farmersmarket.

#### **Beat the Heat in Water**

Wondering how to stay cool this summer? Loveland Parks & Recreation maintains three swim areas for the public to enjoy. Winona Pool (1615 Fourth St. SE) features an AquaClimb climbing wall and a new waterslide. Fees can be found on the website. Head to the Loveland Swim Beach (2626 N. Taft Ave.) for free lakeside swimming. Both areas are generally open through Labor Day (weather permitting and water/staff levels permitting. Need to get out of the sun? Try the indoor pools and slide at the Chilson Recreation Center.



Swimmers race up the AquaClimb wall at Winona Outdoor Pool.

You can also cool off at a City-owned splash park – found at Loveland Sports Park (950 N. Boyd Lake Ave.) and Fairgrounds Park. A waterfall feature is available at Mehaffey Park (3285 W 22nd St.)

#### **Movies in the Park**

Have free fun with your family and friends as you enjoy outdoor movies in Loveland parks throughout the summer. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:45 p.m.) weather permitting. Come early for fun and games. The schedule is: July 15 – Happy Gilmore, July 22 – Frozen, July 23 – Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (dive-in movie), July 29 – The Lego Movie: The Second Part, August 5 – The Rookie. More details and locations can be found at lovgov.org/services/parksrecreation/events.

#### Golf

Golfers at all levels feel at home as they tee off on any of Loveland's three courses. Mariana Butte (701 Clubhouse Dr.) is an 18-hole course that offers a golf challenge with elevated tees along with spectacular views of the Big Thompson River and Rocky Mountains. The Olde Course at Loveland (2115 W. 29th St.) is an 18-hole golf course that offers a challenge for all levels of golfers as they work their way around six ponds and conquer on island green. Cattail Creek Golf Course (2116 W. 29th St.) is a 9-hole, par 3 course offering a unique challenge to beginning and experienced golfers. GolfLoveland.com.

#### Call 970.962.2727 for more details.

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## Pulse partners with the Affordable Connectivity Program to keep residents connected to high-quality internet

Program (ACP). The ACP is funded by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with a goal of helping low-income households pay for internet service.

#### Qualifying Pulse customers receive \$30 off their monthly Internet bill.

Your household may be eligible if anyone receives or participates in any of the following:

- Income meets guidelines ex. Family of four making \$55,500 or less per year
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit
- SNAP, Medicaid, WIC
- Lifeline benefit
- Federal Pell Grant
- See AffordableConnectivity.Gov/Do-I-Qualify for additional qualifying details

As Pulse moves closer to being able to serve all Loveland residents, we invite you to check the service availability of your address now at:

LovelandPulse.com/CanISignUpNow.



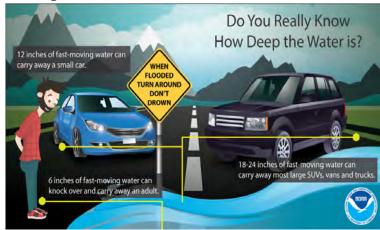
Is your household eligible for \$30 off its monthly Internet bill? Find out today!

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1 See if you are in a Pulse serviceable area: LovelandPulse.com/CanlSignUpNow
- 2 Check if you qualify for ACP: ACPBenefit.org/Do-I-Qualify
- 3 Apply through FCC: ACPBenefit.org/How-to-Apply
- 4 When application is approved, enroll with Pulse: **970-541-4990**

#### STORMWATER ENGINEERING -"WHEN FLOODED TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN"

The City's Stormwater Engineering Division's goals is to keep Loveland's waterways clean and free of pollutants and debris while maintaining and upgrading infrastructure to protect our community from water-related problems such as flooding.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CITY OF LOVELAND'S STORMWATER DIVISION 970-962-2771

#### REAL TIME EARLY FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

The City of Loveland has nine rain/stage gauges located within the City of Loveland and on the Big Thompson River. These rain/stage gauges continuously monitor rain levels, flow rates, depth of waterways and send real time data back to the Stormwater Engineers within the City of Loveland. With this data the City Engineers, City Public Works crews and Emergency Response personnel are able to monitor the rising water levels, deploy personnel to the areas that are most critical, and close all roadways before the waters over top the roadways, thus protecting the citizens of Loveland from flooded waterways.





# Drinking Water Quality Report Available Now!

Kevin Gertig Director ""

"We're proud of the efforts our teams make each and every day to consistently deliver drinking water to our customers that meets or exceeds all state and federal water quality standards. The 2021 Consumer Confidence Report is a great tool for anyone interested in what it takes to deliver high quality, on-demand water around the clock.

High quality, reliable water service is easy to take for granted. Whether it's information about ways we support watershed health, our treatment practices or our new state-of-theart water quality lab, the annual report is one of many ways we showcase our work that makes modern life possible."

# Good news from the water quality experts at Loveland Power and Water...

the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) – often referred to as the Water Quality Report – is complete and available for public review.

The 2021 report – now available on the City's website at <u>lovelandwaterandpower.org/waterquality</u> – is a document that state regulators require every water provider to publish on an annual basis. CCRs provide detailed information about drinking water quality and the results from regular laboratory testing. This report also includes a detailed description of where your water originates and how our water quality experts treat and monitor the water once it is in our system.



View the most recent CCR today at the City's website. **Iovelandwaterandpower.org/waterquality** 



Are you a brewer? Own an aquarium? Interested in regularly updated water quality results? Visit the water quality website to check out our monthly analysis.



## **UTILITY NEWS**

VISIT US ONLINE... LOVELANDWATERANDPOWER.ORG

MAIN SWITCHBOARD 970-962-3000 UTILITY BILLING 970-962-2111



**Loveland Water and Power** 

## JULY SPOTLIGHT

In search of energy and water efficiency tips? Check out archived City Update newsletters at lovgov.org/cityupdate

If you're asking yourself a question that starts with "Why is my water...", visit the water quality troubleshooting tool at

lovelandwaterandpower.org/waterquality

Enjoy live solar energy output at the Foothills Solar Installation at lovelandwaterandpower.org/renewables or check out our education kiosk on Rio Blanco Avenue near Mehaffy Park in west Loveland.

If you own a large building, explore a new feature under the Business tab at lovelandwaterandpower.org to learn about the BUILDING BENCHMARKING PROGRAM. The City of Loveland is embarking upon a new benchmarking endeavor driven by the State of Colorado Energy Office. The building benchmarking program drives utility costs down by improving energy efficiency.

# WATER CONSERVATION: START SMALL, SAVE BIG!

Water is the core of sustainability and a critical component of economic vitality, community resiliency and healthy humans. Loveland Water and Power strives to efficiently deliver safe, reliable and easily accessible water to every home in our service territory. Our community has a distinctive relationship with water and how we adapt to extreme weather and remain resilient in the wake of water emergencies and scarcities. Water providers are responsible for adaptable and flexible water resource planning, but those plans will fall short without your responsible water use in your home.

#### A LITTLE MEANS A LOT

Small acts mean large savings at home. LWP offers resources and tips for low-effort behavior modifications and simple upgrades to reduce your water usage. Email us throughout July and August at efficiency@cityofloveland.org and say "I want a water packet" and we'll email you a digital water efficiency resource packet. You may also visit our website **lovelandwaterandpower.org/savewater** or follow us on social media.

#### A LITTLE ATTENTION IS NEEDED

Aging water pipes and inefficient appliances account for large water losses. These microemergencies not only waste water but they can also impact the health of your home. Spend some time each season inspecting your plumbing and water-using appliances for leaks or signs of deterioration. Pay special attention to toilets, which are often the biggest indoor water waster and fairly inexpensive to fix. Feel free to stop by the City of Loveland Utility Billing office at 500 E. Third St. to pick up a free leak detector packet that contains dye tablets you can use to check for leaky toilet backs. For checklists that track inspections of indoor and outdoor leak inspections, visit **epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week**.

#### A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY

Colorado soil absorbs water at slower pace, which means sometimes less is more when you're watering your lawn. Multiple short watering intervals allow the ground to absorb water efficiently, reducing wasted runoff. The "Cycle and Soak" method recommends three 5-to-10-minute water intervals with a 30minute break in between. For more advice specifically tailored to your lawn, sign up for a free Slow the Flow sprinkler consultation at **resourcecentral.org/slowtheflow**.

