

# Loveland comes alive with summer fun, activities

Summer is a time when Loveland's vibrant community comes to life. Don't miss out on summertime fun and entertainment through these City-offered programs and events.

## *Summer learning for all ages*

The Loveland Public Library's Summer Learning Program June 1 through July 31 provides opportunities for participants to read, make and explore. From a summer reading program, special events, hands-on programming, and ways to incorporate learning into summer family activities, participants will log points that can be used to win prizes and enter in drawings. Join the kick-off celebration June 2 at the Library. [LovLib.org](http://LovLib.org)

## *Outdoor concerts and movies*

The Rialto Theater's Loveland Concert Series brings free outdoor concerts to the community every Thursday in July. Head to Foote Lagoon Amphitheater to hear swing music, pirate celtic melodies, salsa rhythms and funk/soul tunes. Concerts are free and open to all ages [rialtotheatercenter.org/loveland-summer-concerts](http://rialtotheatercenter.org/loveland-summer-concerts)

Movies in the Park returns June 9 for five nights of free family-friendly cinema experiences. Movies begin around dusk but come early to play games and have fun in the Mobile Recreation Trailer from 7- 8:30 p.m. Dates: June 9, June 23, July 14, July 22, July 28 weather permitting. [Lovgov.org/PRevents](http://Lovgov.org/PRevents)

## *Recreation*

Hit Loveland's award-winning trails, parks and recreation areas for fun in the fresh Colorado outdoors.

The Centerra Trail opens in early May and connects the Boyd Lake Trail to Loveland's 26 miles of paved trails encircling Loveland. Celebrate our trail system during Loveland & National Trails Day, June 3, 8 a.m. - noon, River's Edge Natural Area (960 W. 1st St) or grab a map and get outside. [Lovgov.org/trails](http://Lovgov.org/trails)

Winona Outdoor Pool at 1615 Fourth St. SE opens to the public on Monday, May 29. Open swim, laps, family swim hours and swim lessons are available. Daily entrance fees range from \$4 - 6 for swimmers, with punch passes available. Head to [LovGov.org/Swimming](http://LovGov.org/Swimming) for details.

Loveland's 35 park areas offer plenty of places to play. Explore park amenities including playgrounds, splashpads, sports courts, grass areas and picnic pavilions at [lov.ov.org/parks](http://lov.ov.org/parks). Don't miss free games offered by the Mobile Recreation Trailer. [LovGov.org/PRevents](http://LovGov.org/PRevents)



Swimmers race up the AquaClimb wall at Winona Outdoor Pool.

The Mini-Course at Cattail Creek is the perfect environment to learn the game of golf the fun and easy way. Enjoy nine holes of golf to play and equipment designed for Starting New at Golf (SNAG) golfers. Adults pay \$7, children ages 5-12 pay \$6, equipment is included and no reservations are required. [GolfLoveland.com](http://GolfLoveland.com)

Find fishing spots in various parks and open lands. Bring the family to the Loveland Kid's Fishing Derby June 3, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m at North Lake Park Duck Pond, 2750 N. Taft Ave. [LovGov.org/FishingDerby](http://LovGov.org/FishingDerby)



## Mark Your Calendar

Don't miss these community highlights.

### City of Loveland Farmers Market

Sundays June 4 - Sept. 24, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fairgrounds Park, 700 S. Railroad Ave.

Voted one of the 10 best Colorado farmers markets.

[LovGov.org/FarmersMarkets](http://LovGov.org/FarmersMarkets)

### Loveland Walk and Bike Month

June 2023

Diverse walking and biking activities for people of all ages and abilities. Don't miss Everybody Bike Day June 28.

[LovGov.org/WalkandBikeMonth](http://LovGov.org/WalkandBikeMonth)

### The 18th Annual Loveland Community Night Out (LCNO)

June 21, 6 to 9 p.m.

Host a block party to meet police, SWAT, firefighters, EMS personnel and others who keep Loveland a healthy and safe place to live.

[LovGov.org/EventPermits](http://LovGov.org/EventPermits)

[LovGov.org/Events](http://LovGov.org/Events) includes many more City-hosted events



## Pulse launches Adaptive WiFi+ and unveils new residential symmetrical fiber internet speeds

**P**ulse, Loveland's fiber-optic Internet, WiFi, TV, and Voice services provider, announces the launch of a comprehensive whole-home managed WiFi service - Adaptive WiFi+, and unveils new internet plans to meet the unique needs of our community.

### Adaptive WiFi+

The Adaptive WiFi+ suite includes:

- A generous speed boost
- Plume HomePass® - An award-winning, intuitive app that optimizes your WiFi experience to deliver powerful, reliable connectivity throughout your home - while giving you complete control and enhanced protection.
- 2 WiFi 6 SuperPods - Extending WiFi coverage to ensure no blind spots in the home.
- TiVo+ - Stream 55+ HD channels

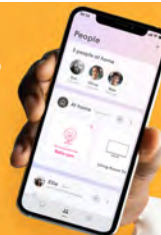
New and existing Pulse subscribers can add Adaptive WiFi+ for just \$25 per month.

### New Symmetrical Fiber Internet Speeds

Pulse's new internet speeds reflect Loveland's increasing needs for high quality connections and meet the more advanced needs of our digitally savvy users.

	NEW	MOST POPULAR	NEW	
Starter \$44.95/mo	Connect \$64.95/mo	My Gig \$74.95/mo	Ultimate \$149.95/mo	Pro \$199.95/mo
100 Mbps	350 Mbps	1 Gig	3 Gigs	10 Gigs

Check Pulse availability in your area at [LovelandPulse.com/CheckAvailability](https://www.LovelandPulse.com/CheckAvailability). For more information about Pulse Internet and Adaptive WiFi+ visit [www.LovelandPulse.com](https://www.LovelandPulse.com), or give our friendly, locally-based customer service team a call at **970-541-4990**.



Add **Adaptive WiFi+** to your service for just **\$25** per month and enjoy:



**Plume HomePass®:** intelligently protect and distribute bandwidth across all of your devices



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Visit [LovelandPulse.com](https://www.LovelandPulse.com) or call **970-541-4990** to learn about Pulse's NEW symmetrical fiber internet, and find the connection that's perfect for you.

\*Speed Boost only available on Starter, Connect, and My Gig.

## Yard Waste Collection Services Have Begun

### Resident can expect these changes moving forward

As residents prepare yards for planting season and general maintenance, the City wants to inform residents of a few changes in what materials can be recycled in green yard waste carts.

The City of Loveland's composting partner, A1 Organics, no longer accepts shredded paper or paper yard waste bags through curbside collection service or in organic piles at the Recycling Center. However, residents can still bring shredded paper to the Recycling Center to be recycled.

We ask residents to do their part in this effort by knowing what is and is not accepted yard waste items. If the wrong items are included in the green yard waste carts, then the entire cart can't be recycled. The City has listed the items that will now be accepted and not accepted to meet these requirements. They are the following:

### ACCEPTED YARD WASTE ITEMS

These items **do** belong in green yard waste carts:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Flowers
- Garden trimmings
- Branches and twigs less than 1-inch in diameter (trimmed to fit into yard waste cart)

### NOT ACCEPTED YARD WASTE ITEMS

These items **do not** belong in green yard waste carts and should be disposed of in other ways.

- Dirt, pet waste and plastic bags
- Trash, rocks or metal
- Ashes (hot or cold)
- Oversized logs, stumps or lumber
- Shredded paper, paper bags or other paper materials (new for 2023)



The city supplies three carts for yard waste, recycling and trash. Green yard waste carts must be purchased.

### INFORMATION

To acquire a green yard waste cart or learn more about the accepted and not accepted items for yard waste collections, please visit [lovgov.org/SolidWaste](https://lovgov.org/SolidWaste) or call the City's Solid Waste Division at **970-962-2529**.

An easy-to-use wizard at [lovgov.org/SolidWaste](https://lovgov.org/SolidWaste) can help identify alternative disposal options for many common waste items.



Loveland Water and Power

## UTILITY NEWS

VISIT US ONLINE: [LOVELANDWATERANDPOWER.ORG](http://LOVELANDWATERANDPOWER.ORG)

MAIN SWITCHBOARD  
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UTILITY BILLING  
970-962-2111



## FEATURE STORY

### Loveland, Platte River owner communities pursue 100% non-carbon energy mix

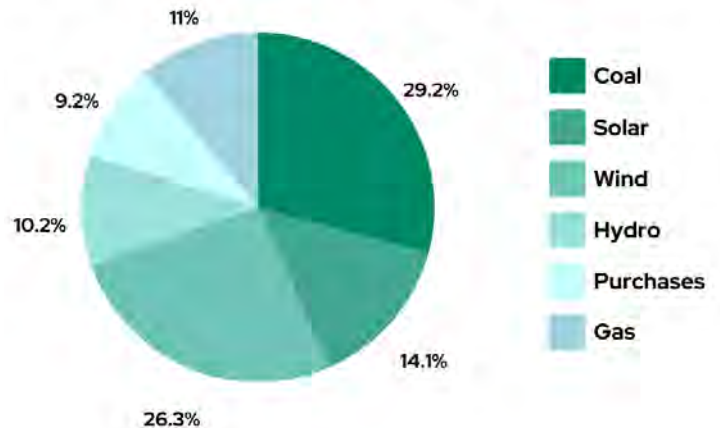
In 1973, the communities of Loveland, Estes Park, Longmont, and Fort Collins created Platte River Power Authority (Platte River) – a not-for-profit, community-owned public power utility – to generate electricity for the region's power needs. Platte River has generated electricity for Loveland ever since, with a diverse generation portfolio that includes coal, wind, hydro, solar, natural gas and battery storage.

In 2018, Platte River's Board of Directors, comprised of each city's mayor and utility director, adopted the Resource Diversification Policy calling for the pursuit of a 100% noncarbon energy mix by 2030, the most aggressive goal in the state. The board mandates reliability, financial sustainability and environmental responsibility be maintained as Platte River works toward this goal.

"Our efforts in building a clean energy future is guided by our three principles: ensuring our communities have access to reliable power they deserve, balancing our work to keeping electricity costs affordable and advocating and protecting our environment," Platte River Chief Strategy Officer Eddie Gutierrez said. "We're proud of our 50-year legacy and are determined to build out a utility of the future that understands and works with the needs of the communities and customers we humbly serve."

These conditions must occur to help Platte River achieve this goal:

- Utility-scale battery storage technology and performance for solar and wind energy must mature and become more financially sustainable
- Other storage solutions must be developed for energy sources like thermal, heat and water
- Improvements to the performance of distributed generation resources



A recent look at Platte River's 24-hour energy production mix from April 11 at 12:10pm. You can view Platte River's energy sourcing at any time at [prpa.org/energy-production](http://prpa.org/energy-production).

- Transmission and distribution systems must be more fully integrated; investment in this infrastructure must be increased
- Technology and capabilities of grid management systems, including technology for end-users, must advance and improve

For Loveland, like Platte River's other member communities, these investments will make our local electric grid more resilient and sustainable for years to come.

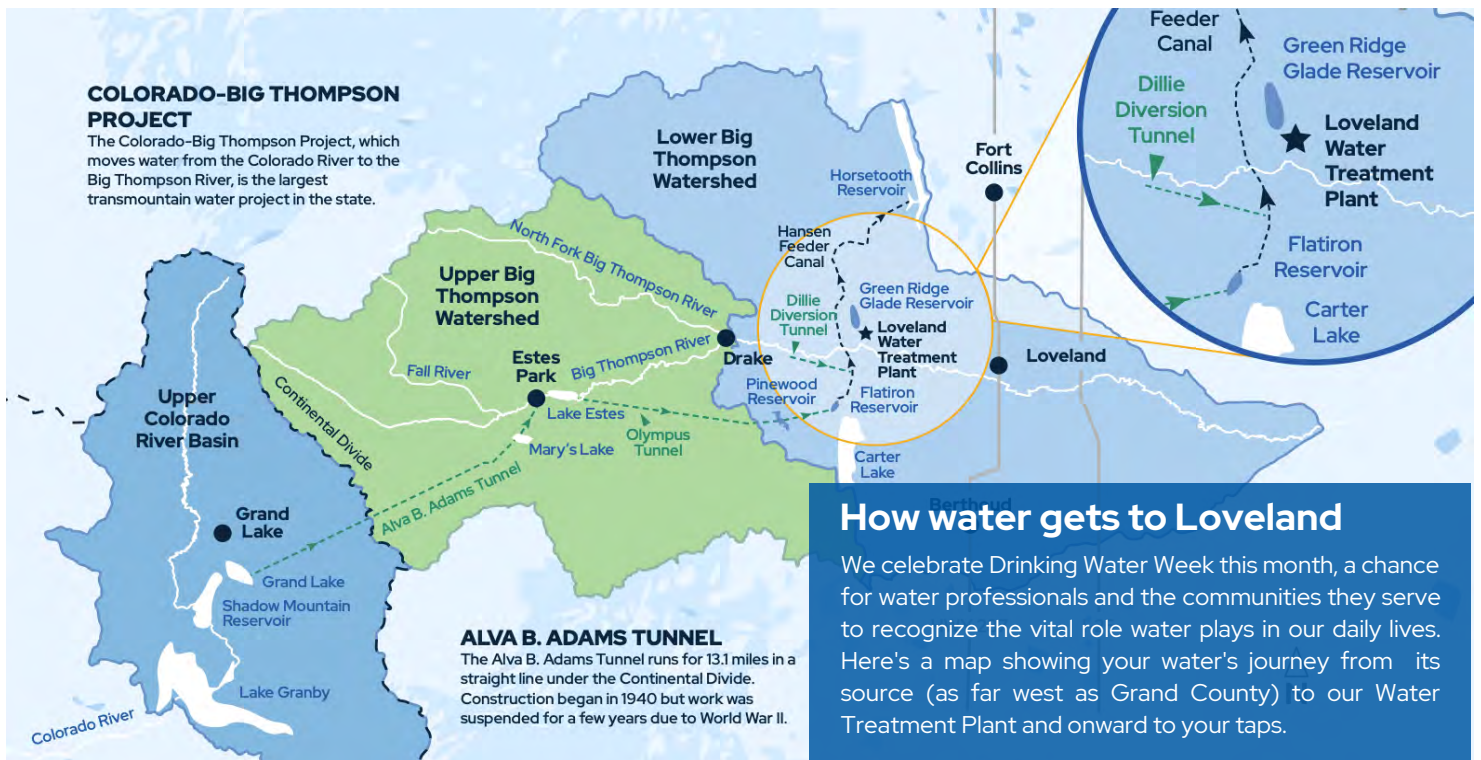
"As we celebrate Platte River's 50-year anniversary this year, we need to pause and celebrate a long history of operating, maintaining and delivering reliable, environmentally responsible and financially sustainable energy," Loveland Water and Power Director Kevin Gertig said. "Moving forward our focus – along with our three other Platte River owner communities – will be on the prerequisites for supplying completely renewable energy to our customers. This includes our implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) as well as long-term plans to continually update our water and power strategies and ensure stable rate projections."

### Make sure you're plugged into our money-saving programs

Lower your costs and improve your home's energy efficiency with residential programs that help you save energy, save water and save money! You can find all these programs on our website. Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit [lovewp.org/resident](http://lovewp.org/resident)







## Sprinkler backflow: What you need to know as you turn your sprinkler system back on for the season

Backflow is a plumbing term describing an unwanted flow of contaminated water going the wrong way in a pipe into clean water. Backflow can be caused by a change in water pressure inside a piping system, like when a pipe freezes or bursts.

Sprinkler systems are the most common cause of backflow in any home because they divert water from a home's main water line (containing clean, potable water) to use for irrigation. If a sprinkler pipe fractures, contaminated water from a lawn or garden can enter the pipes and flow back into your clean water supply (a huge safety issue) – *unless* you have a device called a backflow preventer installed on the water pipe supplying water to your sprinkler system.

As of 2016, Colorado state law required backflow preventers on all irrigation systems. While all commercial and multi-family residential properties are required to have their backflow prevention systems tested annually, single-family residential properties aren't required to – but are encouraged to test their backflow assemblies annually.



*A residential sprinkler system backflow prevention installation*

In response to this law, the City of Loveland requires permits for anyone installing a new sprinkler system or performing an expansion or modification to an existing sprinkler system, or performing anything more than a simple repair (repairing leaks or replacing sprinkler heads). These free permits ensure proper installation of backflow assemblies and proper sizing for flow and pressure demands.

We have a webpage highlighting everything you need to know, including a list of certified backflow prevention testers in Northern Colorado at [lovewp.org/sprinkler-backflow](http://lovewp.org/sprinkler-backflow).

## Want a free sprinkler system evaluation?

You're in luck: Our partner organization Resource Central is offering free sprinkler efficiency evaluations for residential properties as a part of their annual **Slow the Flow program**, helping Colorado residents reduce water use by optimizing their sprinkler system's efficiency. During your evaluation, skilled technicians will teach you about your system and give you a customized watering schedule. To sign up visit [lovewp.org/save-water](http://lovewp.org/save-water) or call Resource Central at 303-999-3824.

