

Loveland evaluates local oil and gas regulations

Following an oil and gas moratorium enacted by Loveland City Council in November 2023, the City of Loveland is embarking on a process to review and revise its oil and gas regulations. The City's updated standards will reflect new requirements outlined in Colorado Senate Bill 19-181 meant to enhance the protection of the public health, safety, welfare, and the environment for oil and gas development.

The regulation review process will occur now through September 2024. As staff work to update local oil and gas regulations, the Loveland community can anticipate public meetings and more information to become available in the coming months.

Learn more about City of Loveland oil and gas regulations, stay-up-to-date with information about proposed changes, and subscribe to related news and event information at lovgov.org/OilAndGas.

Learn more and share your input.

Hybrid Town Hall
March 27
6 – 7:30 p.m.
at the Rialto's Devereaux Room
228 E. 4th St.

Visit [LovGov.org/OilAndGas](https://lovgov.org/OilAndGas) for more information including how to access the virtual meeting option.



First in-person State of the City event planned for April 10

Mark your calendar Lovelanders! For the first time ever, the City of Loveland will host an in-person State of the City event at 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 10, at the historic Rialto Theater.

The State of the City event provides our community with an opportunity to gather in person to learn about and celebrate 2023 achievements, and to gain insights into the challenges and opportunities we face now and into the future.

The 2024 State of the City theme is “Go Forward – Together” with Mayor Jacki Marsh, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Mallo and Acting City Manager Rod Wensing sharing information about the work being done to address strategic priorities for Loveland's future including infrastructure, public safety, the budget and financial stability, community and economic vitality and the quality-of-life amenities that the City of Loveland provides as a full-service City.

“Loveland is navigating change on many levels and it's important that the City come together with the community we serve to celebrate our successes and acknowledge our current realities and opportunities so that we can go forward together to keep Loveland vibrant. We have produced a video to share the City's story since 2021, and shifting to an in-person event is one more way that the City is working to improve how we engage with residents and businesses about their City,” said City of Loveland Communication and Engagement Director Nicole Yost.

Loveland joins other Colorado communities including the City of Greeley and the City of Fort Collins, which also host annual in-person State of the City events.

Located at 228 E. 4th St., the Rialto has comfortable seating for over 400 attendees and provides a great opportunity for the community to learn more about the City of Loveland's future, so please join us as we “Go Forward – Together.”

Register is required to attend. Visit lovgov.org/StateOfTheCity.

Digital Navigators provide free tech training at the Loveland Public Library

With Digital Navigators, our community has a new resource for bridging the digital divide. The initiative helps empower individuals by offering essential digital skills training and personalized tech support.

Digital Navigators are patient and friendly experts who offer no-cost, one-on-one assistance with a wide variety of topics, such as smartphone, computer, and tablet basics, using social media, Microsoft Office, and Google apps, navigating the internet, accessing telehealth and other online services, and even obtaining a new device.

Recruited as part of a new Colorado Department of Labor and Employment Digital Access Plan grant program, the Digital Navigators are AmeriCorps service members. They will be available at several libraries throughout Larimer County, with the Loveland Public Library serving as the county headquarters. The Loveland Public Library has partnered with other organizations, including Pulse Fiber Internet, to help bring this program to the community.

Drop in to the computer lab at the Loveland Public Library at 300 N. Adams Ave. for support from the Digital Navigators, or you can book appointments at lovlib.org/DigNav or by phone at 970-962-3154.



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April is Fair Housing Month

Fair housing fosters inclusivity in both home ownership and renting by prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.



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From sun and shorts one day, to snow and mittens the next.

Keep in mind the following:

- ✓ Remove snow from sidewalks within 24 hours.
- ✓ Shovel snow from driveways and sidewalks onto your lawn.
- ✓ Check out our snow plan at lovgov.org/SnowPlan.



State, region, Loveland Water and Power begin transitioning to 100% renewable energy electric grid

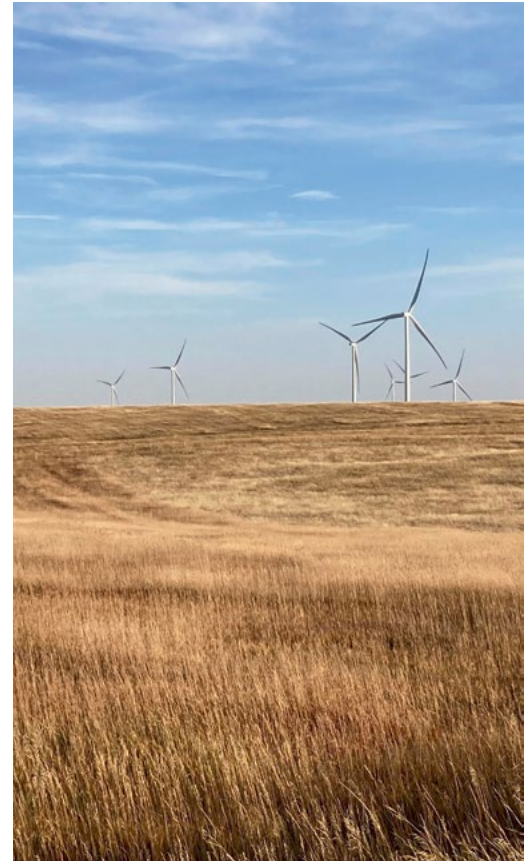
In 2019, Colorado state lawmakers passed several bills mandating a state-wide transition to renewable energy. The objectives of these bills include phasing out fossil fuels, modernizing electric grids and promoting efficiency solutions that reduce overall energy consumption and demand.

The state's renewable energy mandate – 100% clean power by 2040 – is impacting the state's electricity landscape, requiring regional and local utilities to make investments that will facilitate a clean energy future. At the forefront of this transition stands Platte River Power Authority (Platte River), our regional electricity provider, who in 2018 was directed by their board to work toward a 100% noncarbon energy mix by 2030, provided they can continue to provide reliable, sustainable and affordable energy. Working toward this goal directly impacts the energy future of customers served by Platte River's wholesale power including you as a Loveland Water and Power customer.

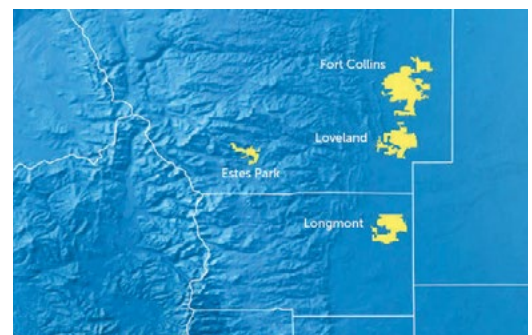
All four of Platte River's owner communities are actively preparing for the shift. Loveland Water and Power's preparation involves local investments that are a part of this statewide transition, including our citywide deployment of advanced meters. Here are key areas of focus in our region:

- **Infrastructure upgrades:** Advanced meters are rolling out in each owner community, enabling more advanced grid management and optimizing solar and wind power integration. Further grid modernization projects to accommodate fluctuating renewable energy sources are being explored.
- **Customer engagement:** Educational programs and initiatives informing residents about the transition, allowing them to make informed choices about their energy use or take advantage of rebates on home upgrades that lower electricity and water use. The plan also includes developing partnerships and processes that help homeowners and businesses shift carbon fuel consumption to the renewable and carbon-free electric grid.
- **Rate structures and affordability:** Continually evaluating potential adjustments to our rate structures to ensure the reliability of our power grid and affordability of our electric services for customers.

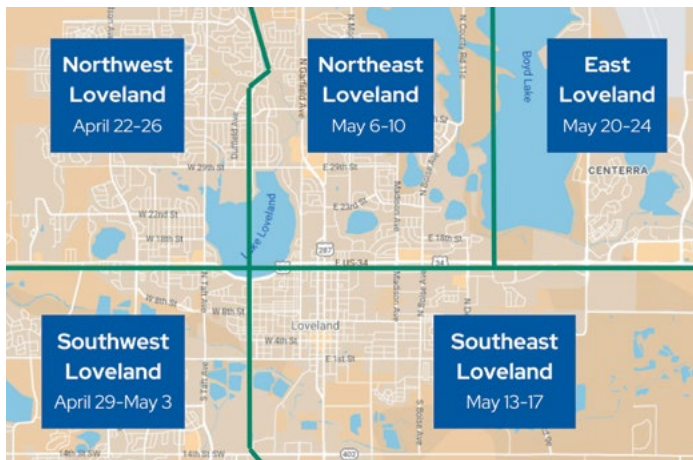
You can view the sidebar on the right of this page for Loveland Water and Power initiatives that relate to these critical areas of focus or learn more about our transition to renewable energy at lovewp.org/renewable-energy.



Wind turbines at Roundhouse Wind Farm near Granite, Wyoming, September 2023. Roundhouse is a key generator of renewable energy for our region.



Platte River provides wholesale electric generation and transmission to the municipal utilities of its four owner communities: Estes Park, Fort Collins, Longmont and Loveland.



Estimated dates of 2024 hydrant flushing.

Hydrant flushing begins in April

Hydrant flushing, also known as water main flushing, is an important annual maintenance process performed by water utilities.



Our annual hydrant flushing keeps the interior of pipes clean, maintains excellent water quality and ensures hydrants are operating properly.

This year's hydrant flushing begins in April (see estimated dates in the image above). Flushing can cause brief water discoloration from your taps. While we recommend not doing laundry if you notice discoloration due to the possible staining of clothes, our water still meets or exceeds all state and federal standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

In early April an interactive map will be available at lovewp.org/hydrant-flushing so you can see exactly when crews are nearby. If you have any questions, call us at **970-962-3720**.

Webinars to help you grow

We've partnered with Resource Central to provide free evening webinars to teach Lovelanders how to grow native, waterwise gardens. Wondering what grows well here? Want to learn how to build a pollinator garden or transition grass to xeriscaping? Waterwise experts will answer those questions and more. Sign up for webinars now through August at resourcecentral.org/seminars.

Treat your pipes right with these tips



Fix your leaks

Fix-A-Leak Week is held in March and reminds us that as many as 10 percent of homes can have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Take some time to check your toilets, faucets and showerheads. You can find leak-finding checklists and helpful videos at epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week. Our service center (200 North Wilson Avenue) also has dye tabs available to help find toilet leaks. Email efficiency@cityofloveland.org to receive a list of these helpful resources.



Flushable or not?

Keep wipes out of the pipes! Even though wipes may say "flushable" on their packaging, no wipes are truly flushable. They won't break down in water like toilet paper, so they can have big consequences at home or in our water mains when they cause major clogs and expensive repair bills. The only thing you should be flushing besides human waste is toilet paper. Everything else should go in a trash can.



Fight FOG clogs

Don't let fats, oils and grease (FOG) ruin your pipes. Garbage disposals can't keep FOG from solidifying in your pipes, causing clogs and flooding.

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