

## Fireworks: Keeping the Fourth of July safe

This Fourth of July, don't fool with fireworks. In Colorado, it is state law that if a firework explodes or leaves the ground, and it's not a professional display with a permit, it's illegal.

The City of Loveland has a no tolerance policy regarding illegal fireworks and the Loveland Police Department will respond to reports of illegal fireworks usage depending upon prioritization of incidents and reports, and they will issue citations.

Illegal use citations require a mandatory court appearance and could result in penalties that may include substantial fines and possible jail time. Last year, an adult offense was punishable by up to 364 days in jail, as well as a minimum \$1,000 fine and up to a \$2,650 fine. Juvenile offenses incurred the same fines but without jail time.

Firework stands in Loveland are licensed by Loveland Fire Rescue Authority and are required to sell only legal, consumer fireworks.

Starting Monday, July 1, there will be two ways residents can report the use of illegal fireworks: through the fireworks hotline at **970-962-2110** or by submitting an online reporting form at [lovgov.org/fireworks](https://lovgov.org/fireworks).

### Mark your calendar!

Learn more about this year's City of Loveland July 4th Festival at North Lake Park by visiting [lovgov.org/July4th](https://lovgov.org/July4th).



*The 4th of July Festival is always a big hit with residents and visitors.*

## Your guide to summer fun in Loveland

Summer fun abounds! Don't miss these great programs and events offered by the City of Loveland.

Check out the Movies in the Park series. Movies start at dusk, generally 8:45 p.m., and are weather-dependent. Check the website for pre-movie activities and schedule updates. The line-up includes:

- "Migration" (PG) at Cattail Creek Golf Course, 2116 W. 29th S., Friday, June 14
- "Super Mario Bros: The Movie" (PG) at North Lake Park, Hammond Amphitheater near Loveland High School, Friday, July 12
- "Surf's Up" (PG) dive-in movie at Winona Pool, 1615 E. 4th St. SE, Saturday, July 20, requires paid admission
- "Happy Feet" (PG) at the Foundry Plaza, 3rd Street between Lincoln & Cleveland avenues, Friday, July 26
- "Barbie" (PG-13) at North Lake Park, Hammond Amphitheater near Loveland High School, Friday, Aug. 30

The Loveland Farmer's Market at Fairground Park, 700 S. Railroad Ave., is one of the top markets in Colorado. The market is Sundays, June 2 to Sept. 29, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Enjoy the free Loveland Summer Concert series at the Foote Lagoon Amphitheater, 500 E. 3rd St., which features:

- Titonic, a funk band, Thursday, July 11, 7 p.m.
- Last Call Romance, a retro rock 'n' roll band, Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m.

The City of Loveland provides programming for all ages. Check out the Rialto Theater's summer programs, or visit the Chilson Recreation Center, Winona Pool, or one of Loveland's three golf courses: Cattail Creek, Mariana Butte, and the Olde Course. There are also parks, trails and City-operated splash pads, as well as our Art in Public places program, the Loveland Museum, and the Loveland Public Library.

For more information about all City of Loveland facilities and programs, visit [lovgov.org](https://lovgov.org). To access information specific to major City events, visit [lovgov.org/SummerEvents](https://lovgov.org/SummerEvents).

The City of Loveland's tourism division Visit Loveland also features events to enjoy across Loveland. Learn more at [visitloveland.com/events](https://visitloveland.com/events).

## Pulse Fiber prides itself on volunteerism

As a local, community-owned utility, Pulse exists to serve. In addition to its day-to-day work of providing a critical resource to the community, Pulse creates opportunities for staff to volunteer with nonprofits, schools, blood drives, and even within their own neighborhoods. Making Northern Colorado a better place to live, work, study and play is at the core of everything Pulse does.

One of our community impact programs is our “Connections that Matter” companywide volunteer events. On a quarterly basis Pulse gathers staff members to volunteer with local organizations. Pulse has packed backpacks with KidsPak. Cleaned up playgrounds through United Way of Larimer County. Participated in a “Stuff the Truck” with Larimer County Food Bank, and more.

Pulse has put boots on the ground to make a mark on the community and help make connections that count. “As someone who used to work for a nonprofit, seeing that Pulse is committed to helping the community means a lot to me. From food assistance to housing and healthcare, the community has a lot of needs, and working for an

organization that is committed to helping combat some of those inequalities was a must for me.” – Brandon W., Pulse Employee

In addition to providing opportunities for companywide volunteer events, Pulse also has a program called “Dollars for Doers.” It is aimed at giving back to the community even more. In this program employees can volunteer at their favorite nonprofits and earn donations from Pulse, for the nonprofit.

Pulse is dedicated to giving back through volunteer programs that connect staff with the community, with the goal of engaging their neighbors and increasing the quality of life for all.

Visit [PulseFiber.org/News](https://PulseFiber.org/News) for more information.



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### MORE WAYS TO TUNE IN

Tune into City programs and live meeting coverage.

To watch Loveland TV visit [Lovgov.org/TV](https://Lovgov.org/TV), as well as Pulse Ch. 16 and Comcast Ch. 16 and 880. You can also now search Loveland TV on Apple TV and Roku.



## Loveland Police Department Victim Services Volunteers Needed



Larimer County residents interested in volunteering for the Loveland Police Department’s Victim Services Unit are invited to attend an Open House on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 5 p.m. in the Police Institute, 810 E. 10th St. Light refreshments provided.

For details about LPD Victim Services, visit [lovgov.org/VictimServices](https://lovgov.org/VictimServices).



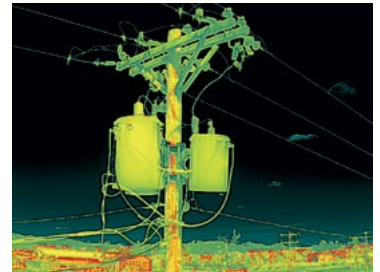
## Current utility news

### New program taking off soon to improve operations and maintenance

Loveland Water and Power (LWP) often relies on the expertise of our licensed drone pilots to inspect power poles, monitor bodies of water and inspect construction sites. The Matrice 30T drone, operated by skilled professional drone pilots, identifies issues faster and covers more ground than human labor. This efficient operation not only saves resources for the utility, but also provides a low-cost, safer data collection method, demonstrating our commitment to efficient and cost-effective resource management.



Pilots Bruce Kelly and Kevin McDonald can capture more detailed data than a human inspecting infrastructure because the drone spots infrastructure from an ideal vantage point. The Matrice 30T carries a wide-angle and zoom camera and an infrared camera. Thermal imaging is a cost-effective way to inspect and maintain power poles, as the sensors detect temperature variations that can identify issues with poles and their electrical equipment. The drone even allows LWP pilots to inspect shore erosion and monitor algae growth at Green Ridge Glade Reservoir.

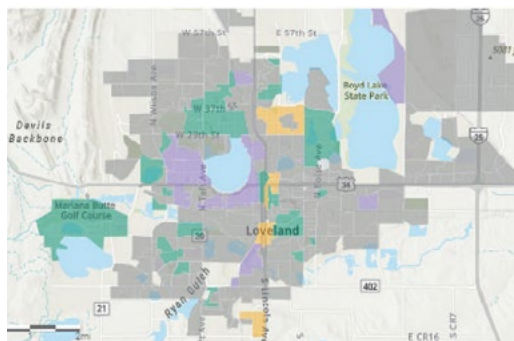


At LWP, we understand that the sight of drones may raise concerns about privacy and security. We want to assure our customers that we value their privacy. Our drone operations are strictly regulated and adhere to the highest privacy protection standards. Our drone is an effective tool to prevent service interruptions, reduce maintenance costs and improve customer reliability. For more program information, visit [lovewp.org/drone-operations](https://lovewp.org/drone-operations).

### Congratulations to our Electric Division!

The American Public Power Association recognized the LWP Electric Division twice this spring. The division received the 2023 Diamond Safety Award and was also named a Diamond-level Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3), the highest recognition in the category.

### AMI deployment update



The citywide deployment of Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) began four months ago. Since February, 9,000 meters have been exchanged, with just over 24,000 meters to go. As the team inspects meters for exchanges, they flag homes with stressed or damaged wires leading to the meters. Our electric crews are repairing those wires, saving customers out-of-pocket costs. We recognize our crews' and contractors' willingness to go the extra mile for our customers.

Customers should check the interactive map at [lovewp.org/ami](https://lovewp.org/ami) to follow the project's progress and see when the AMI changeouts will occur in their neighborhood.

Customers with an email on file will receive an email 2-3 weeks before our installers arrive. If your contact information has changed, please update it by calling Utility Billing at 970-962-2111.

Main switchboard  
**970-962-3000**

Utility Billing  
**970-962-2111**

Website  
**[LovelandWaterAndPower.org](https://LovelandWaterAndPower.org)**

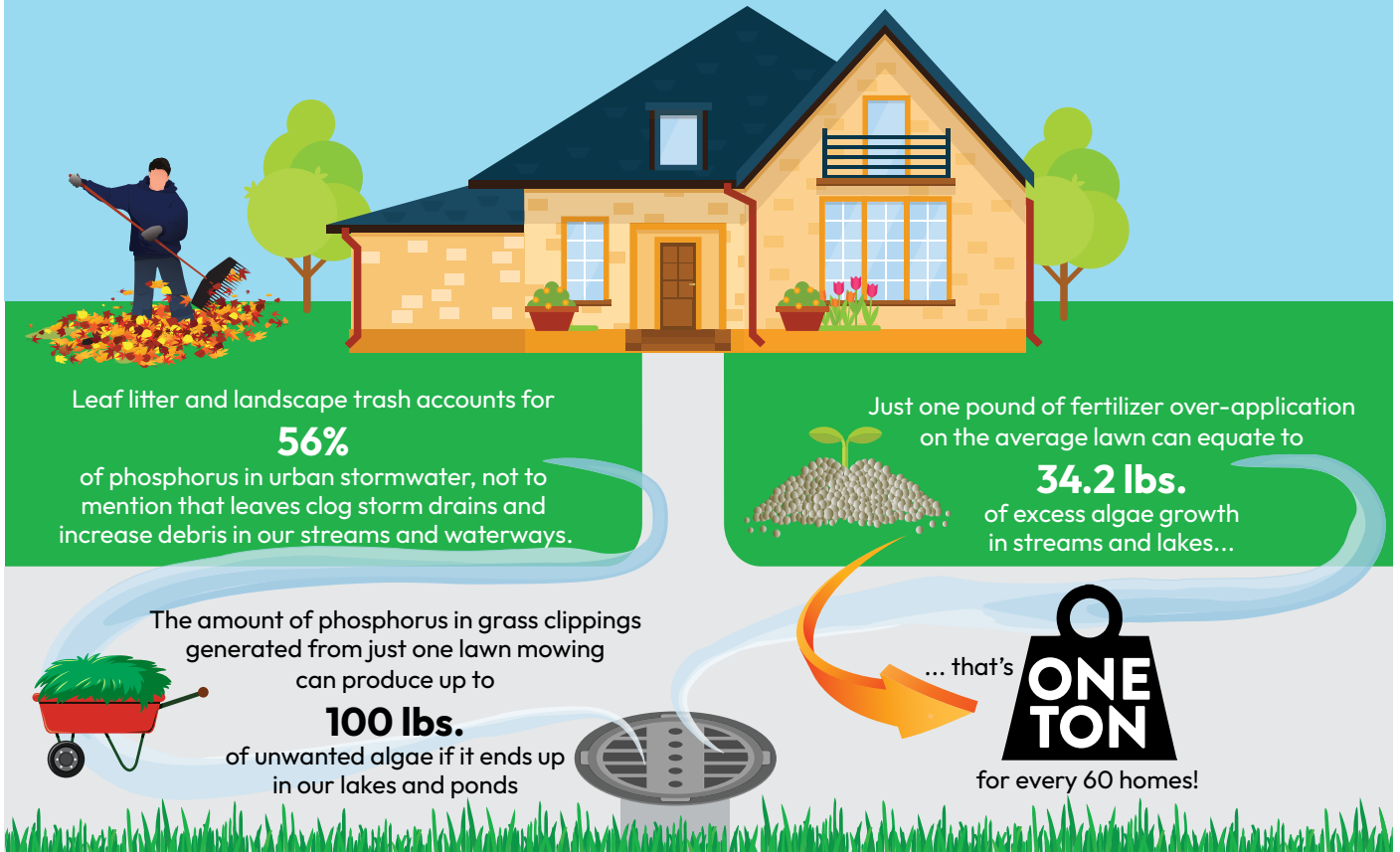
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# GREEN LAWNS DON'T HAVE TO EQUAL GREEN LAKES

Sure, we all want a great lawn. Doing it the right way ensures we protect our waterways, too. Excess nutrients, specifically nitrogen and phosphorus, pollute stormwater run-off from urban areas, contributing to the greatest cause of lake deterioration in the U.S.



## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### Dispose Properly



- Compost or bag your leaves and grass clippings
- Don't blow grass clippings into the street
- Hand pull weeds when possible
- Sweep up any spills or overspray of fertilizers on sidewalks or streets

### Fertilize Effectively



- Fertilizing in the early fall promotes healthy root systems - leading to strong, more resilient lawns and plants
- Watch the weather and make sure to apply when storms will be approaching



### Turn It Down



- Adjust sprinkler systems based on weather, repair leaks, and reduce runoff
- Don't powerwash debris into the street
- Adjust fertilizer spreaders to apply the correct amount over areas. Fertilizer bags typically provide this information or ask you local garden center

### Dispose Properly

- Perform soil testing to determine the right amount of fertilizer to apply
- Consider using slow-release fertilizers with water-insoluble or slowly-soluble nutrients
- Planting species that are native to the region can decrease the amount of turf, water and fertilizer needed