

# info & updates

June utility bill insert

## Tell us how we can become “smarter”

The City of Winter Park and its consultant, Magellan, will host an open-house community meeting **Thursday, June 15, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.**, at the Winter Park Country Club located at 761 Old England Ave. Attendees will learn about the new ways the city can become “smarter” through the use of new technologies and data analysis. In addition, the city is considering improving high-speed internet access and connectivity to support the installation of these smart-city initiatives.

Ideas include the installation of fiber to homes/businesses, addition of new electronic devices such as digital signage, strategic placement of sensors and cameras, or implementation of digital infrastructure improvements such as incident/outage management technology or 2-way citizen communications.

Beginning Thursday, June 1, you can learn more about the city’s smart city efforts and share your input by accessing [cityofwinterpark.org/smart-city](http://cityofwinterpark.org/smart-city). The online feedback form will be accessible until Thursday, June 22.

## Reminder: fertilize responsibly

Fertilizers must be used properly and carefully to avoid pollution of our waterways and groundwater – everything is connected. As a reminder, the fertilizer blackout period is June 1 through September 30 of each year. During this period, no fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus may be applied.

## helpful tips to keep your yard beautiful & our lakes clean

- Always follow the label directions when using any pesticide.
- Do not deposit fertilizer or grass clippings on streets, driveways or in storm drains.
- When using a broadcast spreader, it must have spray/deflector shields to keep fertilizers off of paved surfaces.
- Clean up any spills immediately.
- Always dispose of unwanted pesticides at an approved household hazardous waste facility.
- Keep fertilizer at least 25 feet from natural bodies of water.
- Limit each application to 1 pound total nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.
- Check weather forecasts before applying any outdoor pesticides, and refrain from using them if windy conditions exist, or if rain is expected within 24 to 48 hours.
- Choose phosphorus-free fertilizer. Florida soils hold phosphorus very well, and rarely need any to be added.

For more information about the proper use of fertilizer, access [cityofwinterpark.org/lakes](http://cityofwinterpark.org/lakes) under Fertilize Wisely. see also [City Ordinance 3180-20](#).

**please note City Hall CLOSED monday June 19** in observance of **Juneteenth**

**for updates on upcoming things to enjoy, please access**  
[cityofwinterpark.org/events](http://cityofwinterpark.org/events)

## Rebates & incentives for electric utility customers

The Natural Resources & Sustainability Department Lakes Division manages and maintains all city lakes and waterways. To receive email notifications about what's happening on your lake and other important news about city waterways, be sure to sign up for lakes notifications by accessing [cityofwinterpark.org/lakes](http://cityofwinterpark.org/lakes).

### home energy audit

FREE home energy audit used to help customers identify energy conservation measures for their home.

### residential duct repair rebate\*

Making sure the air duct system in a home is properly sealed is an inexpensive first step to making it more energy efficient. This program covers 50% of the repair cost, up to \$300.\*\*

### residential attic insulation upgrade rebate\*

Over time, attic insulation settles which reduces its insulating barrier and ability to keep hot air out of a cool house. Having insulation added to under-insulated areas in the attic is one of the easiest ways to help lower an energy bill. The city will pay 50% of the cost, up to \$200, to help upgrade customers' attic insulation.\*\*

*\*Please note that to be eligible to receive this rebate, a free Home Energy Use Audit must first be completed.*

*\*\*Rebates will be issued in the form of a City of Winter Park electric utility bill credit. A check will not be issued to individuals.*

### simple steps to save energy

- Replace conventional light bulbs with LEDs. These are highly energy-efficient and use 75% less energy than regular bulbs.
- Use natural lighting and turn off lights and fans in unoccupied rooms.
- Use warm water instead of hot. Using cold water will help you save even more.
- Increase your thermostat by just one degree when cooling. This can reduce energy usage by up to 5%. Turning it back 10-15°F for eight hours per day can save you five to 15% a year on your electric bill.
- Unplug chargers and devices that turn on instantly via remote control or have a standby light or clock. These consume energy even when they are not in use. All together, these appliances can account for as much 20% of your monthly bill.

To learn more about the city's energy conservation rebates and incentive programs, please access [cityofwinterpark.org/energyconservation](http://cityofwinterpark.org/energyconservation).

## please note Hurricane Season **NOW OPEN** | JUN 01 thru NOV 30

access preparedness info @ [cityofwinterpark.org/hurricanes](http://cityofwinterpark.org/hurricanes)

Below are all the ways accessible on your electronic devices that the city communicates storm preparation, management and recovery. While the weather is currently calm, please make sure to prepare as well as like, follow or subscribe to one or more of these tools to stay informed.

### website & social

- [cityofwinterpark.org/citEnews](http://cityofwinterpark.org/citEnews) | subscribe & receive hurricane info via email
- <http://cityofwinterpark.org/outreach> | city's emergency alert system [sign up to receive a phone call, text or email]
- [facebook.com/WinterParkEmergencyInfo](https://facebook.com/WinterParkEmergencyInfo) [@WinterParkEmergencyInfo]

- [twitter.com/WinterParkFla](https://twitter.com/WinterParkFla) [@WinterParkFla]
- [nextdoor.com](https://nextdoor.com) | sign up with your address for neighborhood-specific info

### **hurricane preparedness guide**

- [cityofwinterpark.org/hurricanes](https://cityofwinterpark.org/hurricanes)
- Hard copies available @ City Hall, Community Center, Public Safety Facility & Winter Park Library

### **emergency operations center** [once activated]

- Non-emergency Info Line | [407-599-3494](tel:407-599-3494)
- Message Center Info Email | [MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org)

### **report outages**

- Electric Utility @ [1-877-811-8700](tel:1-877-811-8700)
- Water & Wastewater Utilities @ [407-599-3219](tel:407-599-3219)