

DPU Scoop



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What is Time of Use & Residential Demand?

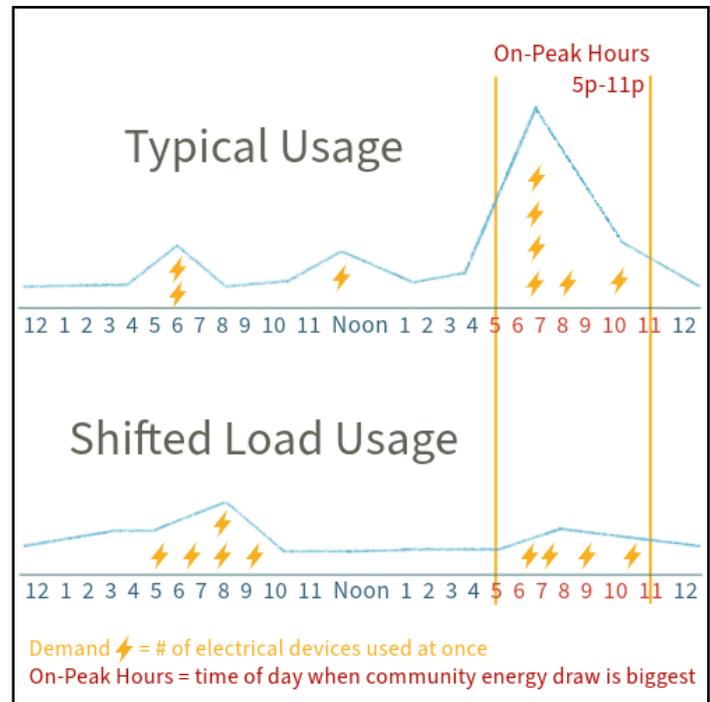
CONSERVATION

Time-of-Use (TOU) rates help utility providers to better align the costs that electricity consumers see with the actual cost of producing that electricity. The cost of electricity changes throughout the day, with higher costs at times when demand for electricity is greater.

When it comes to electric usage, demand is the amount of electricity being required of the grid at one time. It can be applied to all users at once, or one user at a time. The demand rate is applied to the single highest amount of electricity a customer uses (or demands) during a single hour in the billing period.

Once TOU/Demand is in place, customers who want to spend less on electricity have the power to shift some of their electric use outside of peak hours. They don't need to shift ALL use outside of peak hours to achieve savings. Tips for shifting loads will be in a future issue of DPU Scoop.

DPU is proposing a Time-of-Use/Demand rate structure, which will include a Residential Demand charge, for electricity billings beginning no sooner than July 1, 2026.



Find more information about TOU and Residential Demand at ladpu.com/TOU



Be Bear Aware...

Spring is here, and the black bears of the Pajarito Plateau are waking up from their long winter naps. Bears eat almost anything available (i.e. insects, nuts and berries, plant matter, fish, birds, small mammals and carrion), but rarely kill larger prey. Bears who have found available human sources, such as trash cans, gardens, and fruit trees, are more likely to seek them again. Follow these tips and tricks to minimize encounters as bears begin to look for food.

Never intentionally feed bears to attract them for viewing.

Don't leave pet food or food dishes outdoors overnight.

Never leave fruit from trees and bushes to rot on the ground as it is a powerful attractant to bears.

Bring in bird feeders at night. These are high-calorie treats, and bears may stay and look for other food sources nearby.

Never put meat or sweet-smelling food scraps in your **compost pile**.

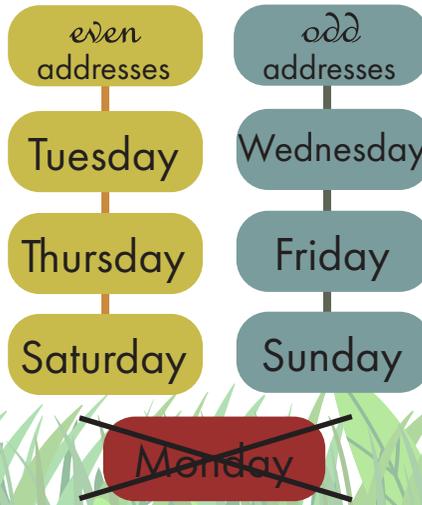
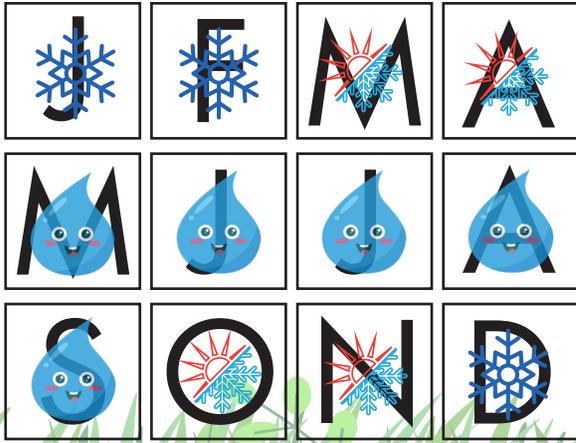
Clean and store outdoor grills after use. Bears can smell sweet barbecue sauce and grease for miles.

Store garbage properly at all times. Only put roll carts out the morning of your trash pick up, and use bear-proof containers when available.

To learn more about the **black bear** and living with other wildlife, visit the County website at www.lacnm.com/wildlife.

When should I water outdoors?

right month, right place, right time



DPU's Water Conservation Rule W-8 is in effect from May 1 - September 30
complete info can be found in DPU's Rules and Regulations at ladpu.com/Rules-Regs

Attention Commercial Customers: C-PACE is Here!

The Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) is an alternative source of financing for efficiency improvements to commercial properties. Improvements include building and site modifications for energy efficiency, water efficiency, renewable energy incorporation and resiliency improvements. Eligible properties include any privately-owned commercial, agricultural, industrial, or multi-family real property of five or more dwellings located within Los Alamos County.

C-PACE was passed via County Ordinance on February 25 and is active as of April 5. More information and resources can be found at ladpu.com/CPACE.



Graywater & Rainwater Harvesting Virtual Talk

May 6, 2025, at 6 p.m. on Zoom

Discover how to make every drop count! This engaging talk will explore how to harvest and use graywater from sinks, showers, and laundry machines, along with rainwater collected from roofs and gutters—perfect alternatives for keeping landscapes and gardens thriving. From easy DIY setups to advanced commercial systems, we'll dive into practical solutions that work within New Mexico's regulations. With a potentially dry summer ahead, now is the time to rethink water use and tap into these sustainable resources!

Register at ladpu.com/PEECtalk for the Zoom link. Have a question for the presenter? Submit questions at ladpu.com/GraywaterInterest.

We are looking for our next Board of Public Utilities member!

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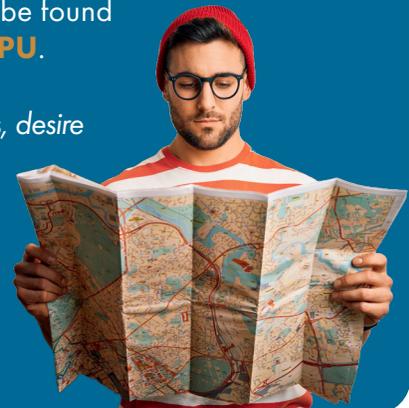
- Governed by locals—citizens make up the Board of Public Utilities (BPU)
- High-performing & community-centric
- Communicative, organized and transparent
- Looking for our next BPU member. **Could it be you?**

There is currently one vacancy for the term July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH 11:59 PM ON MAY 1, 2025

Duties, details, application requirements & vacancy brochure can be found online at ladpu.com/BPU.

If you meet the requirements, desire to serve the community, have knowledge and experience that could benefit the BPU, and are registered to vote, then you are encouraged to apply!



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