



# Wallingford Electric Division Newsletter

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## Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) is a factor that usually appears on the monthly bill of every WED customer. The PCA is used when the Division's forecasted total cost for wholesale power (which is made up of energy purchases, Network Transmission Charges, Capacity (Generator) charges, and administrative charges from the Independent System Operator of New England, and the WED's own power supply administrative costs) is different from the wholesale power cost included within retail rates. Since the actual cost of wholesale power almost never exactly matches the cost that is included in the rates, the PCA is used to address this difference, either as a charge (when the forecasted cost is less than the actual cost) or as a credit (when the forecasted cost is more than the actual cost).

The PCA is reviewed twice a year; at the beginning of July and January, and is adjusted based on any over or under charge that occurred in the previous six months AND the expected cost of wholesale power over the next six months.

Since July 1 2017, the WED's PCA should have been a charge; a positive factor that would have increased the cost of energy for all customers. But over that period

of time (which will include through June 30 of this year) the Public Utilities Commission has voted to use WED cash reserves above minimum levels to cause the PCA to be set at, or very near, \$0.00. (Because the PCA was set at exactly \$0.00 for Wallingford customers, the PCA has not appeared on their bills since July 1, 2017. North Branford customers still saw a small PCA, which is used to collect property taxes assessed on WED facilities in North Branford.) Over this two year period we estimate that this action caused nearly \$8-million dollars of wholesale power costs to NOT be collected through customer bills but instead were paid for by the above-described use of cash reserves.

It is not yet clear if this practice can or will continue after June 30; the proposed WED budget for the next fiscal year includes a positive PCA. But be assured that if there is a financially sound way for the WED to continue to shield its customers from the vagaries of wholesale power costs, we will do so.

Rick Hendershot  
Director of Public Utilities



## Wallingford Electric Division

100 John Street, Wallingford, CT 06492  
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM to 5PM  
(203) 294-2020

**To report a streetlight problem**  
(203) 294-2273

**Outage-related calls**  
(203) 265-5055

**Energy Conservation Programs**  
(203) 294-2280

**Public Utility Commission**  
(203) 284-4016

### Commissioners

Robert Beaumont, Patrick Birney, Joel Rinebold

### Director of Public Utilities

Richard Hendershot

### Payment Locations

Tax Office Room 209, Wallingford Town Hall,  
45 South Main Street

### Drop Box

Wallingford Town Hall  
Adjacent to Prince Street entrance

## Spring into Safety with National Electrical Safety Month



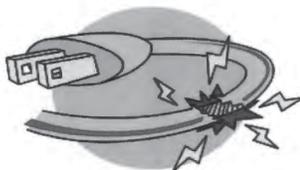
Every day, we rely on electricity to power our homes and offices. However, it is important to always be safe around electric appliances, equipment, and power lines. **May is National Electrical Safety Month**, and it's a great time to raise awareness on how to avoid potential electrical hazards.

By taking simple precautions, everyone can avoid electrically related fires, fatalities, injuries, and property loss.

Here are some safety tips:

### Indoors

- Check electric cords for fraying or cracking. Replace cords that may be damaged, and don't overload electric outlets.
- Remember extension cords are intended to be temporary; they are not intended as permanent household wiring.



- Don't run cords under carpets or rugs and don't tack or nail cords to walls or floors.
- Keep electric appliances and tools away from water. Never reach for or unplug an appliance that has fallen into water; instead, turn the power off at the breaker before you unplug the appliance or remove it from the water.
- Never put anything other than an electrical plug in an outlet. Use outlet covers or caps to protect children.
- Keep your home's electrical system in good repair. Contact a licensed electrical contractor if you have flickering lights, sparks, non-functioning outlets, or need wiring repairs or upgrades.





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## CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION



To Pay by Credit/Debit Card  
Visit [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com)  
or call 1-800-272-9829  
(Use Jurisdiction Code 1741)

Effective May 1, 2019,  
Official Payments, the service provider,  
charges a **\$6.95** fee for this service

### WE ACCEPT



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Electric, Water and Sewer Utility  
Payments

Call 1-800-272-9829

or

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At the prompt, enter jurisdiction code  
**1741**

After authorization of your payment, you will be given a confirmation number that you should keep for your records.

There is a fee of **\$6.95** charged to your credit/debit card by Official Payments Corp. (OPC) for this service. Transactions are limited to \$500.

When paying a bill in excess of **\$500**, additional transactions will be needed and **an additional \$6.95** will be charged by OPC for each transaction needed.

Town of Wallingford  
Department of Public Utilities

## Daily Calendar Bizarre, Special and Unique Holidays - May, 2019

### Weekly Celebrations:

- Nurse's Week** — first full week of month
- Wildflower Week** — second week of month
- National Bike Week** — third week of month
- National Police Week** — third week of month
- Emergency Medical Services Week** — fourth week of month



### Daily Celebrations:

- May 3** — Lumpy Rug Day
- May 7** — National Teacher's Day
- May 9** — Lost Sock Memorial Day
- May 12** — Mother's Day
- May 14** — Dance Like A Chicken Day
- May 15** — Police Officer's Memorial Day
- May 20** — Pick Strawberries Day
- May 28** — National Hamburger Day



## The Wallingford Symphony Orchestra

### The Planets

Choate Rosemary Hall Chorus  
Aly Kegal, Director

The Winner of the Mitchell Family  
String Concerto Competition  
Sun., April 7, 2019 | 2:00pm in PMAC

## UPDATED SCHEDULE PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES!

### Free Summer Pops Concerts

July 6, 2019 | 7:00pm | Madison Town Green  
July 7, 2019 | 7:00pm | Choate Chapel Lawn

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