



Lodgepole Update

January 2024

From the Board

Sewer and water rate increases effective January 1, 2024:

Sewer for residential and commercial:

- 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024: \$33.50/month + \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.
- 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025: \$36.50/month + \$2.35 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.
- 1/1/2026 and beyond: \$40.00/month + \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.

Water for residential and commercial:

- Beginning 1/1/2024: \$34.00/month + \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.

At the December Board meeting, the Board voted to enter into a Professional agreement with Nebraska Public Power District. Over the next 6–12 months the management of Lodgepole’s electrical infrastructure and billing will transition to NPPD. At the end of the transition period, the Village utility bill will be for water, sewer, and sanitation. Customers will receive a separate electric bill from NPPD.

The next Board meeting is January 2, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the PAC, 630 Orchard Street, Lodgepole, and is open to the public. Finalized agendas will be available online and at the PAC.

Renewing Your Licenses:

What You Need to Know

To maintain a valid license, all licenses must be renewed on a yearly basis. Here are the fees for a Dog and UTV/ATV license, and what's required to renew each one:

- **Dog licenses:** \$2 and must include a current rabies certificate.
- **UTV/ATV licenses:** \$25 each and must include proof of insurance and a copy of your driver's license.

Check Your Utility Bill Online

To view or pay your utility bill online, visit <https://lodgepolene.frontdeskworks.com/> and set up a Front Desk account.

Lodgepole Info Online

Visit the Village’s website at <https://lodgepolene.com/> for links to Board meeting agendas and minutes, various forms, and utility information.

LOST & FOUND

**Two keys were found in the gym.
Stop by or email the Village office
to claim them.**

New Library Books

- A Pilgrimage to Eternity
- How to Eat Away Arthritis
- Bittersweet: How Sorrow and Longing Make Us Whole
- Wellness: A Novel
- The Worst Hard Time
- The Immortal Irishman
- Lolita

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Lodgepole Community Fund

Explore a gift that keeps on giving—the **Lodgepole Community Fund's Unrestricted Endowment!** This everlasting fund ensures ongoing support; as it grows, the earnings benefit Lodgepole. The 2024 payout, at least \$1,100, will enhance local projects and programs. Instead of a usual gift for someone with everything, consider donating in their name to the Lodgepole Community Fund—a lasting gift. Give now at <https://www.nebcommfound.org/give/lodgepole-community-fund>

When & How to Find the Clerks

The office door is open Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Typically, Tanya is in Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and Linda is in Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Want to connect with us at a different time? Send us an email at lpclerk@daltontel.net or leave a voice message. We enjoy meeting with you!

In case of any urgent electric or water emergencies, the **emergency number** for the Village is (970) 458-5305.

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*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!*
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