



# AROUND THE ROCK

2025  
FISCAL YEAR

# APPROVED BUDGET



The 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget was approved at the June 11th Council Meeting. There are some water, sewer and recycling rate changes to mention (noted in **red**). The new rates take effect **July 1st**, you will notice these changes on your next utilities bill.

### Water Fees – Bimonthly

Minimum Billing Fee (up to 3,000 Gallons) \$56.20 **\$59.00** (a \$2.80 difference)  
For Consumption Over 3,000 Gallons: \$56.20 + \$7.50/1,000 gal over **\$59.00 + \$7.88**  
**per 1,000 gallons** (the average is a \$.38 per 1,000 gallon difference)

\*Reconnection Fee (voluntary) \$50.00 if less than 30 days; \$300.00 if 30 days or longer  
\*Meter Testing Fee: \$25.00 **\$225 per hour** (was \$25 per testing with the old meters)

### Sewer Fees – Bimonthly

Minimum Billing Fee (up to 3,000 Gallons) \$56.20 **\$59.00** (\$2.80 difference)  
For Consumption Over 3,000 Gallons: \$56.20 + \$7.50/1,000 gal over **\$59.00 + \$7.88**  
**per 1,000 gallons** (the average is a \$.38 per 1,000 gallon difference)

For just water and sewer only, the previous minimum payment would have been \$112.40 and the new minimum will now be \$118.00 - a \$5.60 increase every two months.

### Solid Waste/Recycling - Bimonthly

Residential Curbside Recycling Fee: \$9.00 **\$10.00** (applies only to residences that receive normal residential solid waste collection)

\*Additional Brush Pick Up \$100.00 **\$150.00** per load

All Commercial Businesses with Recycling\*\*

Commercial Curbside Recycling Fee: \$11.00 **\$12.00**

\*\* (except Shoppes on the Parkway/Restaurants who will contract directly with Republic for glass and cardboard recycling disposal)

To see the Town Budget in its entirety, visit our website at [townofblowingrocknc.gov](http://townofblowingrocknc.gov). You can also see the Budget Workshop and the Town Council meetings which discussed all of the budgetary changes on our YouTube Channel (visit [@blowingrocknc.gov](https://www.youtube.com) to easily find our channel).

### Important Numbers

Town Hall..... 828-295-5200  
Planning & Inspections .. 828-295-5240  
Parks & Recreation ..... 828-295-5222

### Non-Emergency

Police Administration ... 828-295-5212  
Fire Administration ..... 828-548-2800

### After Hours (Water & Sewer)

Emergency ..... 828-295-5210  
Emergency Police & Fire ..... 911

### Upcoming Meetings

**(All Meetings Are in Town Hall)**

#### Town Council

(Second Tuesday of the month)  
July 9th at 6:00pm

#### Appearance Board (formerly BRAAC)

(Third Thursday of the month)  
July 18th at 9:00am

#### Planning Board

(Third Thursday of the month)  
July 18th at 5:30pm

#### Town Council

(Second Tuesday of the month)  
August 13th at 6:00pm

### Upcoming Events

**Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show**  
Hunter Jumper 1-July 23rd -July 27th

**Monday Night Concert at Broyhill**  
Every Monday night in July

**4th of July Festival & Parade**  
July 6th - Parade at 10:00am

#### Highland Games

July 11-14th

#### Art in the Park

July 13th

#### Concert in the Park

July 14th

#### Symphony by the Lake

July 19th

#### Tour of Homes

July 26th

## Fats, Oils and Grease

Avoid disposing of these items down your sink:

**Meat Fats** **Food Scraps** **Butter**  
**Baking Goods** **Lard Sauces**  
**Dairy Products** **Cooking Oil**

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from kitchen items, grills, and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash.
- Do not put grease down garbage disposals.
- Put strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps, and empty the drain strainers for disposal.
- Speak with your friends and neighbors about grease in the sewer system and how to prevent clogs.

## Main Street Water Sewer Line Project

There is never a good time to have our roads under construction and we want to thank everyone for their cooperation during the Water Sewer Line Improvement. Improving our water and sewer lines are vital to our Town's function and thankfully, we are approaching the finish line! Work will still continue only Monday through Thursday with roads being cleared every weekend.

Also note that no road is fully closed, roads are accessible, there is single lane traffic only in the areas being directly worked on.

BLOWING ROCK PARKS AND RECREATION

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# FOURTH OF JULY

*Parade and festival*

**SATURDAY JULY 6**



10:00 AM- PARADE  
1:00 PM- GAMES

11:00 AM- 1:00 PM- SUREFIRE  
1:30 PM- 3:00 PM- SHELBY RAY MOORE  
3:30 PM- 7:30 PM- SOULUTION

**MEMORIAL PARK**

## AMIs In Blowing Rock Everything you need to know

The Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) equipped water meters, which are approximately 30 years more advanced than our previous meters, are now fully integrated throughout Town. This initiative will supply all Town of Blowing Rock utility customers with a new graded smart meter. These new meters will replace the Town's current meter, some of which are over 30 years old. This new technology provides day to day usage helping us to better serve utility customers with more detailed usage information. This new technology will provide data tracking of water usage between billings to better pinpoint and identify the timing of water leaks or other related issues. It will drastically improve our water meter readings providing the most accurate billing for water usage.



New meter with meter blanket

## HOW AMI WORKS

Advanced water meters transmit hourly water use data over a wireless network.



Town Staff can access data and more detailed reports about water use in the Town.



Please be aware that the meter blankets (pictured above) should not be removed and will only be removed by Public Works when necessary. Because the meters are now digital, meter testing will not be provided. If you request a meter testing, it will cost a minimum of \$225 per hour, per testing (prices vary by meter size).