



SUNSHINE JULY 2025 LINES

BEAUTIFUL NEWS FROM BAY TO BEACH

CLEARWATER STOPS WATER FLUORIDATION FOLLOWING STATEWIDE MANDATE

The city of Clearwater has discontinued adding fluoride to its drinking water supply to align with a new state law that prohibits the practice. Drinking water quality will continue to meet or exceed all safety standards.

This marks the end of a water fluoridation program that began in June 2019 at the city's water treatment plants. Fluoride had been added at a maximum level of 0.7 parts per million to help prevent tooth decay, which was a practice long recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a major public health achievement.

Even after the system is shut down, trace amounts of naturally occurring fluoride will remain in the water, typically between 0.1 and 0.2 parts per million, due to the region's groundwater composition. Residents with questions about fluoride alternatives are encouraged to consult with their healthcare provider.



MOSQUITOES SUCK, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO

As mosquito season is on the horizon, you can keep you and your family safe by using the **3 Ds**:

- **Dump** or cover standing water
- **Dress** in loose, light-colored long sleeves and pants
- **Defend** by using a CDC-approved repellent such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon-eucalyptus.

To further protect yourself from bites and mosquito-borne illnesses, follow these tips:

- Avoid the outdoors during high mosquito activity times, typically at dawn and dusk.
- Make sure screens are intact and repair any holes.
- Avoid propping open un-screened windows and doors

Additional tips for keeping these bugs away include dumping standing water once a week, dumping water in pet dishes and bird baths, checking common places water accumulates, and treating or covering what cannot be dumped.

For information about how Pinellas County provides mosquito treatment, contact (727)-464-8900.



WATER QUALITY REPORT

Each year, the city's Public Utilities Department presents residents with important information about the city's drinking water quality in an annual consumer confidence report. For 2024, the city of Clearwater met and exceeded all state and federal drinking water standards.

As part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments," all water systems throughout the country must publish this annual report.

To read the full report, visit MyClearwater.com/WaterReport. Printed copies are available upon request, and the report is also available in Spanish. If you'd like one mailed to you, call Clearwater Public Utilities at (727) 562-4960.



CLEARWATER GAS SYSTEM IS NOW CGS ENERGY!

Continuing their commitment to exceptional customer service, innovation, and growth, Clearwater Gas System is rebranding as CGS Energy. This transition reflects their evolution into a modern regional utility, one that embraces progress while staying true to their core mission of delivering safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

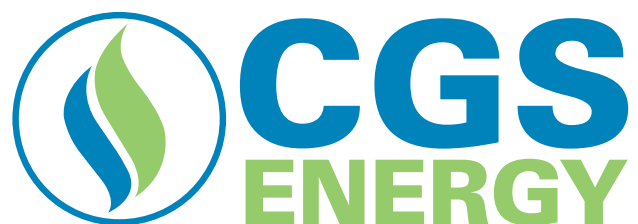
This rebrand is about more than a new look—it's about continuing to improve the way they serve you. From clearer communication to enhanced digital access, every step they take supports their goal of becoming your energy provider of choice.

What's Changing?

- A new name and logo: CGS Energy
- A refreshed color palette and updated brand style
- A redesigned website

What's Staying the Same?

- The same dependable service and dedicated team you know and trust
- Unwavering commitment to safety, reliability, and community
- Focus on you, our valued customer





KEEP YOUR METER BOX CLEAR OF DEBRIS

The city of Clearwater reminds utility customers to please maintain the area around your water meter box, so it is clear of leaves, debris and anything else that might make it hard for Clearwater meter readers to locate or access your water meter. You can:

- Keep grass trimmed to the edge of the meter box.
- Keep a two-inch clearance of landscaping rock or shell around the edge of the meter box.
- Keep everything off the meter box, including trash and recycling bins, bulk trash, mulch, sod, and soil.
- Keep the inside of the meter box clean of dirt and debris to keep the meter fully accessible.

Reach out to Clearwater Utility Customer Service at (727) 562-4600 with questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Countryside and Main Clearwater libraries will be giving out free school supplies for students in grades K-12, starting Aug. 4, while supplies last. The supplies are sponsored by the Clearwater Library Foundation.

- Morningside Recreation Center, Friday Night Friendly, Aug. 1
- Ross Norton Recreation Center, Backpack Giveaway, Aug. 1
- Clearwater Beach Recreation Center, Pool Party & Movie Night, Aug. 8
- Countryside Recreation Center, Funtastic Friday, Aug. 22



The BayCare Sound Concerts

- Aug. 3 Brad Paisley
- Aug. 21 UB40 and The Fixx
- Aug. 24 Astropical

CLEARWATER LIBRARIES HAVE NEW HOURS

Clearwater Public Library System has new hours:

- Countryside Library
2642 Sabal Springs Drive
Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, closed
- Main Library
100 N. Osceola Ave.
Monday to Wednesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, closed
- North Greenwood Library
905 N. MLK Jr. Ave.
Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, closed
- East Community Library @ SPC
2251 Drew St.
(Hours have not changed at this location.)
Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, closed
- The Beach Library remains closed.
69 Bay Esplanade.

The change in hours is a result of seeking more operational efficiency and cost savings for the library system, and in response to a higher level of events in Coachman Park. For more information, visit MyClearwaterLibrary.com, or call (727) 562-4970.

PINELLAS COUNTY’S 2024 HURRICANE RECOVERY FUND

Pinellas County is putting people first in developing programs funded by \$813 million awarded to Pinellas County by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds will support long-term recovery for our communities hit hard by hurricanes Idalia, Helene and Milton, including Clearwater.

These funds are designated to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income households and communities. They will be used for unmet needs, the long-term recovery needs that remain after considering all other recovery sources such as FEMA, Small Business Administration, insurance, etc.

The county collaborated with cities, community partners and residents to identify those unmet needs, including rebuilding homes and businesses, help for renters, restoring infrastructure, and storm mitigation in the most distressed areas. The draft action plan is Pinellas County’s blueprint for how this funding will be used for recovery and mitigation programs based on existing unmet disaster recovery and mitigation needs.

Once the plan is approved, Pinellas County will begin rolling out recovery programs this fall. Stay up to date on program deadlines and requirements by texting RECOVER to 888777, or by visiting Recover.Pinellas.gov.

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