

# Milford

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## Welcome

Welcome to the City of Milford's new monthly newsletter to provide you with news, events and cost-saving tips. We hope you enjoy this addition to your monthly utility bill.

## July Community Happenings

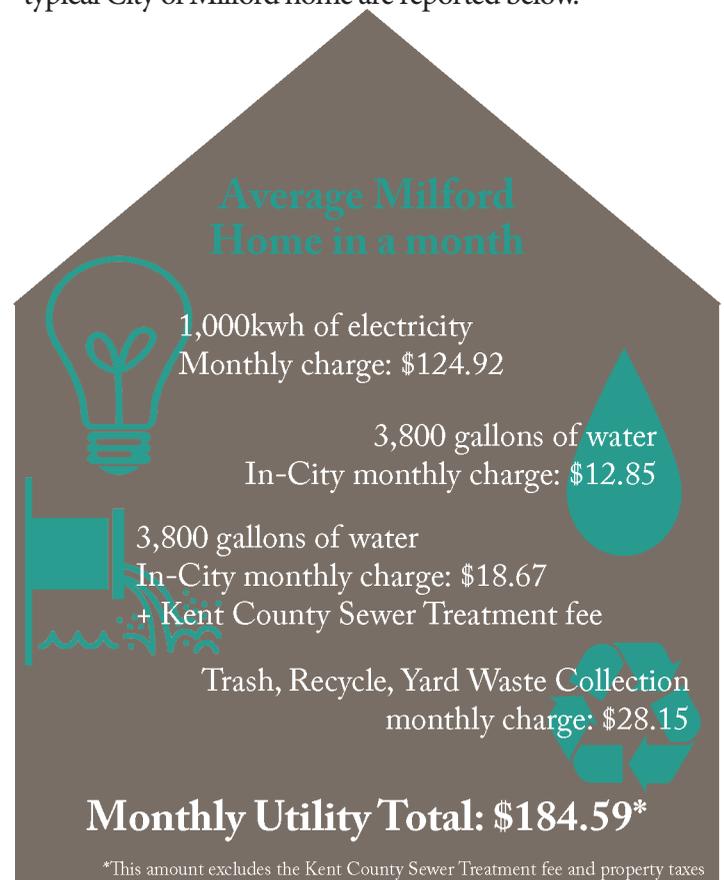
- Every Week (Monday-Friday), 8:30am-2:30pm: Summer Fun Club at Parks & Recreation
- Every Saturday, 9am-1pm: Riverwalk Farmers Market & Free Curative Vaccine Pop-up in Downtown Milford
- Every Wednesday, 5:30pm: Downtown Soccer @ Marvel Square Field
- Every Wednesday, 7pm: Music in the Park @ the Amphitheater
- Saturday, July 3, 7pm: Celebrate Independence Day: 287th Army Band of the Delaware National Guard @ the Amphitheater
- Monday, July 5: City Offices Closed; yard waste will be picked up
- Thursday, July 8, 6:30pm: Mispillion River Watershed Paddling Series
- Saturday, July 10, 12pm: Mispillion River Watershed Paddling Series
- Monday, July 12, 7pm: City Council Meeting
- Thursday, July 15: CCGM 28th Annual Golf Classic at the Rookery South
- Thursday, July 15, 5-8pm: Third Thursday in Downtown Milford
- Thursday, July 22, 6pm: Mispillion River Watershed Paddling Series
- Saturday, July 24, 12pm: Mispillion River Watershed Paddling Series
- Monday, July 26, 7pm: City Council Meeting

## City Buildings are Open

All City buildings opened to the public on Thursday, July 1. Social distancing is not in place and unvaccinated persons are required to wear a mask. City Council meetings are both in-person and on Zoom. Sign up for meeting notifications at [cityofmilford.com/list.aspx](http://cityofmilford.com/list.aspx)

## Utility Rate Increases

Utility rates are designed to cover all current operating costs as well as provide upgrades to the system. The City's cost of service studies demonstrated a need to increase utility rates effective July 1, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, City Council delayed the water and sewer increases until Aug. 15, 2021. A graphic highlighting utility rates for a typical City of Milford home are reported below.



## Water Conservation

Water and sewer costs are expected to increase by about \$1.37 per month in total for the average household, but by shortening one shower each day by two minutes, or by using a faucet 3-4 minutes less each day, the increase can be reduced to \$0! Here are other money-saving tips:

In the bathroom:

- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Showers use less water than baths, as long as you keep an eye on how long you've been lathering up.

In the kitchen:

- Plug up the sink or use a wash basin if washing dishes by hand.
- Scrape your plate instead of rinsing it before loading it into the dishwasher.

In the laundry room:

- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level and load size selections on your washing machine.

[www.cityofmilford.com/84/2341/Water-Wastewater](http://www.cityofmilford.com/84/2341/Water-Wastewater)

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Delaware Energy Assistance Program (DEAP) is a federally-funded program for low-income families that need help meeting their home energy costs. The Division of State Service Centers (DSSC) administers this program on a contractual basis with Catholic Charities, Inc. DEAP services provide assistance to income-eligible families to help them meet their home energy needs.

[www.cityofmilford.com/23/Electric](http://www.cityofmilford.com/23/Electric)

## What Can I Recycle?

Delaware's single stream recycling program accepts many items curbside (or in a dumpster). "Single stream" recycling is a system where all traditional recyclables such as cans, cardboard, cartons, glass bottles and jars, paper and plastics are placed in the same container (cart or dumpster), separate from your trash. However, many things can be recycled at drop-off programs throughout the State. Find a nearby solution for that item you need to get rid of by typing it into the Recyclopedia search box. Recycling correctly minimizes the tonnage of solid waste the City hauls, which saves you money by helping mitigate rate increases and reduces landfill waste.

[www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste](http://www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste)

## Efficiency Smart

The City of Milford, in partnership with the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC), offers Efficiency Smart to help its residents and businesses reduce their energy use and save money. From advice on products or projects to rebates and discounts on energy improvements, Efficiency Smart can help you from start to finish. This is not energy conservation. This is energy efficiency, which is reduced power consumption without making any sacrifices.

Get more money for recycling an eligible appliance! Schedule a free pickup of a working refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier, or room A/C unit through September 30 and get \$100 through Efficiency Smart. Call 888.997.9106 or visit [www.energysmart.org/milford-delaware](http://www.energysmart.org/milford-delaware) and select "Appliance Recycling Rewards" to schedule.

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877.889.3777

## Did You Know?

- The Village Cafe in the Milford Wellness Village is open to the public for breakfast (6:30am-10am) and lunch (11am-2pm) Monday-Friday. Eat in or order online with the Clover app.
- The Milford Public Library building has reopened to the public Monday-Saturday. Visit [milford.lib.de.us](http://milford.lib.de.us) for the complete hours.
- Four Milford businesses - Cruise Planners, Little Caesars, Mispillion River Brewing and Wayback Burgers - won a DEWins! grant, meaning any vaccinated person who visits those stores will receive a discount or free item when they show their vaccination card.
- The Mispillion Art League is hosting free (thanks to the Milford Lions Club) Creative Post-Pandemic Resuscitation (CPR) Classes every Thursday through Sept. 9. Call 302.430.7646 to register.
- The Milford Armory Community & Service Center has basketball, table tennis and roller derby leagues open to the public, as well as co-working space and event space for rent. Call Lillian Harrison at 302.381.7053 for more information.
- Downtown Milford, Inc. has an ongoing snack and nut fundraiser to raise money for Downtown events and flowers. One pound packages can be purchased online and shipped nationwide. Order here: [downtown-milford-inc.terrylynn.com](http://downtown-milford-inc.terrylynn.com)