

Building connections through communication

At the heart of the City of Loveland's city-wide communication efforts is a commitment to transparency and timeliness. In today's world of digital platforms, pages, apps and tools, the City has employed several resources and it's important to know where to go when you need information.

The **lovgov.org** website is one of the best sources for general information about the City of Loveland. It houses essential information about programs and events, project updates, public notices, road closures, meetings, and more.

With social media, the City of Loveland has channels that cover city-wide news and pages dedicated to services such Loveland Water and Power, Library, Cultural Services, and Parks and Recreation, to name a few. In all, there are more than 50 dedicated social media pages where residents can connect with information based on their interests. For details, visit **lovgov.org/social**.

People are often surprised to learn about LovelandTV. Video content is available online at **lovgov.org/TV**, on Pulse channel 16, Comcast channels 16 and 880, and by downloading Loveland TV through the Apple TV app or Roku channel store.

The City of Loveland also uses traditional methods such as this newsletter, which is available in print or digitally. Subscribe to the digital version at **lovgov.org/eNews**.

We can also direct you to information via the City's main phone line at 970-962-2000 and through our communication office at 970-962-2302. For more on how you can connect, visit **lovgov.org/Engage**.



At the Loveland Recycling Center, multiple containers are available onsite for convenient item drop-off.

Loveland continues to lead the state with top residential recycling program

Thank you, Loveland! With your help, the City of Loveland has been recognized as the best residential recycling program for the eighth consecutive year in the 8th annual State of Recycling and Composting report.

Loveland's residential recycling program achieved an impressive 58% diversion rate, meaning more than half of the waste generated by residents is kept out of landfills through recycling and composting. This highlights the City's commitment to sustainability and protecting the environment.

"Our community has a strong commitment to sustainability and has adopted a reduce, reuse and recycle way of life," said Solid Waste Manager Tyler Bandemer. By recycling at home, using the Loveland Recycling Center, which saw approximately 140,000 visitors last year, and continuing to participate in our semiannual shred events and paint recycling events, Loveland continues to show the state of Colorado how recycling gets done."

The report is compiled annually by Boulder-based Eco-Cycle, a zero-waste advocacy group and one of the nation's largest nonprofit recycling businesses, and Colorado Public Interest Research Group, a statewide nonprofit group that makes environmental policy recommendations. The two groups' research results are contained in their annual publication, State of Recycling and Composting in Colorado.

Beyond recycling, Loveland also excels in organics management. Through programs such as curbside yard waste collection, free yard waste drop-offs for permit holders at the Loveland Recycle Center, and partnerships with landscaping companies, Loveland fosters a high diversion rate and demonstrates the power of community-driven sustainability.

For more information about Loveland's recycling programs, visit **lovgov.org/Solid Waste** or call **970-962-2529**.



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A Timeline of Loveland's 100 Years of Power

1900



Lee J. Kelim's power plant in 1905

Loveland's electric power system traces its origins to the turn of the 20th century, when Lee Kelim, a young man from Missouri who aimed to revolutionize the city's energy infrastructure. After arriving in Loveland in 1890, Kelim purchased the Big Thompson Milling and Elevator Co. and expanded its capacity to generate electricity, selling surplus power to the city. As a result, Kelim's home became the first in Loveland to be illuminated by electric light.

1905

By 1905, as Loveland's population grew, local merchants began demanding "day currents" — 24-hour electricity. Kelim's small operation could no longer meet the increasing demand, so he sold his power system to a larger utility company serving the broader Denver region.

1913

Big Thompson River Canyon, Early 1900's



The desire for Loveland to have its own independent power source remained strong, spearheaded by a group of local citizens including upholsterer and strong advocate Chas Viestenz, who proposed building a hydroelectric plant on the Big Thompson River. Viestenz championed the idea of Loveland having its own power company. However, the plan faced fierce opposition from the start. Meanwhile, Loveland was experiencing explosive growth. With legal challenges mounting, it took more than a decade before the project was completed.

Early Hydro Plant in BT Canyon



On February 11, the Loveland Light and Power Plant was born, bringing electricity to the city for the first time. Reflecting on the effort, Viestenz later wrote that, after the plant's completion, he and others involved were in desperate need of rest. "I did not have a shingle over my head that I could call my own. Everything we ever had was gone, including my health," he admitted. Despite these sacrifices, he took great pride in what the community had accomplished.

1925

1973

The Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) was formed when four cities recognized the need for a regional entity to manage the power demands of municipal electric systems. At its inception, PRPA's peak load was 106 megawatts, and plans were already underway for the Rawhide coal-powered plant, which would begin generating power in 1983.

1976

Roads washed away in BT River Flood of 1976



In one of the worst natural disasters in Colorado's history, the Big Thompson River flooded after heavy rainfall, rising from 300 cubic feet per second to more than 31,000 cubic feet per second. The flood destroyed the hydroelectric plant and much of the concrete dam, claiming 139 lives and causing \$16 million in property damage. Using federal disaster funds, a new, more efficient power plant was built outside the floodplain, and a flood-resistant dam was constructed. While the new plant only provided 2% of Loveland's electricity, it did so without polluting the environment.

1986

The City of Loveland and the Thompson School District pooled resources to build the Loveland Light and Power Service Center, providing storage for vehicles, maintenance facilities and space for the growing staff, which had expanded to 54 employees.

Foothills solar fields near Loveland, CO



The Big Thompson River flooded again, causing more than \$4 billion in damages and permanently putting the hydroelectric facility out of commission. To replace the lost power infrastructure, a 3.5 MW solar facility was built using FEMA funds, adding to Loveland's renewable energy portfolio and enhancing the city's resilience to future disasters.

2013

2020

Ushering in a new era of sustainability and clean energy, Loveland and PRPA have focused on achieving carbon neutrality. In 2020, the Platte River Board approved an Integrated Resource Plan to meet these goals, which includes the construction of new wind and solar plants, as well as the planned closure of coal facilities.

2025

Loveland Water and Power Staff, 2023



Today, Loveland's Water and Power Department celebrates 100 years of providing affordable, reliable electricity to over 35,000 homes and businesses across a 74-mile area. As a nonprofit, public power utility, Loveland reinvests ratepayer dollars to maintain high-quality services. In 2025, the City completed its transition to advanced metering infrastructure, also known as a smart metering system because it replaces manually-read electric meters, modernizing the power grid. From its origins as a local mill to its commitment to renewable energy and carbon neutrality, Loveland's power journey reflects the City's resilience and dedication to a sustainable future.



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