



Forrest News

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Dear Forrest Residents,

I'd like to start off with; Thank you. Thank you for being so cooperative during the Fall when the leaves all fell at once, and the employees worked hard to stay on top of the brush. Thank you for reaching out with your questions and concerns about the community you live in.

Warmer temps and longer days mean golf cart and side-by-side owners stay alert. There will be kids out playing, riding their bicycles, or maybe people out taking a stroll. Reminder to those out walking their dogs: pets must be leashed at all times, and we ask that you clean up after your dog.

*Burn days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Brush/Yard Waste pickup will be on Thursdays. Please **DO NOT** blow your grass clippings or leaves into the street. They get wet and may clog up the storm drains. This then leads to bigger issues*

- ***Information regarding Utility Rates/Projects***

Beginning in February, the Pontiac Landfill raised its rate to \$77.00/ton. Prior to February, the village was being charged \$24.63/ton; as you can see, that is a big increase. Business and rental dumpsters are taken to Pontiac, which is why there is an increase of these dumpsters. Utility rates notifications will be placed at the Post Office, Village Hall, and the Village Website www.forrestil.org

The village engineer submits grant funding applications to the IEPA to support the many water/sewer projects planned for the future. Unfortunately, the village was denied due to the lack of funds. These projects will require higher water and sewer rates. The village requests a Water/Sewer Rate Study each year to determine what needs to be done to help fund improvements

Below is the utility rate change (effective April 29, 2026)

Water Service:

First 1000 Gals - **\$11.00** (minimum charge changed from \$10.00 to \$11.00)
Over 1000 Gals - **\$7.50** per 1000 Gals (minimum charge changed from \$5.50 to \$7.50)

Sewer Service:

First 1000 Gals - **\$12.00** (charge changed from \$11.00 to \$12.00)
Over 1000 Gals - **\$10.00** per 1000 Gals (minimum charge changed from \$9.00 to \$10.00)

Garbage Service:

Residential - **\$19.50** per month (was \$18.00)
Business - **\$40.00** per Dump (was \$20.00)
Dumpster Rental Fee - **\$40.00** (was \$25.00/dump)
Dumpster Rental Fee for Building Materials or overweight - **\$50.00** per Dump (was \$40.00/dump)
Weekend delivery or dump - **\$100.00** (new fee)

Infrastructure: 12.00 per month (was \$15.00)

Furniture Disposal: (new fee)

\$25.00 per item for disposal of furniture if it is not in a furniture bag. *Furniture – mattress, couch, chair, etc.

- ***Residential Utility Bills/Garbage information***

The utility bills are due on the 20th of each month. If not paid by that date, a late fee of \$10.00 is added. If not paid by the 27th of the month, your utility will be posted for disconnect. A \$15.00 fee will be charged for disconnecting the water, and \$65.00 for reconnecting it. Sewer charge is included on the water bill and is based on the amount of water used.

If you need your water turned off at the meter, please call at least 24 hours in advance unless it's an emergency. Call Trevor, Village Superintendent at 815-848-8762. Residents are not to open the meter pit. There is a minimum tampering fee of \$750.00.

Trash is picked up on Tuesday mornings. Having your trash set out and visible by 5:00 a.m. is essential to ensure it is picked up on time. If a vehicle blocks your trash, it may not be collected.

- *On weeks with a Monday (major) holiday, trash will be picked up on Wednesday*
- *When disposing of furniture (mattress, couch, chair, etc.), we ask that you call the village office at 815-657-8226 to pick up a furniture bag free of charge. Furniture will not be picked up unless it is bagged. A fee of \$25.00/item will be added to your utility bill if it is not bagged and the village is to dispose of it.*

*Remember, **when in doubt, set it out.** The holiday schedule is posted at the village hall and online at www.forrestil.org under Village Holiday/Garbage Schedule.*

Residents are welcome to attend the monthly board meetings, held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall. The meeting schedule can be found online, at the Post Office, Village Hall, and the Maintenance Building window (payment drop).

Consumer Confidence Report

"Your Annual Water Quality Report is now available at www.forrestil.org. To speak with someone about this report or to request a copy to be mailed to you, please call Lori Kimmel at 815-657-8226 or stop in at the office.

<http://www.forrestil.org/FORREST2025CCR.pdf>

<https://tinyurl.com/Forrest2025CR>



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Save the dates:

Summer Fun Nights to be held at the East end of Krack St from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- *Friday's - June 12th, July 10th, and August 14th*
- *Saturday, September 26th ~ Annual Wabash Festival from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*