

ELECTRIC BILL EXPLAINED



Local. Affordable. Reliable.

What is KWH?

A kilowatt-hour (kWh) is the energy used each hour an appliance is operating.

The cost per kWh varies based upon season and consumption. The cost ranges between \$0.103748 per kWh up to \$0.135748 per kWh.

Energy consumption increases in summer and decreases in winter. Therefore, we have summer and winter rates.

Please always check the "Message Center" for important announcements about your bill or information the City needs to disseminate to its customers.

City of Covington
Switch Board - 770-385-2000
Customer Service - 770-385-2075

Account Number	Billing Date	Due Date	Amount Due
000000	09/21/2022	10/14/2022	149.32

Previous Balance	0.00
Payments	0.00
Credits / Adjustments	0.00
Balance Forward	149.32
Current Charges	149.32
Total Amount Due	
After Due Date	
Disconnect Date	

Service Address:
Service from 08/08/2022 to 09/08/2022 32 days

Curr. Read Date	Prev. Read Date	Meter #	Service	Days	Curr. Read	Prev. Read	Usage	Units	Type
09/08/22	08/08/22		Basic	32	14627	13567	1000	KWH	Auto

Usage	\$ Amount
1000	\$123.89
	\$12.50
	\$3.50
	\$9.77

Message Center

DISCOUNT

ELECTRIC CHARGES
ELECTRIC PCA
ELECTRIC ECCR

Total Current Charges
Balance Forward
Total Amount Due

ACCOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO A 10% PENALTY CHARGE IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE DUE DATE.
Return this portion with your payment. Allow 5 days by mail.

Account Number	Billing Date	Due Date
000000	09/21/2022	10/14/2022

Balance Forward (\$)
Amount Due (\$)
After Due Date (\$)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
City of Covington
P.O. Box 1527
Covington, GA 30015

Customer Name
Customer Address
City, State, Zip

ELECTRIC CHARGES: The electric charges include the base customer charge (currently \$20.50 per month) which is collected for operating costs (meter reading, billing, service/meter installation & repair, etc.). It also includes the Energy Charge (¢/kWh) which is collected for the purchase of energy. The cost per kWh varies upon season and consumption. The cost ranges between 10.3748¢/kWh up to 13.5748¢/kWh.

ELECTRIC PCA: PCA stands for Power Cost Adjustment. The PCA collection is necessary because the rate varies to produce the energy that we purchase due to changes in fuel costs (nuclear, natural gas, hydro, coal, and solar). The current PCA charge is \$0.012 per kWh but can fluctuate as electric generation fuel prices go up or down.

ELECTRIC ECCR: ECCR is an abbreviation for Environmental Compliance Cost Recovery (\$0.0032 per kWh) and it is a mandated charge by the federal government for operation and maintenance costs of our power plants.



HOW ELECTRIC CHARGES ARE CALCULATED ON YOUR BILL

CITY OF COVINGTON CODE 13.08.270: RESIDENTIAL SERVICE RATES

Effective Date	01/01/26	01/01/27	
Base charge	\$20.50	\$22.00	Per month
Minimum Bill	Base charge	Base charge	\$ per month

ENERGY CHARGE: MAY THROUGH OCTOBER (SUMMER USAGE)

First 600 kWh	10.3748	10.5778	c per kWh
Next 400 kWh	12.7748	12.9778	c per kWh
Over 1,000 kWh	13.5748	13.7778	c per kWh

ENERGY CHARGE: NOVEMBER THROUGH APRIL (WINTER USAGE)

First 600 kWh	10.3748	10.5778	c per kWh
Next 400 kWh	9.9748	10.1778	c per kWh
Over 1,000 kWh	9.5748	9.7778	c per kWh

Using the 2026 rates on the chart above, please see the breakdown to the left for how the example bill on the front was calculated.

SAMPLE BILL: 1030 kWh (Summer Usage)

First 600 kwh:	600 x 0.103748	\$62.25
Next 400 kwh:	400 x 0.127748	\$51.10
Next 30 kwh:	30 x 0.135748	\$4.07
Base Charge:		\$20.50
TOTAL:		\$137.92

In typical residential usage, the average homeowner uses 1000 kWh per month. Of the five electric utility providers in Newton County, the City of Covington averages second in affordability at the 1000 kWh tier and is 10% under the statewide average.

