



Swimming Pool Announcement

As the majority of local schools will be going back in session, Sunday, August 17, 2025 will be the last day the Minster Municipal Pool will be open. The pool will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., family night on this day.

Be sure to hold onto your Minster Municipal Pool membership key tag over the winter. It can be reactivated next year and will speed up membership registration for you and your family.

Why Your Electric Bill is Rising

Minster is a public power community, meaning that the municipality has its own electric utility that is dedicated to serving you. While the Minster Electric Department works hard on your behalf, not all aspects of electric industry services are within our control.

Our municipal electric system is connected to a regional transmission system, or a grid, that helps to ensure that the lights stay on, even when demand for electricity peaks on the hottest and coldest days of the year. To do this, power plants are paid to be available to meet demand all hours of the year. This availability is called capacity and the price paid to each power plant for its capacity is based upon an auction process. Think of capacity as an insurance policy for the grid.

The most recent capacity auction (that went into effect with the July 2025 billing) significantly increased the price for capacity. For most residents of the state, this will result in an increase of approximately \$16.30/month (\$195.56/year) for the average home that uses 875 kilowatt-hour (kWh) per month.

Fortunately, Minster has invested in solar fields and other power producing facilities that help reduce the severity of these increases. As a result, the average Minster home is expected to have an increase cost for capacity of just less than one cent per kWh.

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www.minsteroh.com/calendar



Did You Know

Minster Local Schools' first day of school is August 18th

The Village would like to remind all drivers to be extra cautious and safely share the roads with school busses, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and provide children with the necessary knowledge to stay safe going to and from school.

Why Your Electric Bill is Rising

This means an increase of about \$8.15/month (about \$97.78/year) for the average home that uses 875 kWh per month.

Many attribute this spike in capacity costs to the growing demand for electricity coupled with a shrinking supply. Contributing factors include the rising demand for electricity, more regulations imposed on electrical generators and the closure of many power producing plants.

There are some steps we can take as a community to help control our capacity costs in the future. These include running appliances in the early morning/late evening when electric demand is lower; replacing older appliances or light bulbs with energy efficient models and turning off lights and other appliances when not in use.

We understand that rising electric rates impact budgets and the Village will always strive to keep our utility rates manageable.

2025 Minor Street Resurfacing

The street committee has recommended the following streets be considered for resurfacing:

- Parkview Drive
- 4th St from the canal to the west corporation line
- Hanover Street from 2nd to 4th
- Alley between 2nd and 3rd at Main/Lincoln
- Alley east of Minster Supply
- Alley between 5th and 6th at Hanover/Frankfort
- Alley between 2nd and 3rd at Main/Garfield

Please watch for temporary parking and traffic restrictions in these areas. As always, your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

Efficiency Smart

Have you heard about Efficiency Smart's two summer promotions?

The first promotion is where Efficiency Smart will pick up and pay you \$100 for each eligible refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier or window air conditioner responsibly recycled. In addition to the \$100 reward, not running your old appliance can also reduce your electric bill.

Schedule a free pick-up for your appliance and our contractor will do the rest. Your appliance will be removed and responsibly recycled, and your \$100 reward, per unit, will be processed – all without you having to lift a finger.

The second promotion offers a chance to get \$150 back when a resident buys a new Energy - Star certified window air conditioning unit through September 30th. This rebate is three times the normal rebate offer.

Special pricing courtesy of Efficiency Smart and the Village of Minster. Visit www.energysmart.org/minster-ohio or call 877-889-3777 to learn more.



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Upcoming Active Older Adult Activities

September 11th
AOA Movie
F.J. Stallo Library – 1pm

October 9th
AOA Movie
F.J. Stallo Library – 1pm