



# SUNSHINE LINES

JULY 2024

BEAUTIFUL NEWS FROM BAY TO BEACH

## REQUEST A SEWER CREDIT ADJUSTMENT

An abnormally high utility bill can be alarming and cause a challenge for some customers. You may be eligible for a sewer credit adjustment if you've encountered a water leak or noticed unusually high water usage at your home or business, and it hasn't yet entered the city's sewer system. Receiving a sewer credit may bring the sewer portion of your bill back in line with your property's typical sewer consumption.

Our utility customer care team is here to help you through this process. Visit [MyClearwater.com/Payment](http://MyClearwater.com/Payment) to submit a request.

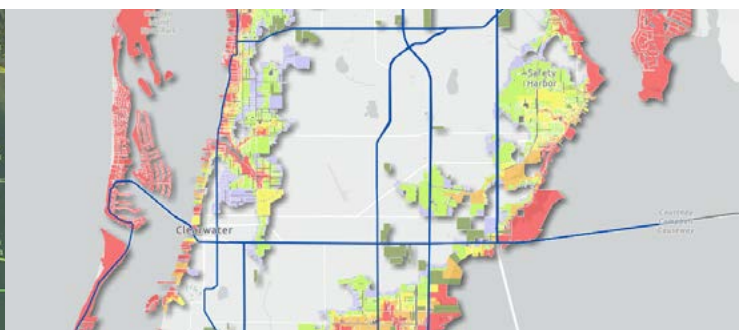
## JOIN OUR SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES

Sign up for paperless billing for your Clearwater utility or gas account before July 31, 2024, to be entered into the InvoiceCloud summer sweepstakes. Twelve winners will receive Visa gift card prizes, from \$100 to \$500. Already enrolled in paperless billing? You're automatically entered to win. No purchase or payment is necessary. This incentive is provided through the city's utility billing partner, InvoiceCloud. Sign up at [MyClearwater.com/Paperless](http://MyClearwater.com/Paperless).

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## FLOOD ZONES & EVACUATION ZONES ARE DIFFERENT

Flood zones are used for assessing a property's flood risk; flooding can be caused by heavy rains, tropical storms or hurricanes. Evacuation zones are based on a property's vulnerability to storm surge from a hurricane. Find out what your flood risk is and purchase flood insurance. Prepare ahead, know your zone, and follow evacuation orders. Visit [MyClearwater.com/Zones](http://MyClearwater.com/Zones) to learn more.



## SIGN UP FOR ALERT PINELLAS

Receive alerts about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Alert Pinellas, an emergency notification service for residents of Pinellas County. This alert system sends you urgent messages on a variety of situations, such as severe weather, boil-water notices, missing persons or evacuations. This service is free to residents.

When you sign up, you choose how to receive alerts. This could be a cell phone, landline, text, email – you can enter multiple methods. Receive alerts for up to five locations, including your home, work, school or other places.

Register at [Pinellas.gov/AlertPinellas](http://Pinellas.gov/AlertPinellas).

## GAS SERVICE DURING THE STORM

Hurricane season runs through Nov. 30. Clearwater Gas System reminds customers that they do not interrupt or turn off natural gas service during severe weather. Gas will continue to flow, allowing homeowners and business owners the option to cook, shower and operate a whole-house generator during and after storms.

On average, Clearwater Gas System's natural service is approximately 99 percent reliable. To convert to natural gas energy for your home or business, contact us at (727) 562-4980.





**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY**

Consumers can purchase qualifying disaster preparedness supplies exempt from tax during the 2024 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday is from Aug. 24 to Sept. 6. See what qualifies at [FloridaRevenue.com/SalesTaxHolidays](http://FloridaRevenue.com/SalesTaxHolidays).



**YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A CLEAN-ENERGY TAX CREDIT**

Are you looking to install solar panels or a new central air conditioner in your home? If so, you may qualify for clean-energy tax credits under the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. Residential clean energy credits, which have an annual tax credit limit of \$2,000, include the addition of solar panels and small wind installations, as well as solar water heaters, geothermal heat pumps, fuel cells and battery storage. Energy-efficient home improvement credits include the installation of biomass stoves, heat pumps, insulation, central air conditioners and more.

You can potentially receive credit for 30 percent of what you spent on such projects, with a maximum credit of \$1,200. Learn more at [IRS.gov/inflation-reduction-act-of-2022](http://IRS.gov/inflation-reduction-act-of-2022)

**ART EXHIBIT IS INSPIRED BY NATURE**

Don't miss the Clearwater Arts Alliance, Inc. "Inspired By Nature" Exhibition, now through Aug. 25 at the Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave. Explore a diverse collection of vibrant artworks from more than 55 talented Pinellas County artists.

This exhibition is a celebration of nature's beauty and creativity, and it's free and open to the public during library hours. Enjoy the art, support local artists by purchasing their work, and make the most of the free parking available at and across the street from the library.



**CITY RECOGNIZED BY AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**

The city of Clearwater is committed to providing the best for its employees, including resources for our staff's heart health. Last month, the city was awarded the 2024 "Well-being Works Better™" award at the gold level by the American Heart Association. The city was recognized for its many efforts to promote a healthy work culture for its employees.



**American Heart Association®**

**UPCOMING CLEARWATER EVENTS**

**Aug. 3-4**, SSOVA Volleyball Championship, Clearwater Beach

**Back-to-School Bash Series**

Clearwater recreation centers host a series of events to celebrate the beginning of back to school. Check with your recreation center of choice for event cost.

- North Greenwood, **Aug. 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**
- Ross Norton, **Aug. 3, 6:30-9 p.m.**
- Clearwater Beach, **Aug. 9, 5-7 p.m.**
- Morningside, **Aug. 10, 1-4 p.m.**

**Aug. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**, The Market Marie, Coachman Park  
**Aug. 23, 8 p.m.**, Scenes on the Green (Air Bud), Coachman Park

**Events at The BayCare Sound**

- **Aug. 2**, Blue October, Switchfoot & Matt Nathanson
- **Aug. 3**, Dirty Heads & Slightly Stoopid
- **Aug. 4**, Straight No Chaser
- **Aug. 8**, UB40 with English Beat & Maxi Priest
- **Aug. 10**, SLASH, Larkin Poe, ZZ Ward, Robert Randolph
- **Aug. 11**, Classic Album LIVE: The Beatles Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band



**Your Leadership Team**

<b>MAYOR</b> Bruce Rector	<b>CITY MANAGER</b> Jennifer Poirrier	<b>CITY ATTORNEY</b> David Margolis
<b>COUNCILMEMBERS</b> David Allbritton Ryan Cotton	Michael Mannino Lina Teixeira	

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