Along the Lines

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Drinking Water Week is observed nationwide the first full week of May each year. This annual observance led by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) serves to highlight the importance of healthy drinking water and recognize the tireless efforts of water professionals who keep it flowing around the clock in our communities. RMU recognizes that high-quality drinking water is not only essential for public health but also for overall community well-being and economic growth. Safe water supports business and institutions, strengthens schools and healthcare systems, and enhances quality of life. RMU is proud to have a great team of water professionals who work hard to ensure clean, safe drinking water is available in the Rolla community.

DRINKING WATER WEEK
May 3-9, 2026











ELECTRONICS, APPLIANCES & TIRES RECYCLING COLLECTION

SATURDAY
JUNE 13, 2026
8 a.m. to Noon
Brewer Science, Inc. Parking Lot
2401 Brewer Drive, Rolla
(Located in Hypoint Industrial Park at I-44 Exit 189/Hwy. V)

2026 Disposal Fees Per Item

Electronics:
TV CRT over 27" = $25
TV Wood Console = $25
TV CRT under 26" = $20
TV Flat Screen = $15
All Computer Monitors = $10
Refrigerated appliances with freon = $10
Printers, scanners or copiers = $5

Tires (rims removed/rims still on):
Passenger Tires = $3.00 / $6.00
Truck Tires = $7.50 / $15.00
Tractor Tires = $35.00 / $70.00

All other accepted items free of charge!

Not Accepted: Capacitors, transformers or ballasts that are not clearly marked as saying "NO PCBs" - Smoke detectors - thermostats - medical waste - gas containers - anything leaking oil or acid - broken ink or toner cartridges - alkaline batteries - light bulbs & fluorescent tubes - broken CRTS TVs or monitors

Every year, RMU conducts a comparative rate study. We survey the utilities within a 60-mile radius of the City of Rolla, requesting them to provide their charges for average quantities of water and electricity for residential services. For water, we inquire about the cost for 4,000 gallons of usage. For electricity, we ask for the rates applicable to residential usage of 600 kWh, 1,100 kWh, and 2,000 kWh. RMU's electric rates remain among the lowest in the region, and our water rates align closely with the area's average.





2026 WATER COMPARATIVE RATES

WATER RANKING - 4000 GALLONS	
Owensville	$16.01
St. James	$16.60
Lebanon	$19.34
Sullivan	$23.97
Waynesville	$27.55
Cuba	$28.00
Richland	$29.00
Rolla	$29.60
Newburg	$30.45
Hermann	$31.50
Houston	$32.48
Salem	$38.00
Public Water #2 of Phelps Co.	$43.24
Average	**$28.13**

2026 ELECTRIC COMPARATIVE RATES

ELECTRIC RANKING								
600 kWh			**1100 kWh**			**2000 kWh**		
Cuba	$62.65		Cuba	$106.40		Cuba	$182.75
Sullivan	$70.57		Sullivan	$114.59		Sullivan	$187.49
Houston	$72.00		Houston	$114.65		Houston	$191.06
Richland	$79.06		Richland	$121.61		Richland	$198.20
Rolla	$80.60		Rolla	$126.10		Rolla	$208.00
St. James	$82.50		St. James	$138.00		Lebanon	$234.40
Salem	$84.56		Lebanon	$139.27		St. James	$223.80
Lebanon	$86.42		Laclede	$147.25		Laclede	$238.15
Hermann	$93.96		Hermann	$147.26		Hermann	$243.20
Waynesville	$95.14		Salem	$148.36		Intercounty	$243.50
Laclede	$96.75		Three Rivers	$151.10		Three Rivers	$243.78
Three Rivers	$98.67		Cascosage	$152.90		Cascosage	$246.50
Newburg	$99.21		Newburg	$153.10		Newburg	$250.11
Gascosage	$100.90		Intercounty	$155.39		Crawford	$253.85
Crawford	$102.01		Waynesville	$156.09		Salem	$263.20
Intercounty	$106.44		Crawford	$156.24		Waynesville	$265.80
Average	**$88.22**		**Average**	**$139.27**		**Average**	**$230.49**