



Budget Billing & you!

How your budget billing works

City of Everly

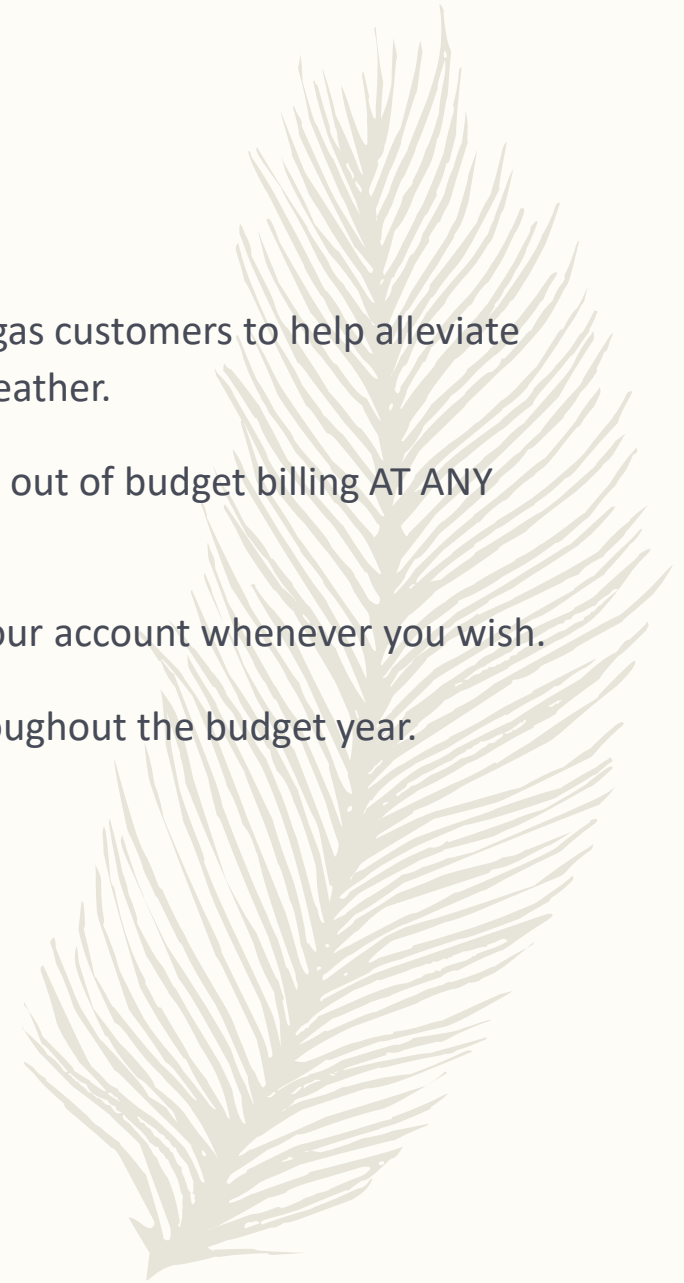
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Budget Billing



Is provided as a courtesy to all gas customers to help alleviate higher gas bills during colder weather.

- Optional program, you can opt out of budget billing **AT ANY TIME!**
- You have the right to review your account whenever you wish.
- Adjustments can be made throughout the budget year.



A few quick notes:

- Budget billing is for GAS only. Your water, sewer, and garbage is NOT figured in.
- Budget billing is reviewed each May and starts over in June.
- The purpose of budget billing is to maintain an even bill throughout the year. The plan is designed to be paid ON TIME every month to accurately reflect and assist with bill payment.
- Too avoid missed payments, the City does offer auto pay. This is available at no charge to you, as the customer. All you need in an active checking/savings account!
- Budget amounts are figured using a formula that includes the past 12 months gas usage, current gas rates, and monthly flat fee.



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MEET JANE DOE

Jane has decided to get set up on budget billing in July. Her monthly amount is figured to be \$100. Jane's bill in August is as follows:

Garbage - \$16.15

Water – \$14.20

Sewer - \$18.20

Gas – \$12.74

Leak insurance – \$1.55 + 5.00 + 6.50

Tax - \$1.58

Total bill : \$75.92

WHAT THE BILL LOOKS LIKE ON BUDGET

July's bill

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Water – \$14.20

Sewer - \$18.20

Gas – \$100.00

Leak insurance – \$1.55 + 5.00 + 6.50

Tax - \$1.58

Total bill : \$163.18

WHAT HAPPENS WITH HER \$\$?

Jane's gas usage was only

\$12.74

Jane's budget was

\$100.00


This means in months with less usage billed than budget amount, the extra paid will go into a type of 'savings'. So, in August (when Jane paid her bill)

\$87.26

Was set aside to help in months with higher usage.

The balance grows...

<u>Month</u>	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>amount to "savings"</u>	<u>Budget balance</u>
August	12.74	100	-87.26	-87.26
September	11.94	100	-88.06	-175.32
October	12.94	100	-87.06	-262.38
November	57.56	100	-42.44	-304.82
December	96.36	100	-3.64	-308.46
January	136.13	100	36.13	-272.33
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The (-) denotes
a credit balance!

The budget balance grows as long as the billed amount is LESS than the budgeted amount.

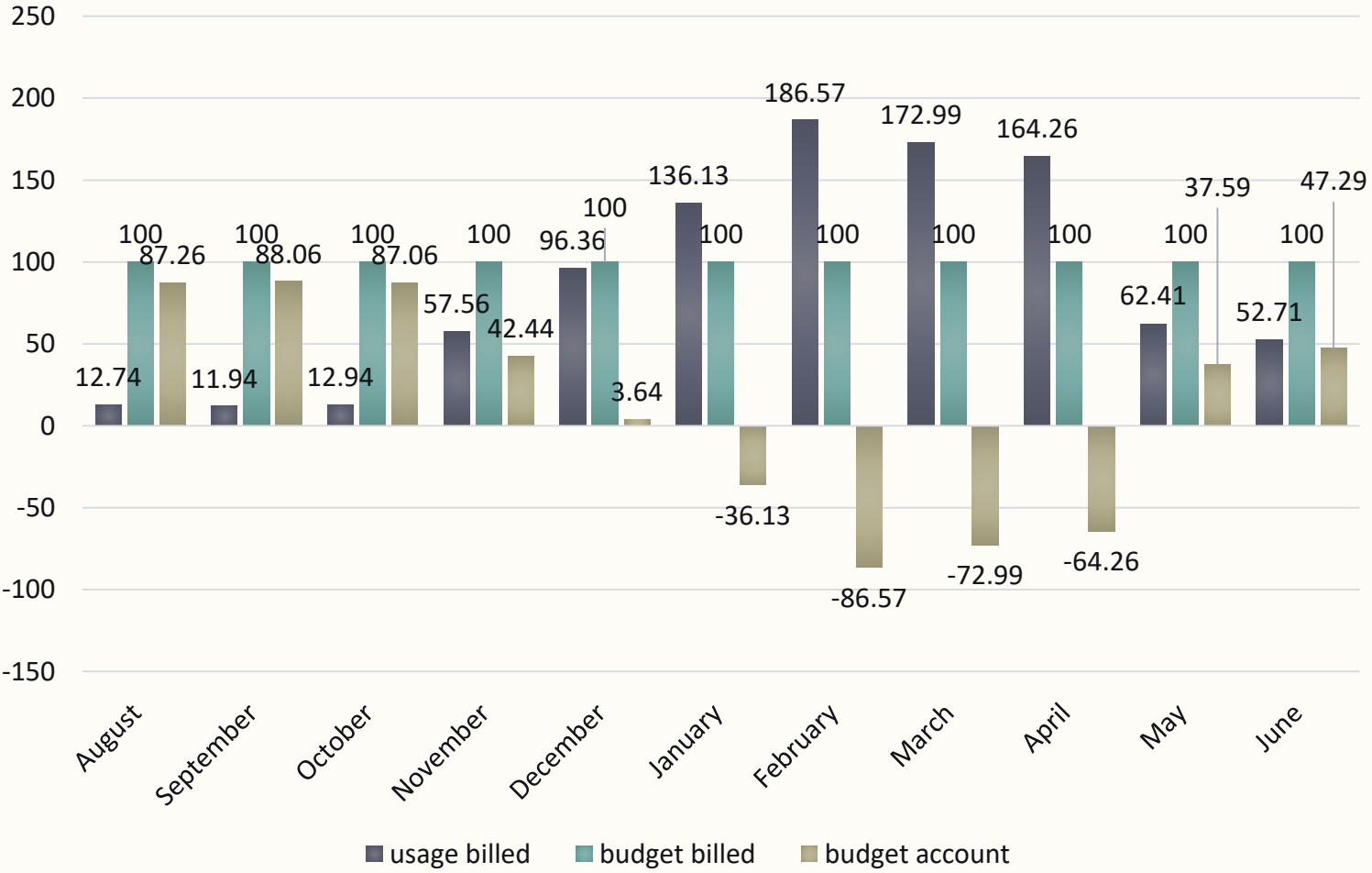
When the bill is MORE than the budgeted amount, as we saw in January, anything over \$100 was removed from the budget account, or the “savings account”, as long as there is a credit in the budget account.

If the bill is paid on time each month, the budget balance will be reflected in the ‘previous balance’ box on the bill, and if figuring is done correctly, Jane will have some credit balance the following May or have no balance due! At the end of the budget year, if there is a credit, that credit can be applied to the whole bill.



What if there's no credit?

Jane Doe Budget Account



If Jane was billed \$143.86 for gas, and she didn't have a credit balance, the \$100 budget amount is due, and the \$43.86 is carried over as a "past due amount". Towards the end of the budget year, as usage goes down, the idea behind the budget plan is that Jane will pay down her balance due.

At the end of the budget year, if there's a balance due – it's due in full.

Remember – if Jane needs to adjust her budget due to make up for the short fall, it can be re-evaluated at ANY time.

As a customer of Everly Municipal Utilities, you (and Jane) have rights and responsibilities if you don't understand your bill or can't make payments. A copy of these rights and responsibilities can be requested through City Hall.

There is help available if you are unable to pay your utilities. A list of these available services can be requested from Everly City Hall.

Everly Municipal Utilities and its employees are here to help. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Everly City Hall at 202 N Main, Everly. By calling 712-834-2691. Or by email at everlycityhall@evertek.net.

Office hours are Monday – Friday 8a to 5p.

In the event of a gas or water emergency, please dial 712-834-2600.
In the event of a life threatening emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

