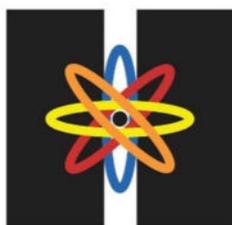


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Discontinuance of Community Water Fluoridation

Harlan Municipal Utilities is responsible for the provision of safe and healthy drinking water for its residents. At the January 22, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board passed a Resolution to discontinue the use of Fluoride in the public water system effective June 1, 2026.

Community water fluoridation is a voluntary public health measure, not mandated by federal law, with decisions resting at the local level. Concerns exist regarding the potential health impacts of fluoride in drinking water, including but not limited to a 2024 National Toxicology Program (NTP) report concluded with "Moderate confidence" that higher levels of fluoride in drinking water are linked to lower IQ in children. In November 2024, a federal judge ruled that potential neurodevelopmental effects from fluoride exposure pose an unreasonable risk and ordered the EPA to review and potentially regulate water fluoride on levels under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); and the cost-effectiveness and benefits of fluoridation are increasingly debated, with alternatives available for dental health.

Iowa Code Section 135.39E requires public water systems to provide at least ninety (90) days' notice to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and customers before discontinuing fluoridation, to allow for public awareness.

Any written objections can be emailed to hmu@harlannt.com or mailed to Harlan Municipal Utilities, c/o Jennifer Kelly at PO Box 71, Harlan, Iowa 51537 prior to March 26, 2026. Oral objections can also be presented at the March 26, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting.

(full resolution can be found at www.harlannt.com)



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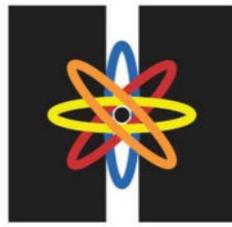
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National Gas Utility Workers' Day

March 18th is designated by The American Public Gas Association (APGA) as Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day, a day of national recognition for honoring natural gas utility workers across the US for their hard work and accomplishments within the industry.

March 18th, 1937 was the date of the New London, Texas school explosion. This tragic event led to an historic response in the gas industry; adding the chemical mercaptan to natural gas to give it an odor so workers and the general public had a way to sense a dangerous gas leak or unwanted accumulation of natural gas.

We salute our Gas/Meter department employees Colburn Warner, Troy Doonan, Eric Rose, Brian Lasher, Todd Hively and Dave Wilwerding for their work and emphasis on safety. Thanks for all you do to make our natural gas safe and reliable!

Hydrant Flushing

HMU crews will be flushing water mains
April 20 – April 23.

Please check your water **BEFORE** cooking,
doing laundry or bathing.

If water appears cloudy, let it run for a
short period or until clear. If it doesn't
clear within a reasonable amount of time,
call 755-5182.

If the crews finish early we will post
updates on our Facebook page.

Years of Service

On January 23, 2026, the following team
members were honored for their years of
service of service in 2025.

Trevor Harrison	5 years
Eric Rose	10 Years
Kevin Musich	15 Years
Deb McLaughlin	20 Years
Paul Wingert	25 Years & Retired

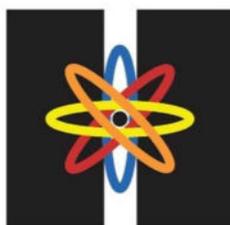
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National Lineman Appreciation Day

Established in 2013, April 18, is a day to honor those who put their lives on the line to keep the lights on. National Lineman Appreciation Day is a time to express our utmost appreciation to the great men and women that work so hard for us every day, providing safe and reliable energy.

Thank you to our linemen, Stephen Gessert, David Swank, Frank Derby and our apprentices Dalton Fredericks, Corey Towne and Reide Meeker.

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Budget Billing

Budget Billing is a method of leveling out your utility payments over 12 months. Your Budget Billing Payment is calculated based on an *average* of your previous utility usage. There is absolutely no way for anyone to know exactly how much electricity, gas and water you will actually use in the upcoming year, but Budget Billing can help you plan your personal budget by allowing you to pay an equal amount each month.

HMU will calculate your level-pay, or budget amount, based on the past 12 months history of your utility usage. You will pay this amount each month for the next 12 months, however, **you will always be responsible for payment of all utilities that you actually use.** Budget payments that exceed actual usage will result in a "credit" balance. Budget payments that are less than your actual usage will "dip into" any credit you may have built up. Each April, all budget customers' accounts will be reconciled and recalculated.

For more information on how budget billing works or to get a sign up form please see our website at:
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