



# DPU Dispatch

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## WHAT IS THE ENERGY IMPACT OF GAMING?

Console	WATTS		
	Active Gaming (Overwatch 2)	Comparable	Rest Mode
Switch HEG-001 OLED*	6.5 - 8.0	LED light bulb	0.2
PlayStation 5 1000	190 - 220	Paper Shredder	3.3
Xbox Series X	150 - 170	Slow Cooker	7.4

\* The Switch game console has cordless capability. This data assumes it is fully charged. Watts drawn are due to continued charging while playing.

Sources: Eurogamer.net and DaftLogic.com

### How much does that cost?

$((\text{Watts} \times \text{Hours played}) / 1000) \times \$0.12 / \text{kWh}$

### How can you reduce energy consumption without giving up gaming?

- Turn your console off and unplug it when you're not using it
- Use dark mode for the user interface (UI)
- Turn the brightness down
- Put your console in energy saver mode

## LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

### FEEDING DEER DOES MORE HARM THAN GOOD

Due to human encroachment, New Mexico's deer habitat has changed. When mule deer feed in urban areas, we see increases in predators, road hazards and community conflict.

- While putting food out for deer may seem harmless, they become less wary of humans and their urban population grows.
- When the deer population grows in town, they become hazards on our roads and may be hit by cars.
- Feeding deer attracts other wildlife as well.
- Deer are the primary prey of mountain lions, and when one population increases, so does the other. The more mountain lions are around humans, the less wary of and more threatening to us they become. Ultimately, the predators must be destroyed for safety reasons.
- The presence of deer can cause tension in the community. While one person may be delighted by deer in the neighborhood, another struggles to keep them out of flower and rose gardens.
- For more information on the impacts of feeding deer and other wildlife, call the Los Alamos Animal Shelter at 505.662.8179 or NM Game & Fish at 888.248.6866. On the web: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).



## A Message from the Environmental Services Division

Greetings neighbors, the Environmental Services Division would like to share some information with you regarding the rates for your residential services.

Did you know that the Environmental Services Division operates as an enterprise fund? This means the rates collected should cover the cost of doing business. Over the past few years, the cost of doing business has risen substantially and the Environmental Services Division is now operating in a deficit. The cost for hauling, labor and disposal have all increased significantly. The last rate increase to our customers was in 2017.

County staff, the Environmental Sustainability Board and County Council recently looked at proposed rate increases, from 8% to 12%. It was agreed that an 8% increase would help close the gap.

Starting in July, the monthly refuse service fee will go from \$25 to \$27, and then increase 8% annually for the next 4 years. It should be noted that this plan will not fully fund the operations, but will help offset the increased costs we have experienced.

If you have any further questions, please contact Environmental Services at [solidwaste@lacnm.us](mailto:solidwaste@lacnm.us) or 505-662-8163. Thank you!



## DPU is a Public Utility!

### What does that mean?

Unlike an investor-owned utility, DPU focuses on service and community involvement rather than profits. DPU is a department under the Los Alamos County government, owned by the community, and governed by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

Consisting of five voting members appointed by the Los Alamos County Council, BPU is comprised of locals—they are customers of DPU, Los Alamos tax payers, and your neighbors.

BPU meetings are open to the public. The board meets on the first Wednesday of each month for work sessions and the third Wednesday of each month for regular meetings. All meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Los Alamos County Municipal Building at 1000 Central Ave. The public may attend in person or via Zoom. Meeting links can be found at [ladpu.com/BPU](http://ladpu.com/BPU).

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### Would you like to contribute to the Utility Assistance Fund?

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