

## **August 2021 Utilities and Community Announcements**

**Palo Alto's Annual Consumer Confidence Report** on water quality conditions for 2020 is now available. Read about your water supply and water quality at [cityofpaloalto.org/water](https://cityofpaloalto.org/water)

**Our annual walking & mobile gas leak survey is currently in progress.** This routine inspection of our gas distribution system is conducted every year for the safety of all who live and work in Palo Alto. City contractor, Manesco Corporation, will walk residential areas to check for gas leaks along pipes, gas meters and covers. In the end, over 200 miles of gas mains and pipes will be checked through this thorough review. If any gas leaks are found, they are documented and repaired. View a map of the survey area and learn more at [cityofpaloalto.org/gasleaksurvey](https://cityofpaloalto.org/gasleaksurvey)

**The City is making it easier to drive electric by providing more convenient access to electric vehicle (EV) charging for residents and members of the public who may not have access to EV charging at home.** Starting August 1, 2021, the City is removing a \$2 per hour overstay fee at public EV charging stations to allow for overnight parking at 100+ City-owned EV chargers. The current \$0.23 per kWh charge will remain in effect, but after your car is fully charged, there will no longer be an overstay fee. This means that from 5pm to 8am you are welcome to use City-owned charging ports without paying extra fees or worrying about getting a parking ticket. View a list of all City-owned EV chargers available to the public at [cityofpaloalto.org/EV](https://cityofpaloalto.org/EV)

**Got an ant problem?** Don't just run for the bug spray. Harmful chemicals from insecticides and pesticides can get into the storm drain system, which flow directly into our creeks and streams. Visit [ourwaterourworld.org](https://ourwaterourworld.org) to learn how to safely get rid of home and garden pests.

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