



Power Outage Update

An update on the power outage that occurred on April 6 and what residents can expect in the coming weeks.

What happened?

The outage was caused by an issue on a shared electrical line that currently serves Gering and neighboring power districts. Because of this shared system, the issue affected multiple substations in Gering and caused a widespread outage. The damaged line is being repaired, and power has been restored.

What's different now?

Until May 15, 2026, Gering is temporarily operating on a shared power system. This means all of Gering is currently connected through one circuit instead of two. An issue

anywhere on the shared system (Gering, Roosevelt, or Gering Valley) may affect the entire city. Residents may experience brief outages or power "blinks".

What to expect:

Occasional outages may continue during this temporary period. Some outages may be outside of Gering's control. Scheduled outages may also occur as crews make improvements to strengthen the system.

City officials would like to thank Gering residents for their patience. The City understands outages are disruptive and appreciate everyone's patience as this situation is resolved. Crews are working to maintain service, respond quickly to issues, and improve long-term reliability.



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SUMMER READING 2026

DINO-MITE KICK-OFF PARTY!

Sign-up for Summer Reading

Wednesday, May 27th 3-5 pm
Gering Civic Center

Curtis Mork - **THE LEGO GUY**

Thursday, June 4th @ 10 am

Gering Public Library, Community Room

Aaron Fowler Performs:

"UNEARTHING A STORY:

A MUSICAL DINO ADVENTURE!"

Tuesday, June 9th @ 1:30 pm
in the Gering Civic Plaza

Bill Bolte - Hall Co. Hist. Society CEMETERY TOUR

Monday, June 15th @ 6:30 pm
West Lawn Cemetery

George Ziemans - Archeologist SUNRISE MINE

Monday, June 1st @ 6:30 pm
Gering Public Library, Community Room

Replace batteries in all smoke detectors **annually**.
Replace smoke detectors **every 10 years**.

Properly dispose of oil and other hazardous materials. Never pour oil or any hazmat down a storm sewer. Only rain in the drain!

Please trim your trees & bushes in alleys to allow sanitation trucks to pass through easily.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT WATER LEAKS

Inside the home: Locate your water meter; check the low flow indicator to see if it is moving (low flow indicators are a red triangle, black triangle, red needle, or on digital meters, it is a small circle with a + flashing inside the circle to indicate flow). If the triangle or needle are moving or the + is flashing in the circle, you have water flowing through the meter. Make sure all faucets and appliances that use water are turned off. Check the low flow indicator on the water meter again, if the indicator is moving then water is still running through the water meter and you may have a leak.

Common water losses in the home: Leaking toilet (most common); underground sprinkler system valves or pipes leaking; leaking faucets; leaks under a concrete floor.

Common causes for leaks outside the home: Garden hose left running; an area of your grass is greener and growing substantially faster than the rest of the lawn; soft and spongy area in the lawn; water bubbling up from underground in lawn/sidewalk/street; sudden settlement of curb, sidewalk, driveway, street or lawn; a sound inside the home of water always running but the meter isn't turning.

Water leaks may begin leaking days, weeks, or months before the leak surfaces. Water leaks should be immediately repaired to prevent damage to structures. Water can travel along the pipe and under the home and cause costly repairs that insurance companies may not cover.

If you believe you have or see a water leak, please call the City of Gering Utility Office at 436-6800.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE, AND THANK YOU TO CITY PERSONNEL

“Please be patient during outages - our crews are working as quickly and safely as possible to restore power and improve reliability.”

- Pat Heath, City Administrator

When we pause and reflect, it's clear just how essential electricity is to our everyday lives. From our homes and schools to our businesses and community spaces, reliable electricity powers nearly everything we do. It often goes unnoticed - until there is a power outage.

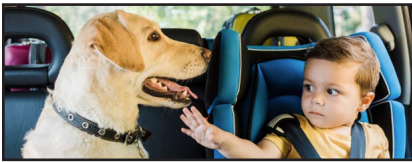
Recently, our community experienced outages caused by regional system issues beyond the City's immediate control. As a result of that, citizens may experience scheduled outages in the coming weeks as crews work to strengthen and improve the reliability of Gering's electrical system. These planned outages are an important part of preventing larger, unexpected disruptions in the future.

Those who serve on our line crews work closely with electricity every day. They are the ones who respond when lines are damaged by storms, accidents, or equipment issues - working quickly and carefully to restore power. The City's Electric Department places a strong emphasis on safety because lineworkers put their safety on the line to serve our community. Their work requires focus, technical expertise, and a deep commitment to doing the job right.

City crews, in all departments, respond when our community needs it most - at all hours of the day and night. City officials extend appreciation to all City personnel for their commitment and dedication.



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PEOPLE AND PETS IN VEHICLES

With warmer weather, your vehicle can quickly reach a temperature that puts people and pets at risk of serious illness and even death, even on a day that doesn't seem hot to you. **And cracking the windows makes virtually no difference.**

PLEASE think twice before leaving children or pets in a parked vehicle - even for just a few minutes!

HOT PAVEMENT

AIR TEMP	ASPHALT TEMP
77°	125°
86°	135°
87°	143°

At 125° F, skin destruction can happen in 60 seconds.
Place your hand on the pavement. If you CAN NOT hold it there for 5 seconds, it is **TOO HOT** to walk your dog.

PLEASE keep your pet's rabies and other vaccinations current. Protect pets from harsh weather conditions.



Make sure they have plenty of clean drinking water at all times. Obtain a license annually and don't allow pets to run at large, including cats. Keep dogs

on a leash at all times when walking them on a sidewalk, in a park, or public space and please pick up after your pet. **Thank you!**



The City of Gering Sanitation Department requests that all residents strictly adhere to the City's requirement that **NO** yard waste (grass clippings) be placed in regular garbage dumpsters during the spring/summer/fall seasons. **If yard waste is found in regular dumpsters, the City of Gering will NOT pick up the contents of the dumpster until the yard waste has been removed.** Likewise, please **do not** place garbage in yard waste containers. Thank you for your cooperation.



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CITY OF GERING 2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2025 Annual Water Quality Report is included with this utility bill. It is also available at City Hall (1025 P Street), on the City's website www.gering.org, or by calling (308) 436-5096 to request a copy.



HYDRANTS

If you have a hydrant on your lot, please remove plants or tall grasses that grow up around it in the event that the Fire Department needs to find it quickly and easily.



PERMITS

Remember to come to City Hall to get a permit if you're building a garage, putting up a fence, installing a furnace, etc.,

