



Winchester Utilities
219 Second Avenue, NW
Winchester, TN

Winchester Utilities is the municipal provider of power, water and collection services to the greater Winchester area. Located near the Cumberland Plateau in Franklin County, Winchester boasts a wide range of geographical features including Mountains, caves, rolling foothills, and our favorite lake, Tims Ford.

A brief history of our utility: In 1900, the *VERY FIRST* hydro-electric plant in Tennessee (The Loop Plant) was built in Winchester and supplied power to Winchester and surrounding communities for several years. As the demand for power began to increase, the city of Winchester began the process to supply their own power. In May of 1939, Winchester sold



The Loop Plant - First Hydro-Electric Plant in Tennessee

\$165,000 in bonds and used the funds to establish Winchester Power System. In 1941 the city purchased the former TEPCO-owned water system for \$50,000 and ten years later in 1949 the comprehensive reorganization of public utilities in Winchester brought both services together under the direction of J.H. Couch.



Linemen - circa 1949

“The Utility plays a vital role in the economic health of our community” remarks Roger Caldwell, General Manager for Winchester Utilities. “We are proud of our customers that have supported and continue to support the Utility System which has allowed us to grow in size and to provide the revenue for

infrastructure upgrades over the past 76 years. Our responsibility is to our customers to ensure our system is properly maintained and positioned for growth in the future.”



Water Treatment Building Construction 1965

In building on that mission, Winchester Utilities’ progressive management philosophies demonstrate a commitment to retain and grow the best possible workforce and ensure the customer’s utility bills remain as low as possible. “A well-trained and focused workforce benefits us all by helping to insulate our customers from rate increases through improved productivity and efficiencies.” Caldwell says,

adding, “In power and water, we’ve had minimal local rate increases since 2010, and the rate increase that was implemented for waste water operations is being used to repair and replace the infrastructures of a long-neglected and antiquated system.”

As we grow in an ever changing atmosphere, our technology changes daily but our mission remains simple: deliver the best possible service for our Customers and Community.



Line Install - circa 1956