

# Buffalo Municipal Utilities Electric Department

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Your Electric Department provides reliable and competitively priced electricity to the great City of Buffalo. Our Utility distributes electricity to over 7000 customers, always respond to emergencies, and look for ways to enhance growth and development to plan the needs for this wonderful community. Buffalo Municipal Utilities is proud to contribute to the economic vitality of our community by providing jobs, purchasing locally, and making payments in lieu of taxes. Our not-for-profit rates will continue to improve and stay competitive with other electric rates in the community. We can keep our rates reasonable because we are not-for-profit and don't have to pay dividends to stockholders. Our returns go right back into the community.



## Tips to SAVE on your Electric Bills

**Buffalo MN, October 4, 2022** – Buffalo Municipal Utilities (BMU) is celebrating Public Power Week (#PublicPowerWeek), Oct. 2-8, along with the American Public Power Association and more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans. This year, we are focusing on providing insight on how your utility services conserve energy and tips for you our public power customers. To mark Public Power Week, BMU offers a few tips on how to save energy and money in your home while caring for the environment and the community we live in:

- According to the Alliance to Save Energy, the average U.S. home uses 70 light bulbs. Even though modern bulbs are energy efficient, you should still turn them off when they aren't in use.
- Swap out those old incandescent bulbs for new LED bulbs. According to the Department of Energy, they use up to 90% less energy.
- Heating and cooling your home use a lot of energy, set your thermostat to 68 degrees in the winter and 78 degrees in the summer to save energy and money on your power bill.
- Unplug appliances when you aren't using them. Even when they aren't being used, they are sometimes drawing "phantom power," which wastes energy.
- Your home's water heater is a big energy user. Make sure to use cold water when you can and turn off the hot water while you are scrubbing your hands.
- Consider asking your utility about ways to reduce energy usage. There are small things that go along ways from sealing up air leaks to replacing old appliances. Smart thermostats allow you to set goals and look at your energy use history.

"We know that using energy wisely to lower monthly electric bills is important to our Buffalo community residents. And we recognize that kids have a special role in reminding their families how they can save energy," said Jason Meusburger, Utilities & IT Director. "While we are sharing these tips during Public Power Week, we hope our community will keep an eye on energy efficiency all year round."

BMU offers a variety of programs to help you use energy wisely. If you want to purchase 100% clean energy this is available through our wholesale power provider as low as a few dollars a month. There are many rebates with lighting, highly efficient appliances, and even electric vehicles that your utility offers

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