

It's a Good Time for an Energy "Tune Up"

Whether you have an old house, a new one, or rent an apartment, they all require an energy tune up in time for the coming heating season. Here are a few general tips to help you reduce energy use and save money as the weather gets colder:

- Set your thermostat at 68°F for eight hours a day and you'll save as much as 10 percent on energy costs. Every degree you lower your thermostat could save you about 3 percent on your heating bill.
- Winterize windows with weather stripping for all moveable joints and caulking for non-moving parts.
- Change the filter on your heating system once a month for more efficient operation. This will save money and improve comfort.
- Inspect ductwork for any air leakage. If you do feel air leaking at joints, use silver metal duct tape to seal them. You could save up to 10 percent on heating costs by eliminating those leaks.

For more winter energy tips, visit atlanticcityelectric.com and check out our "85 Ways to Save" brochure.

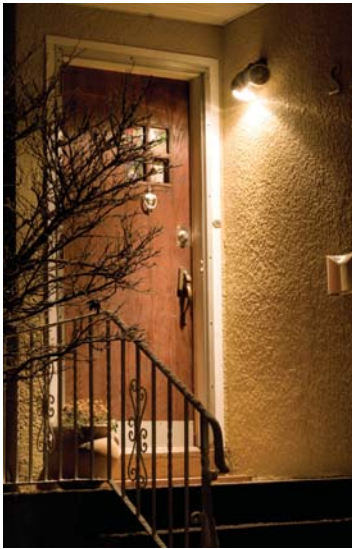


Get Help with Energy Bills This Winter

Assistance is available this winter season for those who need help paying utility or heating bills.

1. The federally funded **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** provides help for numerous households each year. Call 800-510-3102 or visit liheap.org for details.
2. **New Jersey Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services (New Jersey SHARES)** is a non-profit organization assisting those in need of temporary help. Contact New Jersey SHARES by calling 866-657-4273, or visit njshares.org.
3. New Jersey's **Universal Service Fund (USF)** program helps make energy bills more affordable for low-income customers. Program details are available by calling 866-240-1347, or visit www.energyassistance.nj.gov.
4. **Lifeline** is a utility assistance program that offers \$225 to persons who meet certain income guidelines. This benefit includes utility customers as well as tenants whose utility bills are included in their rent. Call 800-792-9745 for information.

Atlantic City Electric offers payment options for those who just need a little flexibility in paying their bill. Visit atlanticcityelectric.com and learn more about Budget Billing, Extended Payment and Time Payment Arrangement programs.



Lighting Up the Night for Safety

Atlantic City Electric recently distributed more than 500 compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to customers in Wildwood and the townships of Galloway, Hamilton, and Franklin.

It was part of National Night Out where the utility joined local public safety, emergency management, social service agencies and local businesses in this family-friendly event to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.

Utility representatives also set up a safety trailer and spoke to customers about energy saving tips, proper use of smoke detectors, and service restoration following storms, among other topics.

“As a utility, it’s our job to be interactive with the communities we serve,” said Senior Public Affairs Manager Lee Wasman. “This event allowed us to show what it is we really do – deliver safe and reliable electricity.”

Make a Difference, Help Raise Me Up

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families is asking you to support children in foster care and help prevent child abuse and neglect.

Visit www.RaiseMeUp.org, click on New Jersey, and learn how you can make a difference in a child's life. Opportunities range from fostering, adopting or mentoring a child – to distributing materials in your neighborhood.



Atlantic City Electric is a partner of the Raise Me Up campaign. When you invest in children, you're investing in New Jersey's future.



Nov 3: *Ham & Oyster Dinner*; St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Delsea Dr. & Focer St., Glassboro; 856-228-1170 or 856-769-2315, www.stthomasglassboro.org.

Nov 7: *The Philharmonic of Southern NJ's Mozart, Dvorak, Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky Kick Off*; Moorestown High School; 856-779-2600, www.psnj.org.

Nov 7: *Fall Arts & Crafts Festival*; Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts; Cape May; 609-884-5404; www.capemaymac.org.

Nov 21: *Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony*; Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts; Cape May; 609-884-5404; www.capemaymac.org.

Nov 21: *Cherish The Ladies Band*; Appel Farm Arts and Music Center, Elmer, NJ; 800-394-1211; www.appelfarm.org.

Nov 28-29: *Whitman Stafford Committee and Crazy Quilt Club of Atco Present: Victorian Christmas in the Historic Farmhouse*; 315 Maple Ave., Laurel Springs; 856-783-8040 or 856-768-2222, rwzimmermann@comcast.net.

FOR MORE THINGS TO DO IN THE REGION, click on “About Us” and then “In the Community” at atlanticcityelectric.com.

To include a future event either in Lines or online, fax to: 302-283-6095, or e-mail: lines@atlanticcityelectric.com.

Learn How to Prevent Electrical Fires in Your Home

October is Fire Prevention Month, a perfect time to focus on preventing an electrical fire in your home. Follow these simple suggestions and stay safe year round:

- Daylight savings time ends November 1. As you set your clocks back, take time to check the batteries in smoke detectors.
- Inspect electric cords and replace

them if they are damaged.

- Look for the UL (Underwriters Laboratories) label when purchasing appliances.
- If you use a portable space heater, keep it at least 4 feet away from drapery and furniture, and place it on a non-flammable surface.
- Never use water on an electrical

fire. Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

- Avoid running extension cords across walkways, doorways and under carpets.
- Never pull an electrical plug out by the cord.

We have more fire safety tips at atlanticcityelectric.com.