

Your energy provider yesterday, today and tomorrow."

# NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

January 2011

## COOL OFF YOUR WINTER ENERGY BILL

**E**nergy use and bills usually increase over the holidays and the winter months. But that doesn't mean you can't take steps to conserve and save.

### HELP KEEP YOUR ENERGY BILL COOL THIS WINTER WITH THESE TIPS AND TRICKS:

- **Windows:** Make sure drapes and shades are open to catch free solar heat during the day. Close them at night to keep the heat inside.
- **Thermostat:** Set your thermostat to 68°F (or lower if comfortable). Wear a sweater and place an extra blanket on the bed at night.
- **Ceiling fan:** Run ceiling paddle fans on low and reverse the rotation to blow air up in winter.
- **Vents:** Your HVAC system will have to work twice as hard if your air registers and vents are blocked by rugs, furniture or drapes. Keep them clear to allow air to flow freely.
- **Filters:** Check your furnace filter each month and clean or replace as needed. Dirty filters block air flow through your heating system and increase your energy bill.
- **Garage door:** Leave your garage door down. A warmer garage in winter will save energy.
- **Floor rugs:** Have a spare rug? Use it to cover bare floors for added insulation.
- **Cool savings:** Don't make your fridge work too hard. Clean coils every year, and set the temperature between 34°-37° F; leave the freezer between 0°-5° F.
- **Keep the freezer full—frozen food helps your freezer stay cool.**
- **Cooking:** When cooking keep lids on pots, and let hot food cool off before placing it in the refrigerator.
- **Hot savings:** Heating water accounts for 12% of your home's energy use. Set your water heater temperature no higher than 120°F.
- **Washing:** Since hot water costs more, wash clothes in cold water (unless very dirty) and do only full loads of laundry.

Don't pay for what you don't use: When you're not watching TV or using lights, computers and electronics, turn them off.

**Find more ways to save at [www.TOGETHERWESAVE.com](http://www.TOGETHERWESAVE.com)**

**Source:** TogetherWeSave.com, Alliance to Save Energy, EnergySavers.gov

## REMINDER !!

### DUAL FUEL METER MUST REMAIN ENERGIZED!!



All meters need to be energized in order for Chippewa Valley Electric to get a meter reading. Some dual fuel accounts have their meter on a separate breaker and it gets turned off in the summer months. In order for the member to participate in the dual fuel program that breaker and meter must be left on.

**Thank you for your Cooperation!!** If you have any questions please contact our office at (715) 239-6800 or by email at [cvec@cvecoop.com](mailto:cvec@cvecoop.com)



## ACH FORM

Name(s) on CVEC bill \_\_\_\_\_

CVEC Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone, Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your Financial Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If your payment is to be delivered from a checking account, enclose a blank check. Write VOID across it and DO NOT SIGN IT. If your payment is to be deducted from a savings account, enclose a deposit slip that includes your account number. **Please allow one month for the set up of the Automatic Payment Plan.**

CVEC has the right to cancel use of the Automatic Payment Plan. I will write to CVEC if I decide to cancel my use of the Automatic Payment Plan.

Account Holder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature, Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Only first time ACH participants are eligible for the \$20 credit. Member must remain on ACH for a minimum of 18 months. Sign up by 3/31/11 to receive credit. Mail this form with your current payment or mail it separately to CVEC, P.O. Box 575, 317 S. 8th St., Cornell, WI 54732. For more information, call 715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800.

**Sign up by March 31, 2011 and receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill!**

Credit is for first time ACH participants only. ACH (Automated Clearing House) allows transfer of funds from your checking or savings account directly to Chippewa Valley Electric's account to pay your electric bill. A direct withdrawal would be made on the 22nd of each month for the amount of your bill.

If you are interested in participating in this convenient payment method, please fill out the form at left and return it to our office with the required information.

## REBATE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

**THE DEADLINE FOR REBATE SUBMISSIONS IS JANUARY 15, 2011. IF YOU'VE PURCHASED ANY CFL'S, LED HOLIDAY LIGHTS, OR ENERGY STAR RATED APPLIANCES IN 2010 (GO TO CVECOOP.COM FOR FULL LIST OF REBATES OFFERED) PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION TO OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2011.**

**MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT CVECOOP.COM OR CALL OUR OFFICE AT 715-239-6800 OR 1-800-300-6800.**

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