

# Energizer News



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### Rebates, tips and online energy tool add up for summer comfort and savings

Cool off in the heat of summer by following our energy and money saving tips, taking advantage of appliance rebates and signing up for MyAccount, our new online energy use and payment tool.

With MyAccount, you can track your energy use monthly, weekly, or, in some cases, even hourly, to learn when you and your family are using the most electricity. Armed with that information you can make decisions about when and how you want to use energy. You can even set energy markers to note events or upgrades that may affect your energy usage, such as purchasing a new energy-efficient appliance or installing a programmable thermostat.

Say you decide to buy a new dehumidifier. Set an energy marker with MyAccount and watch how the new energy-efficient appliance affects your energy usage. And don't forget to check out our rebates at mnpower. com/Rebates to get money back for qualifying dehumidifiers. We also offer rebates on communicating programmable thermostats, central air conditioning, air source heat pumps and more.

### How to sign up for MyAccount

Go to mnpower.com to get started. You'll need the last four digits of the primary phone number listed on your account, your name exactly as it appears on your bill, your account number, and your email address.

### Tips to conserve energy in the summer

- Use a slow cooker, microwave or outdoor grill instead of the stove.
- Set the air conditioning thermostat at 78 degrees or higher.
- Use curtains, blinds or shades to keep the sunlight out and the cool air in.
- Ventilate your attic—proper ventilation reduces temperatures and prevents moisture buildup.
- Turn off all unnecessary lights.
- Consider using a whole house fan to ventilate your home by replacing old air with fresh outdoor air.
- Turn off the AC and open the windows when it cools off at night.
- Turn off unused electronics such as TVs and computers. When left on, these things use energy and generate heat. Consider using a smart power strip in offices and home entertainment areas.
- Remember to look for the ENERGY STAR® label when purchasing new appliances.

For information about rebates and more ways to save, visit mnpower.com/PO1



## Be prepared for summer storms – download our outage app

Be prepared in the event of a service interruption by downloading the Minnesota Power outage app. You'll be able to check the location of outages and get estimated restoration times.



Download the app at mnpower.com/OutageCenter. Report an outage online or call 1-800-307-6937.

### Minnesota Power helps farmers find stray voltage

Minnesota Power works with farmers to help detect and reduce stray voltage in confined animal operations. This low-level voltage can be found on metal objects that farm animals touch, such as water pipes and stanchions.

The voltage level is usually so slight that humans cannot feel it, but animals may. It can be caused by many factors, including faulty wiring or improper grounding. For more information or to schedule a free stray voltage review, contact Kevin McLean at 320-635-5078, ext. 5078, or 1-800-228-4966, ext. 5078.

### **Community Investment Report**

We understand the importance of healthy communities and a healthy region for our families, our neighbors and our businesses. We're proud of our family of companies powered by people who selflessly give of their time, talents and financial resources to live ALLETE's corporate value of community engagement.

We hope you'll find time to learn about our high impact donations and investments over the past year at www.positivelypowerful.org/communityinvestment-report.pdf



Recycle your old refrigerator or freezer and get these big benefits:

- · Free pick up and recycling
- · A \$50 reward
- · An opportunity to order a FREE energy-saving kit

Get details at:

mnpower.com/RefrigeratorRecycling or call us at 1-866-552-6755

Looking for ways your business can save energy and money?







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### CONGRATULATIONS

Minnesota Power Foundation 2018 Scholarship Recipients



#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

12 area high school seniors received \$2,000 Community Involvement scholarships for giving back to their communities and for academic achievements.



#### **NEW GENERATION**

15 New Generation scholars received \$2,000 if pursuing a bachelor's degree and \$1,000 if pursuing an associate's degree.

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Find the 2018 recipients at **positivelypowerful.org/scholarships** 2019 scholarship applications will be available in Fall 2018