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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Holiday Efficiency Savings

The cost of decking the halls, devouring delectable holiday treats, imbibing fine spirits and celebrating with family and friends over the holidays can really add up. Here are a few efficiency ideas to lighten their impact on your finances, schedules and the environment.

Decorating

If you haven't already, switch to LED Christmas lights. LED Christmas lights last longer and only use about 10% of the electricity when compared to traditional, incandescent bulbs that produce the same amount of light. Pre-lit, fiber optic trees and decorations also use LEDs with the added benefit of being shatterproof, shock-resistant, and cool to the touch.

Use a timer for all holiday lights. Set it to automatically turn your holiday lights on and off at the appropriate times – typically on at dusk and off at bedtime. To safely control exterior lights around your home, use a weatherproof outdoor timer.

Consider decorations with few or no lights. Reflective ornaments, candles, ribbons and garland make the most of low-lighting conditions. They can be used throughout the house to decorate staircases, entryways, mantels or wherever else you want to add some holiday cheer.

When operating holiday lights, turn off room lights. This enhances the holiday mood while providing sufficient lighting for most activities. Note that fireplaces also provide warm, ambient light. Just remember to

close the flue when the fireplace is cold and not in use to ensure heat isn't escaping up the chimney.

Heating

When you have guests, turn down the thermostat and take advantage of the body heat they generate. Waiting until guests are too warm and then opening a window to cool down is very inefficient, especially if you forget to close the window afterward. If you are baking, turn the oven off when finished and leave the door open to circulate extra heat into the room.

For those who may feel a little chilled, add another layer of clothing or grab a blanket rather than turning the thermostat up. Considering this is the only time of the year you can get away with wearing your favorite ugly Christmas sweater or Santa hat, why not take advantage of the opportunity?

Cooking

While creating your culinary delights, keep the lid on pots and pans and the oven door closed. Food will cook faster and require less energy while cooking. Use a timer to prevent overcooking and the oven light to check on your food's progress. Remember, it takes about the same amount of energy to heat an oven full of food as it does a nearly empty one. When possible, bake several dishes at the same time.

For smaller cooking tasks, use kitchen appliances like the microwave or toaster oven. Save the oven for larger and longer cooking projects like roasting a turkey or ham. Ra-

ther than grabbing a pot for tasks like melting chocolate, making cocoa or warming up leftovers, use the microwave to reduce energy usage by 50% or more.

Shopping

Give the gift of energy efficiency. When considering household appliances and electronics, look for the ENERGY STAR® label. ENERGY STAR-certified products use up to 60% less electricity than non-certified products.

Visit www.energystar.gov for a list of qualified ideas to ensure your gift will save energy for years to come.

Shop locally. Not only will it save time and energy by not making an extended shopping trip, but it also helps support small businesses in your area. Are you more of an online shopper? Check out

<https://buynebraska.com>, <https://grownebraska.org> and <https://fromne.com> for a huge selection of great gifts from retailers right here in Nebraska.

Your local electric utility wants to help you make the most of this holiday season! For additional ways you can become more EnergyWiseSM, visit with your local electric utility.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 4th
January 18th

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

City Hall office
Hours are:
7:30 a.m.
until 4:30 p.m.

NOTICE

City Offices will be closed the following day for the holidays:

Monday,
January 17th,
In observance of
Martin Luther King
Day



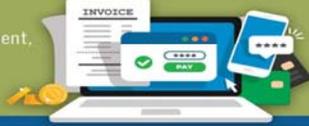
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“Have you ever noticed that anybody driving faster than you is a maniac, and anyone going slower than you is a moron?”

—George Carlin

Library ~

- * **WE WILL BE CLOSED** December 31st and January 1st in observance of the New Year holiday.
- * **WE WILL BE CLOSED** January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- * **Toddler Time is back!** Hang out with Miss Kim Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Library for stories, music, dancing, busy bags, and more. Meet other parents and kids in the area, and learn about the various services and reading programs our library offers.
- * **After school coloring will take place on Friday, January 14th, and Friday, January 28th. at 3:30 p.m.** Relax and get creative after a busy school week. Adults will be on hand for conversation. Coloring pages, art utensils of all kinds, and a light snack will be provided.
- * **Head to the back of the Library on Tuesday, January 11th, at 6:00 p.m. for Adult Coloring.** Stop in for a relaxing night and good company. Colors, coloring sheets, and snacks are provided. Adult Coloring Night is sponsored by Pac N' Save.
- * **Are you a 50's and 60's trivia wiz?**

Then join us **Friday, January 21st, at 7:00 p.m. for our decades-themed trivia night!** The event will be held at Johnnie Byrd's. Costumes and themed costume groups are highly encouraged! Please stop in or call the Library to register your team of four. Space is limited, first-come, first-serve. Awards will be given to trivia winners and best costumes.

- * **Work on your creative projects with our Needle Night group, Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Library** Enjoy conversation and good company while working on your personal needlework projects. All kinds of decorative sewing and textile arts handicrafts are welcome.
- * **Book Club will be returning for discussion Tuesday, January 25th, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library conference room. This month's discussion book will be **Thursday Murder Club** by **Richard Osman**. An eclectic group of retired residents at Coopers Chase village meet every Thursday to try their hand at solving old murders. ... But then exceptional luck comes their way

when an actual, real-life murder falls into their laps. Tony Curran, the developer of the retirement village, is killed

- * **The 2021 Adult Year Long Reading Challenge and the Youth Winter Reading Challenge will end in January.** Make sure to log all of your reading for either challenge by January 3rd. Prize winners will be announced and contacted on January 4th. Good luck and congrats to all of our readers!
- * **The 2022 Adult Year-Long American Road Trip Challenge will begin on January 3rd! Take a reading road trip with us across the United States and beyond!** Earn prize tickets by reading books either set in, about, or by an author from each of our 50 states. Log Reading via our Beanstack app or via our paper booklet. Stop by the circulation desk for more information or to get signed up.

**WAYNE
RECYCLING &
TRASH
CENTER (RTC)
HOURS**

Monday & Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Tuesday
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday
8:00 am.—Noon

Or by appointment
Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday

Green Notes ~ A Green Start to the New Year!

If your house feels full of too many holiday purchases, then do a home cleanse to see what you no longer need or want. Wayne has great options to donate or resell stuff at thrift stores like Micah's Closet or Thrift Warehouse. We have a full list of where to take odds and ends on our website at www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam, which includes items like prescription medicines, eyeglasses, books, plastic bags, inkjet printer cartridges, and more.

You can always recycle for **free** at the Wayne Recycling & Trash Center (RTC), located at 110 Windom Street and open Mon and Fri, 9:00am – 1:30pm, Tue 11am – 2pm, and Sat, 8:00am – noon. The station accepts glass, cardboard, tin cans, plastics bottles (no plastic bags or Styrofoam), strings of lights, and scrap metal, and has recycling drop offs for Wayne Boy

Scout Troop #174 of aluminum cans, newspapers, magazines, and mixed paper.

Use the City's Brush Pile. Bring your Christmas tree free of any decorations or tinsel to the City's brush pile at 1810 Industrial Road.

Green Team Meeting January 11: We invite you to attend our Green Team meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon in the conference room of the SNBuilding at 1010 Main Street in Wayne (with the exception of no meetings in June, July and December).

For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam.

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying, or securing financing for any housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and the presence of children.

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, contact HUD 1-800-669-9777 or your local Fair Housing representative:

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