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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ In Hot Water

Getting into hot water can cost you a lot of money. Parents of some teenagers would definitely agree.

No, I'm not referring to attorney fees, fines and increased insurance premiums that might be associated with some rogue or wayward youths. I'm talking about those parents with additional water heating costs due to an adolescent who "camps out" in the shower until the water heater yields "lukewarm" at best. To make matters worse, these kids often beat others in the household to the first shower.

One approach to addressing this problem might be to enroll the young "merman" or "mermaid" in some type of remedial hygiene course. Unfortunately, this tactic doesn't begin to address the financial impact of relying on a conventional water heater to meet home water heating needs. This is especially true for parents who secretly indulge in prolonged hot showers themselves. In these situations, a heat pump water heater (HPWH) should definitely be considered.

Don't feel your home fits this profile? Here are a few other reasons a HPWH, which is also known as a hybrid water heater, might be just what you need:

- ◆ Though HPWHs cost about \$1,000 more than traditional storage tank water heaters, energy savings often pay for the difference in two to five years.
- ◆ The majority of conventional tank water heaters come with a six-year warranty. HPWHs commonly offer a 10-year warranty.
- ◆ Self-contained HPWHs often assist with managing summertime humidity in the home.
- ◆ Unlike natural gas and propane water heaters that burn fuel inside your home and require venting, HPWHs use electricity and no venting is needed. Accordingly, selecting all-electric over combustion-based appliances reduces reliance on carbon monoxide detectors.
- ◆ In hybrid mode, HPWHs heat water faster than standard electric hot water heaters.
- ◆ By leveraging the efficiency of heat pump technology, carbon emissions are reduced by up to 75%.

According to ENERGY STAR®, the average family of four saves approximately \$350 per year on their electric bills when using a

HPWH compared to a standard water heater. Furthermore, if all U.S.-purchased residential electric water heaters under 55 gallons were ENERGY STAR®-certified HPWHs, the energy cost savings would be almost \$12 billion a year. In addition, annual greenhouse gas emissions would be reduced by 140 billion pounds, which is equivalent to emissions from more than 13 million vehicles. To find out more about whether an ENERGY STAR®-certified HPWH is right for you, visit: https://www.energystar.gov/products/energy_star_home_upgrade/super_efficient_water_heater

If you suspect your water heater is more than 10 years old—it is time to consider replacing it before you're left with an emergency decision. With most water heaters installed in utility rooms, it's easy to overlook your water heater's condition. Visible corrosion, leaking water, rusty hot water, reduced hot water availability and rumbling noises are familiar signs of impending failure.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 5th
July 19th

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

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

CITY SIREN SIGNALS

Fire Alarm Siren: This is a high/low tone and will operate in daytime hours

Tornado Siren: This will be a single high tone siren for 3 minutes.

Tornado Shelter
City Auditorium at 3rd & Pearl Street & East Park
Restrooms



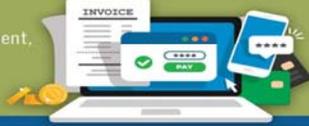
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WISE WORDS

“Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.”

—Alan Dundes

Library ~

Stop by the Library to sign up for participation in our programs, for more detailed event information.

- **WE WILL BE CLOSED** on July 4th in observance of the holiday.
- Grab one of our Summer Reading Program calendars from the circulation desk to see all of the great youth and adult programming and challenges we offer this summer!
- Join us for New Adult Book Club! Tuesday, July 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library conference room. We will be discussing *Red, White, and Royal Blue* by Casey McQuiston.
- Special youth programming with Amy Topp of the 4H Extension Office will take place on July 6th and July 13th at the Library. Both dates will have two different attendance times: Kindergarten-2nd graders at 11:00 a.m. and 3rd-4th graders at 1:00 p.m.
- To help kick off the beginning of the Wayne Chicken Show, we will be having a Henoween Storytime and activity at the Library at 4:30 p.m. on July 8th.

- The Youth Summer Reading Challenge begins on July 11th! Stop by the Library to pick up your book challenge sheet and read specific books to earn tickets towards grand prize bundles! The challenge will run until August 8th.
- Create a beautiful moon wreath with us made of paper and recycled paper, flowers, and more at our crescent moon wreath craft night, Tuesday, July 19th at 6:30 p.m. Must sign-up to participate. Space and supplies are limited and it's on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Special youth programming with Brandi Kolbeck will take place at the Library on July 20th. There will be two sessions available to attend, one at 10:00 a.m. and another following at 11:00 a.m. All ages are welcome!
- Book Club will be returning for discussion Tuesday, July 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library conference room. This month's discussion

book will be *Anatomy of a Scandal* by Sarah Vaughan.

- Teen 3D Printing Classes (ages 13 and up) will be happening in our computer lab! Participants must sign up beforehand and have a parental consent form signed to use the 3D Printer. Dates: July 7th at 2:00 p.m., July 14th at 2:00 p.m., and July 28th at 2:00 p.m. Sharon will introduce you to the basics of the 3D printer and get you started with Tinkercad, where you can create your own original 3D designs!

Dress in your best 80's gear and be ready for a totally tubular night! Join us Friday, July 29th, at 7:00 p.m. for our 80's decade-themed trivia night! The event will be held at Johnnie Byrd's.



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 a.m.—Noon

Or by appointment
Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday

Green Notes ~ Recycle Right in the Park!



This summer, the blue recycling bins are back throughout Wayne City parks, making recycling accessible for people enjoying the outdoors. Look for the twinned bins—recycling and trash side by side—to properly dispose of your unwanted items. The park recycling bins only accept **plastic beverage bottles and cans that are empty of all liquids**. Please do not put any other items in these bins, such as plastic straws, food wrappers, or even plastic drink cups, which all belong in the trash bin. Any amount of trash contaminates the recycling load.

24th, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 am, on 3rd Street between Lincoln and Pearl. Stay tuned for details and save up your electronics until then.

Special Green Team Meeting next month. Join us for a special Green Team meeting on Tuesday, July 19th, noon, at the SNBuilding Conference Room located at 1010 Main Street. City Administrator Wes Blecke will attend to discuss green infrastructure and investments by the City.

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

Electronics recycling coming this fall. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September

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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