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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Summer Peaks!



Why does your electric bill seem to shoot up during the summer? Most people blame air conditioning as the culprit. While it is true for average homeowner that cooling consumes the largest portion of energy during hot months, there is another reason why you have to reach deeper into your pocket to pay summer electric bills. To support extra-high electricity usage on very hot days, your electric utility often requires supplemental electricity from additional generating facilities known as "peaker plants." These plants, which usually do not operate 97 percent to 99 percent of the year, can be switched on quickly to satisfy peak power demand, experienced when homes and businesses are using air conditioning in addition to their regular electrical use. For most utilities in the U.S., these peak periods occur weekdays, between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Unfortunately, electricity from peaker plants is more expensive than from traditional generation resources. Estimates show that 10 percent to 20 percent of the overall annual cost of providing electricity comes from supplying electrical demand during the 100 most-expensive hours of the year. In Nebraska these "peaks" usually occur during the summer; therefore, most Nebraska utilities bill their customers using a summer rate (June through September) and a winter rate (October through May). Summer rates are often designed 25 percent to 35

percent higher than winter rates to cover additional peaking power costs. Is there anything you can do to reduce the impact of summer electrical use on your wallet? Absolutely, there is! The wholesale purchase price your utility must pay for the electricity you use is significantly impacted by what time of day you are using it. If it is during the peak period, your utility will pay more for additional energy resources needed. But if you can reduce your usage during these peaks or shift your usage to another time of day, your utility will pay less. Here are easy ways for you to help your electric utility and reduce your "peak" energy use:

- ◆ Your microwave uses about two-thirds less energy than your stove. Better yet, grill outside.
- ◆ Your dishwasher uses less water and energy than washing dishes by hand. Use the air-dry setting on your dishwasher to save even more.
- ◆ Fill your refrigerator. Filling your fridge with lots of food and beverages will keep it from warming up quickly when the door is open – causing it to run for a long time after the door is closed.
- ◆ Set your thermostat to 78°F when you are home and 85°F or off when you are away. Using ceiling or room fans allows you to set the thermostat higher because air movement will make the room feel cooler.
- ◆ Do your laundry by using the

cold water setting on your washer. Line-dry clothes whenever you can.

- ◆ When you need to use the clothes dryer, run full loads, use the moisture-sensing setting, and clean the lint trap after each use.
 - ◆ Unplug electronic devices and chargers when they are not in use. Turn computers and printers off at the power strip.
 - ◆ Unplug and recycle that spare refrigerator in the garage if you do not really need it.
 - ◆ Replace air conditioner filters. Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the system to run longer.
 - ◆ Install and use window shading to reduce heat gain inside. Install patio covers, awnings, and solar window screens to shade your home.
- Your local utility wants to help you make the most of your energy dollar this summer while keeping you cool. For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWiseSM, along with possible energy efficiency financial incentives, contact your local utility.

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CITY COUNCIL

MEETINGS

August 6th
August 20th



CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

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

REMINDER TO PET OWNERS

Remember to pick up your dog's waste — don't leave it in parks where kids play or other private and public areas!! It's not only the right thing to do—it's the law!!



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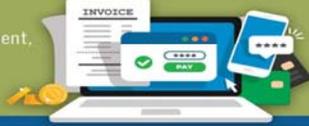
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“When in doubt, look intelligent.”

—Garrison Keillor

Library ~

- ◆ WE WILL BE CLOSED on August 31st for cleaning.
- ◆ Herb Club will end with Lemon Balm! Thank you to all who explored the variety of spices and herbs with us. We hope you found some great new recipes to add to your rotation. We will be retiring from this club after this month.
- ◆ Work on your creative projects with our Needle Night group, which meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Enjoy conversation and good company while working on your needlework projects. All kinds of decorative sewing and textile arts handicrafts are welcome.
- ◆ The WPL Friends Book & Resale Store, The Recycled Read, is open every first Saturday of every month. Donations are accepted during store hours and at the Library during regular business hours. Textbooks or encyclopedias will not be accepted, and items in poor condition may also be refused. A pop-up event will be on August 22nd from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Jeff Barnes will be here on August 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss Buffalo Bill! As Jeff Barnes shares his expertise, you can discover his remarkable tales and historical significance. Nebraska Humanities sponsors this event.
- ◆ Join Nicole in crafting fun on August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. We will create paracord bracelets at the back of the Library for your adventure needs.
- ◆ Join Librarian Jesse in creating a Junk Journal on

August 8, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. For ages 10+, Make your own notebook and decorate the cover! All supplies provided. Just bring yourself and your imagination.

- ◆ Adult and Youth Summer Reading programs will end on August 9, 2024. Please turn in your Challenges and logs by 6:00 p.m. that day. Prize drawings will take place the following week.
- ◆ Come for TV Fandom Trivia Night at Johnnie Byrd's "The Coop" on Friday, August 9th, at 7 p.m. Who knows the most about popular TV shows such as Friends, The Office, Gilmore Girls, and more! Join in the fun to find out. Visit or call the Library at (402) 375-3135 to register a team of up to 6 people.
- ◆ Head to the back of the Library on Tuesday, August 13th, at 6:00 p.m. for Adult Coloring Night. Stop in for a relaxing night and good company. Colors, coloring sheets, and snacks are provided. The Endicott Family sponsors this program.
- ◆ Join Ms. Aleisha on August 14th at 12:30 p.m. for a fun way to celebrate the first day of school. Unwind after the first day of school with delicious root beer floats and a movie. The movie is about a Spirit of the Forest who is torn between love and her responsibilities as the Guardian of the Heart of the Forest when she develops feelings for a human.
- ◆ Basic Tech Night with Nicole will be on

August 20th at 6:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to get assistance with your devices! If you have a question about a phone, please sign up; that way, Nicole can research your phone and help you! To sign up for a specialized tech visit with Nicole, stop by the Library or call 402-375-3135!

- ◆ Engage in a fun and competitive puzzle race at the Library on August 24th at 1:00 p.m. Register teams of 4 people by calling (402)375-3135 to secure your spot. The puzzle race will include a 500-piece puzzle. Hurry, as there will be a limit of 6 teams for this exciting event. Test your puzzle-solving skills and have the chance to win some prizes. All ages are welcome.
- ◆ Book Club will return to the Library conference room on Tuesday, August 27th, at 6:30 p.m. This month's discussion book will be *The Nanny Diaries* by Emma McLaughlin and Nicole Kraus. *The Nanny Diaries is about A young woman who cares for a wealthy family's son, facing long shifts and unpredictable pay. She navigates as the family's marriage struggles, maintaining the child's well-being, integrity, and sense of humor. The story delves into the challenges of modern-day servitude and power dynamics.*

**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 ~ What is Chipboard?

 Many people have asked whether chipboard is the same as cardboard. The answer is no. Chipboard is a single layer of wood fibers (low density fiberboard), while cardboard is corrugated consisting of several layers. Chipboard is what many food products come in, such as cereal, pasta, and crackers. Even your toilet paper roll is chipboard. If you take your chipboard to the Wayne Recycling & Trash Center, it should be included with your mixed paper for the Boy Scouts' trailer, NOT placed in with the cardboard. If you recycle it curbside via Waste Connection, it can be included with your single stream,

mixed recycling bin.

Electronics recycling next month. Join us for our annual electronics recycling event Saturday, September 14th, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m., on 3rd Street between Lincoln and Pearl. Be sure to save your TVs, computers, cell phones, gaming consoles, and more for this annual event so you can recycle right. Visit our website for a complete list of accepted electronics.

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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