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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Home Office Equipment

More people are working from home than ever before. A large portion of electricity that was traditionally consumed in commercial offices and businesses has shifted to homes and alternative work locations. While some may not notice the increase on their monthly energy bill, others are surprised to find out how much those office electronics, combined with increased use of other household appliances, can add. Whether at home or in a conventional office, the same principles of energy efficiency apply.

Computers

Computers are usually the most critical piece of office equipment. Consider switching out old desktop PCs to a laptop. According to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE), laptops use about one-third the power (22 watts) of a typical desktop (68 watts) when in active mode. Annually, a laptop could save about \$19 compared to a desktop.

Manage the computer's efficiency settings by enabling the low-power "sleep mode" to automatically activate after a set time of inactivity. This also applies to any connected peripheral equipment. Power management software is also available to ensure systems including connected peripherals are

running as efficiently as possible.

Monitors

While more efficient flat screen monitors have become the standard for the last 20 years, not all monitors have similar energy requirements. High-resolution, ultrawide and twisted-nematic screens tend to consume more energy than general-use LED monitors. Applying "sleep" and "hibernate" settings and turning off machines when not in use can translate to significant energy savings. Unmanaged monitors left on at night and on the weekend can easily add an extra \$30 onto energy bills each year.

Printers

The ACEEE also notes that most home printers have less than 75 hours of active use a year. Similar to computers, activate the printer's power-management settings. As much as \$50 in energy savings could be realized annually. Print only when necessary and use the double-sided option when possible. In addition to reducing waste and energy use, it may also extend the life of the printer.

Cell phones and rechargeable devices

These days, everything is wireless. From cell phones and headsets to notebooks and keyboards, chargers are

plugged in and devices connected to ensure a full charge when they are needed. Many continue drawing power even after charging is complete. Plugging office electronics into a power strip allows users to switch all chargers and other plug-in devices "off" with one switch.

Coffee Makers

Yes, the coffee maker is a piece of office equipment! The California Energy Commission found that an average multi-cup coffee maker uses about 60 watt-hours to maintain brewed coffee at serving temperature. When left "on" throughout the day, a single unit can add \$25 a year to energy costs. Instead, turn coffee makers "off" when brewing is complete, and use the microwave to reheat a cup when desired. This is also help preserve the flavor!

Your local utility wants to help you make the most of the energy that powers your home office. Contact them or if you would like information on other ways to reduce energy use in your home. You may be eligible for EnergyWiseSM incentives to reduce the cost of energy efficiency improvements.

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CITY COUNCIL

MEETINGS

November 3rd
November 17th

NOTICE TO WAYNE UTILITY CUSTOMERS

City Hall is now open. However, we are still limiting the number of people into the building, as well as keeping the 6 feet of distance between the public.

We are still encouraging utility payments be made by using the City's on-line bill pay services or by calling (402) 375-1733 to pay by debit/credit card. Checks and cash (to closest dollar amount) can still be dropped off in the two drop boxes located in the front and back of City Hall.

Thank you!!

Department News ~

Library ~

Hello from the Library!! Give us a call at [402-375-3135](tel:402-375-3135) for more details about visiting the Library. Our current hours are:

Monday: 10:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday: 1:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
 Thursday: 1:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
 Friday: 1:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Library computers are available for 30 minute time slots on the hour and half hour. We do recommend that you schedule a time to use the computer as we currently only have 2 open to the public.

We are also still offering curbside service. Place holds online through our online catalog, or give us a call to request books for pickup.

Beginning November 1st, we will be introducing a new community writing project: The Pages of Wayne County Community Journals. We will have 8 circulating journals available for checkout with varying themes: Art, Recipes and Cooking, Wayne County Memories, Encouraging Words for Others, Household Hints and Tricks, Recommendations, Writing, and Hopes for the Future. Library patrons are encouraged to check out their favorite themed journal and add their own ideas and stories to the pages. We hope these journals can be a source of community connection in a very isolating time.

We have coloring and activity/craft packets available monthly, while supplies last. We are also planning more virtual story times with Kim, and virtual youth and adult

programming activities. Adult Fall Reading Challenge begins November 1st and a Youth Challenge begins November 25th. Complete challenges to earn tickets towards grand prizes. The challenges will be available on the app Beanstack or by picking up a packet at the Library.

Follow us on social media for updates about packets and activities:

Facebook:
[@waynepubliclibrary1902](https://www.facebook.com/waynepubliclibrary1902)

Instagram:
[@WayneNELibrary](https://www.instagram.com/WayneNELibrary)

The Library will be closing at 4:00 p.m. on November 25th and will remain closed through November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

WISE WORDS

“Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out.”

—John Wooden

City Offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans’ Day and Thursday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Green Notes ~ Stuck with the Yuck?



If you’ve been wondering where you can take your yucky household hazardous waste items like oil & latex paint, cleaning chemicals, pesticides, aerosol cans, and even nail polish remover, try the City of Norfolk’s Household Hazardous Waste Facility. This HHW Facility serves the entire Lower Elkhorn Natural Resource District, which includes all of Wayne County and surrounding areas. Located at 610 E Monroe Ave in Norfolk, it is open Mon thru Fri 7:30am to 5pm, and Sat 7:30am to noon. Only households are allowed to bring their HHW. Check the website for a list of acceptable items or call first with questions: [402-844-2231](tel:402-844-2231) or <https://norfolkne.gov/government/depar>

[ments/solid-waste-division/household-hazardous-waste-facility.html](https://www.cityofwayne.org/solid-waste-division/household-hazardous-waste-facility.html). Other disposal options for businesses are listed on the website.

A reminder that our annual electronics recycling event has been postponed until next fall due to COVID-19. If you prefer not to wait, try Nebraska Electronics Recycling & Disposal in Norfolk. Call first at [402-750-6093](tel:402-750-6093) to confirm what they will take and if there are any fees.

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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 YOUR HOME.**



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