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Happy New Year!

Resolve to Control Energy Use and Costs

This winter season and throughout 2011, get a handle on your energy use and costs by resolving to:

Get Help with High Winter Bills

Find yourself overwhelmed by high heating bills this winter? Don't wait to seek assistance. Help is available!

The federally funded **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** provides help for numerous households each year. Call 800-510-3102 or visit liheap.org for details.

New Jersey Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services (New Jersey SHARES) is a nonprofit organization assisting those in need of temporary help. Contact New Jersey SHARES by calling 866-657-4273, or visit njshares.org.

New Jersey's **Universal Service Fund (USF)** program helps make energy bills more affordable for low-income customers. Program details are available by calling 866-240-1347, or visit www.energyassistance.nj.gov.

Lifeline is a utility assistance program that offers \$225 to persons who meet certain income guidelines. This benefit includes utility customers as well as tenants whose utility bills are included in their rent. Call 800-792-9745 for information.

Conserve More Energy

Looking for ways to save money on those heating bills? Check out these low-cost energy saving tips:

- During the winter months, set your thermostat at 68 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night. You can save 3 percent on your heating costs for every degree you reduce the temperature below 70 degrees.
- Change filters once a month. A well-maintained heating system can save money and increase the comfort level in your home.
- Inspect ductwork for any air leakage. If you do feel air leaking at joints, use silver metal duct tape to seal them. You could save up to 10 percent on your heating costs by eliminating those leaks.

Sign Up for Budget Billing

Need a little flexibility in paying your bill? Visit atlanticcityelectric.com to learn more about Budget Billing.



POWER OUT? CALL 1-800-833-7476

Get the Cold Facts about Winter Safety

Follow these easy tips for safely heating your home this winter:

- Keep heating equipment well tuned with a periodic maintenance check by a qualified technician.
- Maintain smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in proper working order; have fresh batteries on hand.
- Make sure fireplaces and wood stoves are well vented; never leave home until the fire is totally extinguished.
- Never use a barbecue grill or other outdoor cooking device to heat your home.

Use Space Heaters with Caution

- Select a space heater with a guard around the heating element flame.
- Never go to sleep with the space heater operating.
- Keep heater at least 4 feet away from curtains or other flammables.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

Sign Up for My Account & Green Bill

Want to do your part for the environment? Eliminate your paper bill by signing up for My Account at atlanticcityelectric.com and then selecting the Green Bill (paperless) billing option.



With Green Bill, you'll automatically receive a monthly e-mail stating that your bill is ready to view online. In addition, you have the option to sign up for AutoPay, our recurring payment program.

February

THINGS TO DO IN THE REGION

New Jersey (Area codes 609, 856)

Feb 11-13: Cape May Wine Weekend; Washington Inn and Cape May Winery, Cape May; 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, www.capemaymac.org.

Feb 13: Cape May Wine School-Great Italian Wines; Washington Inn, 801 Washington St., Cape May; 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, www.capemaymac.org.

Feb 19: Cape May Wine Trail; Jackson Mountain Café, Natali Vineyards and Hawk Haven Vineyard & Winery, Cape May; 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, www.capemaymac.org.

Feb 19,20: Crafts and Antiques in Winter; Cape May Elementary School, 921 Lafayette St., Cape May; 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, www.capemaymac.org.

Feb 20: "Can I Get a Witness!" Exhibit Panel Discussion; Carriage House Gallery, Cape May; 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, www.capemaymac.org.

FOR MORE THINGS TO DO IN THE REGION, click on "About Us" and then "In the Community" at atlanticcityelectric.com.

To include a future event either in LINES or online, fax to: 302-283-6095, or e-mail: lines@atlanticcityelectric.com.

Protecting Our Environment

Atlantic City Electric has presented a check for \$25,000 to the New Jersey Audubon Society (NJAS) in Cape May Point, N.J.

This donation is one of several where Atlantic City Electric has invested in wetland restoration and forest stewardship projects through the NJAS Important Bird and Birding Areas Program.

"Atlantic City Electric appreciates the opportunity to help the New Jersey Audubon Society and community volunteers in their efforts to enhance wildlife habitats in this area," said Atlantic City Electric Region Vice President Charlie Wimberg. "It's another opportunity to show our commitment to the communities we serve."