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The Best Value for Your Money

Over the past many months, we have all experienced the inflationary effect of the economy and how it impacts each of our lives. The price of food, fuel, and just about everything, has increased. On top of this, supply chain issues have made even the simplest things difficult to get in a timely fashion. Fortunately, one of the best values that you get every day and is delivered on time at a very reasonable price is electricity.

Every time you turn on an appliance, plug in a charger, or flip on a light, electricity is delivered instantaneously. Generally, without any supply chain issues, the kilowatt hours that you purchase do many things at a great value. For example, you can run the following for pennies:

Hair Dryer \$.1222 per hour \$.1351 for 10 hours Radio Central Air conditioner 13 SEER \$.0769 per hour Ceiling fan \$.0995 for 10 hours Coffee Maker \$.0995 per brew Dishwasher \$.246 per load Range(oven) \$.138 per hour Refrigerator 21.5 cu. Ft. \$.0053 per hour Clothes dryer \$.508 per load

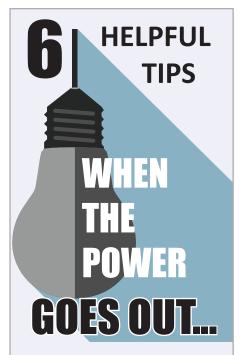


This is only a small example of the value that you receive when you use electricity in your home. To compare these costs to a few of your everyday purchases, one serving of a cup of coffee costs \$1.50 or \$5.00 for a coffee house coffee. If you are a soda drinker, \$2.10 for bottle. I am not saying that those everyday items are not worth it, because I pay those amounts almost daily, but I want people to understand the value of electricity. We are fortunate to have public power in Nebraska. Currently Nebraska's reliability is #1. Nebraska is #5 in lowest rates overall and #3 in residential rates in the nation.

\$.138 per hour

North Central Public Power District works every day, along with its power supplier, to provide its customers with safe and reliable electricity. We are doing all the things we can to ensure you continue to receive electricity at the value you expect. I hope this finds you and yours well and have a happy and safe holiday season.

Clothes washer



- 1 Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Generators, camp stoves, or charcoal grills should be used outside and at least 20 feet away from windows.
- 2 Plan ahead before an outage occurs: Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines, using power-dependent medical devices and charging cell phones.
- 3 Check on your neighbors if you can. Older adults and young children are especially vulnerable to extreme temperatures.
- 4 Go to another location with power if heat or cold is extreme and if conditions are safe to do so.
- 5 Keep refrigerators and freezers closed to maintain temperatures in the appliances for as long as possible. Once the power is back on, when in doubt, throw food out.
- 6 Turn off or disconnect appliances, electronics or other electrical equipment. Power may return with momentary surges or spikes that can cause damage.



Irrigation Facility Charge to be billed in February

Customers with irrigation accounts are reminded that the 2024 annual facility charge will be billed in February. If you are considering changing your load control schedule (i.e. from 3 Day Control to 2 Day Control) or if an account needs to be transferred into someone else's name, please notify our office as new irrigation contracts will need to be completed. Changes in load control

schedules can be made until the close of business March 31, 2024.

Irrigation Load Control Schedules:

Control Schedule	Facility Charge
No Control	\$60.00 x HP
*2 Day Control	\$37.75 x HP
*3 Day Control	\$24.10 x HP
*6 Day Control	\$21.00 x HP

^{*}Subject to Sunday Control

Notification Needed of Irrigation Changes

Irrigation customers are reminded if any changes have been made on your irrigation services (replacing on old irrigation system with a new system or replacing an old pump panel with a new one), you need to notify the North Central Public Power District (NCPPD) office. The customer is responsible for making arrangements to have the NCPPD load control equipment removed and returned to the office. If the equipment is missing when the annual irrigation inspection is done in the spring, the customer will be notified and will be responsible for locating the equipment and returning it to NCPPD or will be billed for the cost of the missing equipment.

When it comes to severe weather... hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.

Severe weather can cause power outages. Stay safe until we can restore power to you.





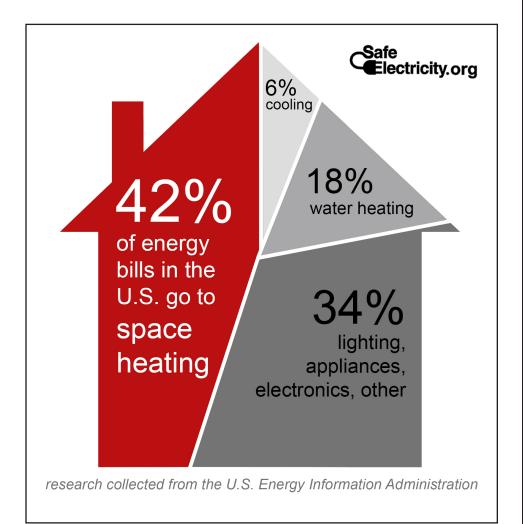
Linda Sokol, Energy Advisor

2024 Energy Efficiency Programs for City of Plainview Residents

2024 Energy Efficiency Programs offered to City of Plainview customers are as follows:

Smart Thermostat Program
Commercial LED Lighting Program
Cooling System Tune-up Program
High Efficiency Heat Pump Program
Attic Insulation Program

If you need an application or have a question on these programs, please call North Central Public Power District at 402-358-5112.





From our homes to yours . . .

Chicken and Dumplings

Ingredients

- 1 carton (32 oz) chicken broth
- 3 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 14 tsp poultry seasoning
- 1 can refrigerated Buttermilk Biscuits
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 3 celery ribs, chopped

Directions

In 4- to 5-quart Dutch oven, heat broth, chicken, soup and poultry seasoning to boiling, over medium-high heat; reduce heat to low. Cover; simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Increase heat to medium-high; return to a low boil. On lightly floured surface, roll or pat each biscuit to 1/2-inch thickness; cut into ½-inch-wide strips. Drop strips, one at a time, into boiling chicken mixture. Add carrots and celery. Reduce heat to low. Cover; simmer 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent dumplings from sticking.





FOR SALE: Cast iron wood burning kitchen stove. \$500. You take apart & haul. 6 ft silver tinsel Christmas tree in original box. \$150. Call 402-358-3704.

FOR SALE: Steel posts 5 ½ ft - 6 ft. \$2 each. Call 402-640-9301.

FOR SALE: Good Year 14.9-30R MFD tire 25% tread, good carcass. Good Rich 18.4-34 rear tire on duel rim 20% tread, good carcass. 50 ft wooden slat snow fence on roll. 50 ft wire corn cribbing on roll makes great chicken pens. Heat houser / wind breaker IHC & Comfort Cover side & rear

entry. Call 402-288-4238.

WANTED: Paying top dollar for scrap metal. Any farm equipment, vehicles & anything metal. Will pick up. Call 402-841-2242.

FOR SALE: 1990 Ford L8000 grain truck with 20 foot box and hoist. Automatic, twin screw with pusher. 127,500 miles. \$38,900. Call 402-841-7686.

Do you have something to sell or are you looking for something in particular? You may call, send or email (bargain.barn@ncppd.net) your description of what's for sale or what you are looking for to our office. The ad will run in the Bargain Barn section free for one month. Please include name and telephone number. No commercial ads will be accepted, personal items only.



Verdigre Home Shov Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024 11 am - 7 pm

> Creighton FCCLA Home Show Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024 9 am - 2 pm







ways to save energy

(Spoiler Alert: Your clothes and dishes won't know the difference)

Major home appliances account for approximately 16% of an average home's energy consumption.





- 1. Run full loads of laundry instead of several smaller ones.
- 2. Use cold water to wash your clothes.
- 3. Keep your refrigerator at 35° to 38°F and your freezer at 0°F.
- 4. Regularly defrost manual-defrost freezers and refrigerators.





- 5. Skip the heat-dry setting on your dishwasher.
- 6. Fully load your dishwasher before washing.
- When buying new appliances, consider Energy Star versions.
- 8. Unplug appliances you're not using.



Time to replace that old appliance? Replacing older versions with energy-efficient models can save the average household more than \$500 per year.



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