

Make Fall Efficiency Improvements for Greater Comfort and Savings

Fall is fast approaching and colder weather is on its way. Make a few efficiency improvements now and enjoy greater comfort and savings for years to come.

1. Use a programmable thermostat.

Save energy by installing a programmable thermostat. In heating mode, lower your thermostat by 5 degrees Fahrenheit when you are asleep or away. Raise the temperature 5 degrees in cooling mode. You could save \$100 per year on energy costs! BWL mail-in rebate for programmable thermostats: \$15.



2. Maintain existing equipment.

Schedule an annual furnace tune-up today. Proper maintenance keeps your furnace running efficiently, saving you energy and money. Yearly tune-ups also help extend the life of your equipment. For additional savings, request an air conditioner tune-up at the same time. BWL mail-in rebate for air conditioner tune-up: \$50.

3. Upgrade your furnace.

For the greatest energy savings, choose a high-efficiency furnace with 95 percent or greater annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE). Also ensure that your new furnace has an electronically commutated motor (ECM). When properly installed, furnaces with an ECM use significantly less electricity than a conventional furnace fan motor. BWL mail-in rebate for qualifying furnaces with ECM: \$150.

For details on all of our Hometown Energy Savers® heating and cooling rebates, visit lbwl.com/energysavers.

Control Your Systems, Control Your Energy Costs

Make saving energy simple and easy by taking advantage of control system incentives from the BWL Hometown Energy Savers® Business Program. With incentives available for HVAC controls, lighting controls, and even computer controls, your business can cash in on everything from programmable thermostats and occupancy sensors to network power management software.

For a complete listing of control system incentives, call 877-NRG-LBWL (877-674-5295) or visit lbwl.com/energysavers.



Comment on Renewable Energy Plan

The BWL welcomes comments on its updated Renewable Energy Plan, which it must file with the Michigan Public Service Commission.

View the plan at the BWL website and make comments at: lbwl.com; by mail at 1232 Haco Drive, Lansing MI 48912; or in person by meeting with George Stojic, Executive Director of Planning and Strategic Development, between September 16-20, 2013. Call (517) 702-6028.

Annual Water Quality Report is Available

The 2012 Annual Water Quality Report contains important information about the quality of your tap water, including its source and the results of the tests we regularly conduct.

Please visit www.lbwl.com/WaterQualityReport.

Want a paper copy? Call the BWL Environmental Services Department at (517) 702-6360.

Report Outages

Power or Streetlight
1-877-295-5001

Water Main Break
517-702-6490

SeeClickFix.com

Medical Alert Form

If in-home medical equipment depends on electricity, sign up for our medical priority list. Call (517) 702-6006, or go to www.lbwl.com and click on Medical Alert Form.



Seniors Shut-off Protection

If you are 65 or older, the BWL will not shut off your electricity during the heating season. Call (517) 702-6006.

Military Families

Families with active members of the U.S. Military are protected from shut-offs. For details, call (517) 702-6006.

Low-Income Families

You may qualify for a winter protection payment plan. Call (517) 702-6006.

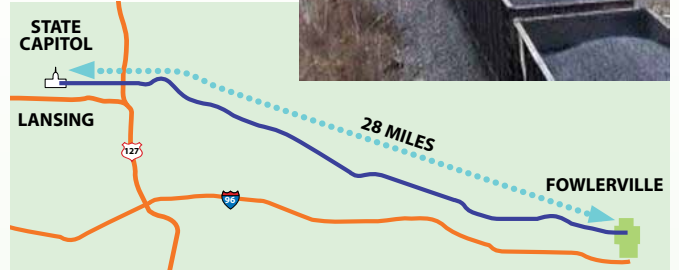


REO Town Cogeneration Plant Scores Victory for Environment



The natural gas-fired BWL REO Town Cogeneration Plant scores a major victory for the environment. This state-of-the-art cogeneration plant is a cleaner, greener and more energy-efficient facility than the old coal-fired facilities it replaces. It will allow the BWL to:

- Save burning 350,000 tons of coal a year.
- Slash greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent.
- Lower mercury and SO₂ (sulfur dioxide) emissions by over 99 percent, and NO_x (oxides of nitrogen) by over 85 percent.



So how big is a pile of 350,000 tons of coal? It would fill 3,052 rail cars, which when linked together, would create a train that's 28 miles long. That's the distance from the State Capitol Building in Lansing taking Michigan and Grand River avenues to just past Fowlerville. That's a lot of coal that the BWL will no longer need, and mid-Michigan will have cleaner air as a result.

Michigan Building Trades Council Presents BWL Largest-ever Pennies for Power Donation

The Michigan Building Trades Council presented the BWL Board of Commissioners a check to Pennies for Power for \$14,118.88 – the largest amount ever contributed to the fund that helps families struggling to pay their utility bills.



The contribution came from building trades men and women donating 5 cents of their hourly wages earned on the REO Town Headquarters and Cogeneration Plant project. Pennies for Power is administered by Capital Area Community Services.

Front row left to right: Pat Devlin, Secretary-Treasurer, Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council; J. Peter Lark, BWL General Manager; Sandra Zerkle, BWL Board Chair; Ray Michaels, President, IBEW Local 665; Brian Brannick, Field Representative, Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council.

Fill out the donation form below, and contribute to Pennies for Power today. There are several ways to give, each one designed to make donating fast and easy.

Back row left to right: Jim Shaw, Business Agent, Sheet Metal Workers Local 7, Price Dobernick, Business Agent, UA Local 333; Patrick Welch, Business Agent, Heat and Frost Insulators Local 47; Zane Hubbard, Business Agent, Operating Engineers Local 324.

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YES! I WANT TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES



Pennies for Power helps provide shut-off protection for local families that are struggling to make ends meet. Help out by mailing this coupon back to us with your utility payment.

- Round my utility bill each month to the nearest dollar and contribute the difference to Pennies for Power
- Please add \$ _____ to my bill each month as a contribution to Pennies for Power
- Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ as my one-time contribution to Pennies for Power

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

BWL Account Number: _____