



## Spring Safety Tips & Seasonal Reminders

It's been a long, cold winter and we are all anxious to get outside and to get working on our spring cleaning and that long to-do-list. As you prepare for the spring and summer months ahead, these handy reminders are an easy reference to ensure you have a safe and secure spring.

- Check all your smoke detectors for low batteries. They are no good if they can't go off!
- Make sure all your door locks are working and install deadbolts on all doors with outside access.
- Install motion sensitive outdoor lights, making it safer for you and deterring criminals from breaking in.
- Trim your shrubs around the home where burglars can hide when breaking into your home.
- Go through old files - shred unnecessary paperwork and file away important documents in a fireproof safe.
- Installing a security system is the single most important thing you can do to secure your house from fire, flooding and crime.

Being prepared helps everyone to relax and enjoy a safe and happy spring!

# Recycle Rama 2017

Recycle-Rama, Lansing's largest recycling event, will take place on Saturday, April 8 from 9am to 2pm at 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

BWL residential electric customers may take this opportunity to recycle working room air-conditioners or dehumidifiers and receive a \$25 rebate (limit two of each per household).

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a \$20 fee, payable by cash or check for each TV and computer monitor to be recycled. Batteries will NOT be accepted. For additional information on what can be recycled, visit [lansingrecycles.com](http://lansingrecycles.com) or call 517-483-4400.



## LANSING **BWL** Hometown Energy Savers **HES Customer Testimonial - Adams Outdoor Advertising**

For Adams Outdoor Advertising, quality and efficiency go hand in hand. Last year the company decided to participate in the Hometown Energy Savers® incentive program. High Density Discharge (HID) lights were switched to LED flood lights on 56 billboards, saving on average 1,500 watts per sign while maintaining appropriate light levels. The upgrades resulted in over 581,000 kWh energy savings. Adams Outdoor Advertising received over \$48,000 in

incentives for all 56 completed projects in the Lansing area.

"We saved money several ways. Our bills are lower, we received valuable rebates and we avoided maintenance costs," said Bill Luckhurst, Adams Outdoor Advertising Operations Manager.

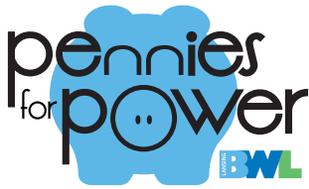
For more information on how your business can save call 877-674-5295 or visit [www.lbwl.com/energysavers](http://www.lbwl.com/energysavers).



## Here Comes the Sun!

We are pleased to announce the MI Community Solar Park is now leasing panels to BWL electric customers! Community solar allows customers in the BWL electric service territory the opportunity to support solar energy without having to install panels on their property. Solar supporters will sign a 25 year lease and pay a single, upfront cost of \$399 per panel. The BWL will provide a monthly on-bill credit to lessees, reflective of the amount of solar energy generated per panel.

It's time to shine. Leases are limited. Reserve your panels now and support clean, local, renewable energy today. Learn more: [micommunitysolar.org](http://micommunitysolar.org) Sign up: [micommunitysolar.org/sign-up](http://micommunitysolar.org/sign-up)



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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
Board of Water & Light  
PO Box 13007  
Lansing, MI 48901-3007



### Report Outages

Power, Downed Line or Streetlight  
877-295-5001

**Outage Center**  
lbwl.com/outagecenter

**BWL Mobile App**  
lbwl.com/app

**Outage Texting**  
898295/txtbwl

**Water Main Break**  
517-702-6490

### Medical Alert Form

If in-home medical equipment depends on electricity, sign up for our medical alert list. Call 517-702-6006, or go to **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. Call 517-702-6006.

### Winter Shut-off Protection

Customers having difficulties paying their utility bills may qualify for a winter protection plan. Call 517-702-6006.



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### Local Nonprofits Make a Difference

Since April 2016, BWL Hometown Energy Savers® has been fortunate to work with a diverse variety of nonprofit organizations by offering Nonprofit Facility Grants of up to \$5,000 to purchase energy efficient equipment.

To date, 15 nonprofits have completed projects that will achieve a combined electricity cost savings of nearly \$40,000 per year. By reducing operating costs, these organizations can allocate more of their budgets to the valuable community services they provide. Typical improvements included upgrading to ENERGY STAR® lighting, air conditioning, refrigeration and other eligible appliances.

The Nonprofit Facility Grants are offered through November 30, 2017 or until available funds are spent, whichever occurs first. Applicants are considered on a first-come basis. Priority may be given to organizations that provide services for people with limited incomes. For more information, contact Aileen Gow at [aag@lbwl.com](mailto:aag@lbwl.com) or 517-702-6771.