

Easy Fall Savings

With the fall season in full swing, the air is chilly and daylight hours are getting shorter. Along with picking pumpkins and watching your favorite football team, it's a great time to look at your energy use around the house and form new habits that will help save energy and reduce costs. Here are some easy tips to work into your family's routines at home.

Tip 1: Less daylight means more time with the lights on. It can cost up to \$20 a year to leave one light on eight hours a day.

- Turn off lights you don't need.
- User dimmer switches to avoid over-lighting a room.
- Install lights with motion sensors.
- Install ENERGY STAR® certified LED light bulbs throughout your home to save even more.


Tip 2: Minimize how often you open the refrigerator. The average refrigerator is opened 33 times a day.

- An open door lets in warm air which makes the compressor work harder.
- Plan meals and snacks before you hear, "I'm hungry."

Tip 3: Install a smart thermostat. This Wi-Fi enabled device automatically adjusts heating and cooling temperature settings in your home for optimal performance.

- You can control your home's heating and cooling remotely through your smartphone.
- Many devices "learn" your temperature preferences and establish a schedule that automatically adjusts to energy-saving temperatures when you are asleep or away.

Find more ways to save on the purchase of qualified products and appliances. Call 800-573-3503 or visit lbwl.com/energysavers to learn more.



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PLAN YOUR CAREER THE RIGHT WAY

Attend the BWL's Careers in Energy Week Reverse Career Fair to learn about many career pathways.

High School Students
October 17, 8am to 2pm

Middle School Students
October 21, 8am to 2pm

1201 S Washington Ave Lansing

With space being limited, please email dawn.plenar@lbwl.com or emily.gilhooly@lbwl.com to reserve your date and time.

The BWL's Reverse Career Fair is an event where students can learn about various careers in energy.

To learn more about the BWL, visit lbwl.com
To learn more about the event, email dawn.plenar@lbwl.com

Plan Ahead for Winter Savings

Winter is coming, which means it's time to start planning for low temperatures and winter storms that may result in costly repairs and disruption of business. Being prepared can help you save energy and money in the winter months ahead.

Start from the inside, out: look for air and water leaks, drafts and other potential scenarios that could be wasting energy and costing you more money.

Check windows and doors: Are they sealed and secured? Replace windows in disrepair and re-seal openings to keep the cold air outside.

Lighting: Winter brings darker days, so lights will be on longer. Update conventional light bulbs with DLC or ENERGY STAR® certified LED bulbs. They last at least 15 times longer and use up to 90% less energy. For outside lighting, consider motion detectors, which can save energy and provide a safer environment.

HVAC: Nearly half of energy used in businesses is for heating and cooling.

- Change air filters regularly.
- Procure regular maintenance through a professional HVAC contractor.
- Seal your heating and cooling ductwork – efficiency may improve by as much as 20%
- Install ENERGY STAR® certified heating and cooling equipment – you'll cut energy costs even more.

For more information and incentive applications, visit lbwl.com/energysavers.



Pennies for Power helps provide shut-off protection for BWL customers who are struggling to make ends meet.

There are four ways to help:



Round Up

Round up my monthly utility bill to the next whole dollar



Add \$1

Add a dollar to my monthly bill



Round Up and Add

Round up my monthly bill to the next whole dollar and add \$_____



One Time Donation

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

Sign up online at lbwl.com/pennies

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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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Learn More about the Quality of BWL Water

Every year the Lansing Board of Water & Light submits an Annual Water Quality Report which contains important information about the source of your tap water, the results of tests that we regularly conduct to assure the quality of your water and additional information you may wish to know about your drinking water. We update the report annually before July 1, with information about the previous calendar year.

To view the BWL 2021 Water Quality Report, please visit lbwl.com/WaterQualityReport or use the QR code to view it now!

If you would like to receive a paper copy, please contact the BWL Environmental Services Department at 517-702-6360.

To learn more about BWL's water, visit lbwl.com/water.



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