

THE POWER OF LOCAL OWNERSHIP

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September, 2007

This little light ♪ of mine, I'm going to let it shine! ...

And you can too. For every compact fluorescent light bulb you purchase between now and December 18th, you will be eligible for a \$2 mail in rebate. To obtain a cash back reward form you can either stop by Rice Lake Utilities or log on to the Focus on Energy web page at www.focusonenergy.com To receive your Cash-Back Reward:

Cut out the UPC code and ENERGY STAR logo from each bulb package and attach it to the cash back reward form, along with a copy of the cash register receipt with the purchase price(s) circled.

Mail to: Focus on Energy Star Lighting
C/O EFI Fulfillment Center,
40 Washington St.,
Suite 2000
Westborough, MA
01581-1013.

RICE LAKE UTILITIES CELEBRATES PUBLIC POWER WEEK OCTOBER 7th-13th



Over 75 years ago the citizens of Rice Lake voted to establish their own non-profit Public Power System to provide them with a necessary service for a fair price.

Rice Lake Utilities is proud to carry on this tradition of supplying low cost, reliable and safe electricity to the homes and businesses of Rice Lake, while at the same time providing the best service possible to our consumer/owners and in doing so, making their lives better.

We invite our consumer/owners to participate in our public power week events that we have planned. We look forward to seeing you!!

Monday October 8th-7:00-4:00- Stop by Rice Lake Utilities for refreshments and to register for door prizes.

Tuesday, October 9th-7:00-11:00- Drive up for a Doughnut-Rice Lake Utilities employees will be handing out doughnuts & juice at the Rice Lake Utility building on Coleman St. You don't even have to get out of your car if you don't want to! Don't forget to register for door prizes.

Wednesday, October 10th-11:00-2:00-Root Beer Floats- Help support the local Red Cross Chapter by donating fifty cents and Rice Lake Utilities employees will make you a root beer float made with Cedar Crest Ice Cream and Barq's Root Beer! Rice Lake Utilities electric crews will also be performing live demonstrations during these hours (weather permitting). Don't forget to register for door prizes.

Thursday, October 11th- 11:00-2:00-"My Friend Jim's Hot Dog Stand" will be at RLU, Come enjoy a hotdog. We will also be collecting donations throughout the day for the local food pantries which helps local citizens in our community. Rice Lake Utilities electric crews will also be performing live demonstrations during these hours (weather permitting). Don't forget to register for door prizes.

Friday, October 12th- 7:00-4:00- Stop by Rice Lake Utilities for refreshments and to register for door prizes.



Heat tape might prevent shallow pipes from freezing but may also pose a fire hazard.

If part of your winter preparations include installing heat tape to keep your pipes from freezing please keep these safety tips from the Consumer Product Safety Commission in mind:

- Replace uncertified heat tapes more than 3 years old with new heat tapes certified to meet recognized voluntary standards. All new heat tapes will have a 3-prong plug.
- Always plug the 3-prong plug into a 3-prong outlet to make sure the heat tape is grounded.
- Use a ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI) wherever heat tapes are plugged in.
- Do not wrap heat tape over itself unless specifically permitted in the manufacturers instructions.
- Apply heat tapes directly on the pipe to be protected, never on top of the insulation covering the pipe.
- Do not cover the heat tape with insulation unless advised by the manufacturer. Use nonflammable insulation such as fiber glass. Do not use foam or vinyl insulation that could catch fire from a failing heat tape.
- Check installation instructions when you change types or brands of heat tape because different heat tapes have different installation requirements.
- Inspect heat tapes each year and replace them if you notice signs of deterioration.

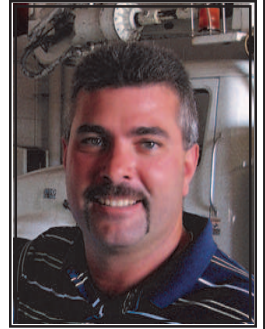
Going away for the winter?

If so you may want to notify Rice Lake Utilities for emergency purposes and to also have your bills forwarded.



Rice Lake Utilities says goodbye to a long time employee.

Matt Pociask, Rice Lake Utilities Electric Foreman has accepted a position with Powder River Energy in Gillette, Wyoming. Matt began his career with Rice Lake Utilities in 1989. In his employment career with Rice Lake Utilities Matt held the positions of apprentice and journey line worker, meter technician and most recently electric foreman. Thanks Matt for all the years of service, we wish you and your family all the best in your new adventures out west.



Rice Lake Utilities contributed \$335,788.00 in tax equivalent payments to the City of Rice Lake in 2007. The Electric Utility portion was \$205,324.00 and the Water Utility portion was \$130,464.00.

Tax equivalent payments made by Rice Lake Utilities helps to lower Rice Lake citizen's property taxes.



Don't forget to stop by Rice Lake Utilities and

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