



"We're here to serve you!"

Customer Newsline

November, 2011

1. Wrap it up ...

Prepare your home for Old Man Winter.

2. Playing it Safe ...

Annual electric safety program held for 4th graders.

3. About Us ...

Hours, meeting dates, mailing information.

Button up for the winter!

Button up your home for the winter by sealing and insulating - often the most cost-effective way to improve energy efficiency and comfort, according to the US Department of Energy's Energy Star website - www.energystar.gov. Following are some Energy Star tips to help you button up:



SEAL LEAKS WITH CAULKING, SPRAY FOAM OR WEATHER STRIPPING

If you can feel a draft, then you are losing heat - and energy dollars. Check windows, doors, recessed lighting, exposed ducts. Visit the attic to check things like the door hatch and plumbing vent stack.

INSULATION SAVES ENERGY IN WINTER AND SUMMER

The easiest place to add insulation is usually the attic. Seal leaks before installing insulation. Insulation is measured by R-Value. Check with a professional for proper insulation levels for your type of home.



SET IT & FORGET IT WITH A PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT

Easy to use and ideal for people who are away for set periods of time! Saves by reducing heating and cooling when you are not at home. Set back the temperatures when you are sleeping too!



SCHEDULE REGULAR TUNE-UPS

A well-tuned engine runs most efficiently. The same goes for your furnace. Have a trusted contractor check your heating system annually.

GREEN CORNER

TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLIED:	268,959,614	kWh
GREENHOUSE GAS-FREE ENERGY SUPPLIED:	179,165,951	kWh or 66%
	(1/1/2011 TO 8/31/2011)	

Safety Courses Held



Our annual electric safety/conservation program was held recently for fourth graders in Hudson and Stow. Hudson Light holds the program each year to help educate students on how to use electricity safely and wisely. Using booklets, videos and visual props, the program has been a resounding success with local schools. Some safety tips for customers of all ages include:

Outdoors:

- ✂✂ Never cut or climb trees that are near power lines. If you need to cut a tree near a power line, call us first at **978-568-8736** for advice.
- ✂✂ Never use metal ladders where there are overhead lines. Keep ladders and long-handled tools away from wires.
- ✂✂ Use GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) outlets outdoors.
- ✂✂ Only use tools designed for outdoor use.
- ✂✂ If power lines come down on your car during a storm or accident, stay inside until rescue arrives. Never touch a downed power line. Call us at **978-568-8736**.

Indoors:

- ✂✂ Unplug appliances before cleaning them.
- ✂✂ Install GFCI outlets in bathrooms and kitchens.
- ✂✂ Remember, extension cords are meant for temporary use. Keep them away from moisture, heat and metal pipes.
- ✂✂ Have frayed appliance cords repaired, or replace the appliance.
- ✂✂ Outlet extensions and power strips do not increase the capacity of circuits. Don't overload your outlets.
- ✂✂ Unplug major appliances or turn off your main circuit breaker during power outages and electric storms.

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Payment Locations:

**PO Box 430, Hudson, MA
01749-0430**

For fast, efficient payment processing, please use the envelope enclosed with your bill.

49 Forest Ave., Hudson

Monday through Friday,
8 am to 4:30 pm.
24-Hour Drop Box.

Hudson Town Hall

Monday through Friday,
8 am to 4 pm; Discount
Day only, 6 to 8 pm.
24-Hour Drop Box.

November Holiday Closings

Friday, Nov. 11, Veterans'
Day; Thursday, Nov. 24,
Thanksgiving Day.

November Light Board Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 16
49 Forest Ave., Hudson.
Open to the Public.

Contacting Us

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978-562-2368

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888-772-4242

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