

Calling all photographers

Haldimand County Hydro is calling all photographers to participate in our 2012 Conservation Calendar. We are looking for original photos of what you consider to be “conservation in our community”. This could be anything from clothes hanging outside to dry on a clothesline to a shot of a building equipped with energy-efficient lighting. Select photos will be chosen to appear in our calendar for 2012.



Go to www.haldimandcountyhydro.ca to submit your photo and fill out the online information and release form. This is open to Haldimand County Hydro customers of all ages. The deadline for photo submission is September 30th, 2011.

We look forward to seeing all your photos. And if you've missed out on the 2011 Conservation Calendar, contact us for your free copy (while supplies last).



Check your mail during March for energy saving coupons.

In the Community

Congratulations to our winner!



Bonnie Olmstead of Jarvis is the lucky winner of a new GE Energy Star Washer and Dryer.

In 2010, Bonnie joined the over 180,000 Ontarians across the province participating in the **peaksaver**® program by having a **peaksaver** programmable thermostat installed in her home. Simply by enrolling in the program she had her name entered into the **peaksaver** Washer Dryer Draw.

With her participation in the **peaksaver** program, not only has Bonnie done her part to reduce the strain on the electricity system during very hot summer (peak demand) days, but she will be saving energy, time and water with her new washer and dryer.

Congratulations Bonnie!

Dunnville Christian School Receives Incentive

Our most recent participant in the Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program (ERIP), Dunnville Christian School, replaced over 120 light fixtures with more efficient bulbs, in addition to adding occupancy sensors throughout the school so they will never forget to turn off a light again.

Visit our website for more information on the new Equipment Replacement program Haldimand County Hydro will be offering in 2011.

Pictured are (left to right) Haldimand County Hydro Conservation Program Specialist Cindy Santopadre presenting Dunnville Christian School Maintenance Supervisor Andrew Schilstra, and Principal Joyce Koornneef with their incentive cheque.



New Conservation Programs

There's something for everyone!

The Ontario Power Authority, in cooperation with Haldimand County Hydro, is pleased to launch the following **saveONenergy**™ conservation programs to be offered for 2011:

saveONenergy™ FOR HOME:

Heating & Cooling Incentives: Rebates for efficient new furnaces and air conditioners when installed by a participating contractor.

Coupon Event: Coupons to be mailed in March with savings on select energy efficient items.

Spring Event & Fall Event: Discounts available on select energy efficient items at participating retailers in April and October.

Fridge & Freezer Pickup: Accepting fridges and freezers 15 years and older that are still in working order.

peaksaver®: Customers with central air conditioning can volunteer to participate in the program and have a free* programmable thermostat or convenience switch installed to adjust temperature on peak demand days.

Appliance Exchange Events: Spring and Fall dehumidifier and window air conditioner recycling at participating retailers.



saveONenergy™ FOR BUSINESS:

Retrofit Program: Enhancement of Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program to include measures for Social and Multi-Family Housing.

Small Business Lighting: Enhancement of Power Savings Blitz program to include discounts on measures above the \$1000 mark covered under the program for FREE* lighting.

High Performance New Construction: Incentives for energy efficient new builds or major renovations

Energy Audit: Incentives for General Service customers to have an energy audit completed at their facility.

Visit our website for detailed information and to register for these conservation initiatives.

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Faces of Conservation

Just a few of the people in our community who have participated in our conservation programs. You could be next!



We're here to help!

Visit us at the upcoming Home & Garden Shows: Caledonia, April 1-3 & Dunnville, April 15-16.

Smart Meter Smarts

Simple ways to start preparing for Time-of-Use rates



Business

As a business owner, you're always looking for ways to cut costs. Before you make the switch to Time-of-Use rates, you might want to take a few minutes to look for new ways to take control of your electricity use.

- **Don't pay** for what you don't use. Turning equipment down or off when it is not needed means you only pay for what you use.
- **Make the shift.** See if there are ways you can shift energy-intensive activities to off-peak hours to take advantage of T.O.U. rates. Prices are lowest on weekdays between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., and all day on weekends.
- **Maintain and update** equipment and lighting. You can get more from your energy dollar by properly maintaining your existing equipment and switching to more energy efficient options.
- **Track your energy use.** Monitoring your energy use from bill to bill will also help you get a better sense of how to better manage your electricity costs.



Residential

You can start preparing for Time-of-Use rates by adopting some of these tips to reduce or shift your energy consumption.

- **Do some or all** of your laundry on weekends or weekdays during mid-peak or off-peak times.
- **Wash in cold water** and hang laundry out to dry when weather permits.
- **Set your dishwasher** to run after 9 p.m. or on weekends and always run full loads. Also, check if there is an eco-cycle.
- **Unplug battery** chargers as soon as devices are fully charged or when the charger is not being used. This prevents the use of "phantom power". Avoid charging batteries during peak periods.
- **Plug large-screen** TVs, DVD players, game consoles and computer equipment into a power bar. Turn the power bar off when not in use.
- **Try using** timers where possible to operate pool pumps, filters and heaters during off-peak periods.



Farm

Becoming more energy-efficient makes sense. Here are a few things you can do to reduce your electricity use:

- **For ventilation fans** – clean fan blades and shutters frequently and routinely to maintain efficiency. Dirt and grime can lower fan efficiency by 20 per cent or more.
- **At the beginning of the day** turn off all outside safety/security lights. Change to motion sensors and do this automatically!
- **For new and replacement equipment,** choose an energy-efficient option properly sized to meet the needs of the job.
- **Dry grain in smaller batches** in the bins. This allows the air and heat to pass through the grain so it will dry more easily and quickly.
- **Maintain hot water heaters** regularly. A clean hot water heater operates 20 per cent more efficiently than a dirty one!

You still have plenty of time to get ready and learn more about Time-of-Use rates before they begin in September. Feel free to send us your smart meter and Time-of-Use questions at tou@hchydro.ca. Visit our website, www.haldimandcountyhydro.ca and keep checking for regular updates and helpful tips. Remember, we're here to help.



PLEASE NOTE: TIME OF USE RATES ARE NOT IN EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2011.

Questions? Contact our Customer Service Centre at

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