



Find out how much your appliances are costing you in electricity.

Haldimand County Hydro and the Haldimand County Libraries would like to introduce the "Kill-a-Watt" meter. This simple-to-use device will help residents measure the electricity used by electrical appliances in their home to help focus their energy saving efforts.

Simply connect each appliance to the watt reader monitor and it will help you determine the operating costs.

The large LCD display will count consumption by kilowatts per hour.

You can calculate the operating cost for the electrical appliance by the day, week, month, or even the entire year.

Speak to the staff at the Haldimand County Public library branch near you to find out how you can borrow a "Kill-a-Watt" meter.

Here are the locations:

- Caledonia**
100 Haddington Street, Unit 2
- Cayuga**
28 Cayuga Street North
- Dunnville**
317 Chestnut Street
- Hagersville**
13 Alma Street North
- Jarvis**
2 Monson Street
- Selkirk**
34 Main Street West



QUESTIONS?

For information on the electricity rates, contact:

Haldimand County Hydro Customer Service
Greendale Drive
Caledonia, ON N3W 2J3
Tel: 905-765-5211 Toll Free: 1-877-872-2570
Fax: 905-765-8211
Email: info@hchydro.ca
www.haldimandcountyyhydro.ca

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:

Ministry of Energy
www.energy.gov.on.ca
1-888-668-4636

Ontario Energy Board
www.oeb.gov.on.ca
1-877-632-2727

Ontario Statutes & Regulations
www.powerauthority.on.ca
www.e-laws.gov.on.ca
1-800-797-9604
1-800-668-9938



CONGRATULATIONS FOR RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF ENERGY CONSERVATION!

The final results are in and thanks to our customers, several of Haldimand County Hydro's 2007 conservation programs exceeded expectations. The programs, created to reduce energy consumption and peak demand, provided customers with various means to reduce their consumption during summer peak, throughout the year, and into the future.

This past summer the "Summer Savings Program," offered by Haldimand County Hydro in cooperation with the Ontario Power Authority (OPA), challenged residential customers to reduce their consumption by 10 percent over the months of July and August.

"We are pleased to report that close to 30 percent of eligible customers reduced consumption by at least 10 percent compared to the summer of 2006 and we applaud those customers for their commitment to conservation," said Haldimand County Hydro's Chief Executive Officer Lloyd Payne. Customers that achieved the 10% summer reduction received an additional 10% credit on their bills.

Meantime, under the "Great Refrigerator Roundup" program, another joint initiative with the OPA, Haldimand County residents safely disposed of 301 old, energy inefficient refrigerators, 65 freezers and 11 window air conditioners. This exceeded by over 200% the number of appliances that Haldimand residents were expected to retire during the year. What an accomplishment!

Another OPA and Haldimand County Hydro program offered last year was the "Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program" (ERIP) for business, commercial, institutional, agricultural and multi-residential customers. Again exceeding expectations, ERIP attracted 11 applications before the December 31, 2007 deadline. The average incentive applied for was \$1,305. These efficiency retrofits, once completed, will result in a reduction of 96 kW of electrical demand every day of the year. Haldimand County Hydro hopes to offer this program again in 2008.

If you would like to find ways to save electricity, visit our website at www.haldimandcountyyhydro.ca.

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on Planned Installation of Smart Meters in Haldimand County.

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"Smart meter" is the name now commonly used for time-of-use and interval meters. Your existing residential meter is not "smart" because it only measures the total electricity you used during a given billing period. A smart meter on the other hand can distinguish the time of day the energy was used. That means varying prices for day, night or weekend energy use can be applied. With a smart meter you will be able to receive timely information on your consumption. You will be billed with energy prices that will vary by time of use. The goal in smart metering is to raise awareness about the cost of power and to encourage consumers to reduce electricity during times when the price is high. New rate plans have been designed that once in place will provide consumers with a price incentive to manage use of electricity.

Proceeding with the installation of smart meters is very much controlled by legislation. To date only thirteen (of about 50) electricity distributing companies have been authorized by regulation to conduct discretionary metering activities. These are Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc., Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc., Horizon Utilities

Corporation, Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc., Hydro One Networks Inc., Hydro Ottawa Limited, Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation, Milton Hydro Distribution Inc., PowerStream Inc., Tay Hydro Electric Distribution Co. Inc., Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited, Veridian Connections Inc., and Newmarket Hydro Limited.

Haldimand County Hydro is a member of the Niagara Erie Power Alliance (NEPA) which is a group of 11 electricity distributing companies extending from Fort Erie to Brant County cooperating to gain efficiencies for the benefit of all our customers. The NEPA group is currently cooperating on a project to plan for the procurement of smart meter technology and overall compliance with the smart meter legislation. This plan is still being developed so it is premature to say with certainty when smart meters will be installed in Haldimand County but legislative requirements will be met, which at this time directs completion by December 31, 2010. It is possible, subject to regulatory and legislative approval, that installation of smart meters in Haldimand County could commence as early as spring, 2009. However, the expectation is that time-of-use billing to customers will not commence until some time afterwards, also subject to regulatory approval. As always, we at Haldimand County Hydro will keep you up to date.

Electricity.

It could ground you... for life.

Always "Call Before You Dig". Many power lines are underground, so if you are landscaping, fencing, building a deck, or doing major excavations, call Haldimand County Hydro before you dig. You dig?

THE GREAT REFRIGERATOR ROUNDUP IS HERE!

*Fridge must be at least 10 years old and in working order.



THE GREAT REFRIGERATOR ROUNDUP

That old, inefficient second fridge of yours is wasting up to \$150 per year in electricity. Call us today and we'll come pick it up for FREE - we'll even haul it out of your basement for you. Then we'll dispose of it in an environmentally responsible manner. When we're finished recycling and reclaiming material, all that's left for the landfill will just about fit inside a cowboy hat!*

To schedule an appointment or learn more

Call: 1-877-797-9473 or visit: everykilowattcounts.com/roundup

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Energy conservation is pivotal to Ontario's future. In fact, to keep our electricity system healthy, Ontarians will need to reduce the province's peak demand by 6,300 megawatts by 2025 - that is the equivalent to taking one in five electricity consumers off the electricity system!

Energy Conservation Week will focus on what we can do at home and in the workplace to reduce energy consumption. By working together, we can create the culture of conservation Ontario needs to reach its short- and long-term goals for saving energy.

To learn how you can be part of Energy Conservation Week, please visit www.energyconservationweek.ca



Take Part. Take Action.