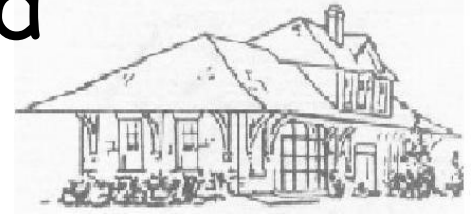


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City of Warroad

TIPS & TIDBITS



Save money this winter on
your electric Bill

Like it or not, winter is on its way here in Northern Minnesota and your heating & electricity costs are on the rise. Here are a few tips to help keep some money in your pockets....

CHANGE FURNACE FILTERS: Yes it's easy to forget, but it's important to replace or clean furnace filters once a month during the heating season. Dirty filters restrict airflow and increase energy demand.

INSULATE YOUR PIPES: Pay less for hot water by insulating pipes. That can also help decrease the chance of pipes freezing, which can be disastrous. Check to see if your pipes are warm to the touch. If so, they are good candidates for insulation. (Use the same method to determine if your hot water heater would benefit from some insulation.)

PUT UP SOME PLASTIC: For just a few dollars, pick up a window insulation kit at your local hardware or discount store. Don't worry -- properly installed, window plastic is essentially invisible. Adding a buffer against drafts and extra still air space can give a nice boost to your home's ability to hold heat.

RUN FANS IN REVERSE: Most people think of fans only when they want to be cool, but many ceiling units come with a handy switch that reverses the direction of the blades. Counterclockwise rotation produces cooling breezes while switching to clockwise makes it warmer: air pooled near the ceiling is circulated back into the living space - cutting your heating costs as much as 10%!

UNPLUG YOUR ENERGY VAMPIRES Small appliances such as your printer, laptop charger, coffee maker, cell phone charger, etc suck up power even when you are not actively using them. Unplugging these items can help you save money!



In order to prevent our storm system from getting plugged, please do not push your leaves into the roadway.

Compost Site

The City of Warroad's compost site has its gates open 24 hours a day. Reminder of rules..... Brush, grass and leaves are the only items permitted at the compost site. Leaves must be removed from plastic bags and the plastic bags be taken away. Household garbage, appliances, electronics, construction debris, etc. ARE NOT ALLOWED. Anyone found not following these rules will lose their privileges. 108 Alma Ave SE, behind the City Utility shop garage is the dump site.

Problems paying your electric bill?

If you need help paying your electric utility bill, you may qualify for state or federal assistance. For complete qualifications and application information, contact your Community/Citizens' Action Council or local county welfare service.

Northwest Community Action 1-218-528-3258

Roseau County Social Services 1-218- 463-2411



The City Hall & Utility Offices
will be closed on
Monday October 9, 2023 in
observance of the
Federal Holiday

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ANY EMERGENCY dial 911

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Make sure your property is well lit.

Replace burned-out bulbs in exterior lighting. If needed, install additional lights in the front yard to avoid someone tripping over something he or she can't see. If you won't be home for trick-or-treating, turn your lights off to discourage children from approaching your property.

All lighting should be grounded.

You don't want to overload electrical outlets with holiday lighting or movable decorative objects. All outdoor lighting should be grounded, including low-voltage outdoor security lights and any Halloween lights. Be sure and only use covered electric outlets with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

Keep walkways clear.

Make sure all walkways and the front yard are clean and clutter-free to prevent falls. Put your car in the garage. Lock your garage doors. Sweep wet leaves from sidewalks and stairs. Move bikes, garden hoses, potted plants and skateboards away from areas that are likely to be walked on by groups of people. Decorative items and jack-o-lanterns should also be positioned at a safe distance from crowds to prevent people from knocking them over or tripping on them. Remember, kids often run from house to house and they don't always stay on sidewalks, so, if you're setting up a display, make sure it is well lit and visible. If you're building a lawn display make sure to keep walkways clear. And don't run cords over sidewalks where people might trip over them or hurt themselves.

When it comes to jack-o-lanterns, safety first.

If you plan to use candles in your jack-o-lanterns, keep them far away from primary walkways. This will help cut down on the fire hazards, such as costumes, props or decorations catching on fire. A great alternative to open flames is to use battery powered light sources or light sticks.

Make sure your little trick-or-treaters are visible to drivers.

Add reflector strips to your child's costume, or have them carry a flash light or light stick to make them more visible at night. This will not only assure they are seen by drivers, but will also help you keep an eye on them if they get ahead of you.

Keep your pets inside.

Pets are easily frightened on Halloween, so keeping them inside will protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.



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GOPHER STATE ONE CALL
48 Hrs. before you dig.
1-800-252-1166**

Utility bill payments are due on the 25th of every month