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Customers Share Energy-Saving Success Stories

These days, many people are looking for ways to lower their energy use and save money. Some are buying smaller cars that get better gas mileage. Others are cashing in on energy tax credits for weatherizing their homes. For anyone who remembers the energy crisis following the Arab oil embargo of the 1970s, these are not new ideas. As Yogi Berra would say, "It's déjà vu all over again."

Last month, we asked customers to tell us their energy-savings success stories. From the stories we received, it appears many of you have been hard at work trying to save energy and money wherever you can. Here are some of the energy-savings ideas our customers shared with us:

- "I purchased night lights at the dollar store. I use them in the bathrooms, hallways and kitchen. I find that many times not much light is needed in these areas for teeth brushing, getting a glass of water or walking down a hallway."
- "We turn off lights we're not using and we started turning off the computer at night and when we're gone for two hours or more."

- "I switched from the traditional light bulb to using all compact fluorescent bulbs in my home and it's made a big difference in my electric bill."



- "I cut back on running my clothes dryer. Now I only dry each load of clothes for twenty minutes, and then I hang the clothes on a drying rack."
- "In the winter, I keep the thermostat at 66 degrees all the time and wear extra clothes to stay warm."

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DID YOU KNOW?

Q: Will I save energy by replacing a regular light switch with a dimmer switch?

A: Yes, a dimmer switch does reduce the wattage of the lamp during the time the lamp is dimmed and therefore will save you both energy and money. However, using a dimmer switch with a compact fluorescent bulb, can lead to problems. There are some compact fluorescent bulbs that are compatible with household incandescent dimmers, so read the package carefully. Never use a non-dimmable fluorescent light bulb in a circuit with a dimmer, even at full brightness. Again, unless deemed compatible, compact fluorescent

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POWER OUT?

In New Castle County, DE; Cecil and Harford Counties, MD: 1-800-898-8042
In Kent & Sussex Counties, DE; and the Eastern Shore of MD & VA: 1-800-898-8045
For Natural Gas Emergencies in New Castle County, DE, ONLY: 302-454-0317



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Things to do in the region 04/07

Enjoy the Great Outdoors, but Stay Safe around Electricity

With spring around the corner, you'll likely be spending more time outdoors. That means there is an increased chance of being near power lines and other dangerous electrical equipment. Here are some important safety tips for you and your family:

- Check for overhead lines before using a ladder, building a scaffold, trimming branches or doing other types of overhead work.
- When carrying long or tall items such as poles, ladders, scaffolding, tree saws and pool cleaning equipment, keep them parallel to the ground to avoid contact with overhead wires. Before you raise any equipment into the air, look up to make sure there are no power lines above you.
- Assume a fallen power line is live. Stay away from it and immediately call Delmarva Power at 1-800-898-8042 (Cecil and Harford counties); 1-800-898-8045 (Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia)
- Never fly kites or model airplanes near a power line.
- Make sure you have at least 10 feet of clearance between the highest point of your boat and any power lines. Take this precaution when hauling, storing or sailing your boat.
- Keep clear of substations and transformers and make sure your children know not to play near them.

For additional safety tips, please visit our Web site, www.delmarva.com. Click the "Safety & Conservation" link. And be safe!

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■ *"I caulked all spaces between the walls and flooring in my home. I used silicone to caulk the area between the hot water baseboard and the walls to eliminate cold air from the exterior. I also caulked the area between the sheetrock base and the sill plate to eliminate drafts."*

Congratulations to those customers who are doing their part to save energy. If you've taken steps to use less energy in your home, send in your "Energy-Saving Success Story" to:

Attn: Energy-Saving Success Story

Postal Address:
Mail Stop: 79NC62,
P.O. Box 9239,
Newark, DE 19714.

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Maryland (Area code 410)

Apr 18: *21st Annual Health Fair*; Roland Powell Convention Center, Ocean City; docmelvin@verizon.net

Apr 19: *14th Annual Hooked Rug Exhibit*; Dunes Manor Hotel, Ocean City; 410-289-4110

Apr 21: *Herbs, Herbs, Herbs*; Elk Forest Rd, Elkton; 410-398-5566, www.sinkingsprings.com

Apr 21: *Earth Day at the Salisbury Zoo*; Salisbury Zoo, Salisbury; 410-548-3188.

Apr 21,22: *Cecil Dance Theater presents: Beauty & the Beast*; Cecil Comm. College, North East; 410-287-1037, www.cecildancenter.com.

Apr 27-29: *25th Annual Salisbury Festival*; Downtown & Riverwalk Park, Salisbury; 410-749-0144, fax 410-860-9925, chamber@salisburyarea.com

Apr 27-29: *14th Annual Charity Antiques Show and Sale*; Waterfowl Festival Building, Easton; www.mhamdes.org/upcomingevent/s/april.html, 410-822-0444.

Apr 28: *Weave-Lunch & Gardens*; Elk Forest Rd, Elkton; 410-398-5566, www.sinkingsprings.com

Apr 28: *Baltimore Symphony Orchestra*; Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College; 410-827-5867

Virginia (Area code 757)

Apr 6,7: *Easter Decoy & Art Festival & Auction*; Chincoteague; 757-336-6161

Apr 7: *Chincoteague Island Spring Craft Show*; Chincoteague Community Center; 757-336-0614, <http://www.chincoteaguecenter.org/2007-spring-craft-show.html>

Apr 14: *2nd Saturday Art Stroll*; Chincoteague; <http://www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org>

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lights should not be used on dimmers, in "touch" lamps, with photocells or with electronic timers because of the potential for electronic interference.

Have a question? Please send it to the attention of the Did You Know? Column, to one of the following:

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