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DID YOU KNOW?

You don't have to sacrifice holiday lighting in order to manage your energy bill. LED (light-emitting diode) holiday lights allow you to decorate inside and out without driving up energy usage. According to the Alliance to Save Energy (ASE), LED lights are 90% more efficient than large traditional holiday lights. While LED holiday lighting is slightly more expensive to buy, the ASE estimates that a household using a string of 1000 LED lights for six hours a day spends only about 50 cents per month, while the same number of traditional mini-lights would cost on average, \$5 and the larger (C7 sized bulbs) would result in about \$50 a month in energy costs. LED lighting is available for both in-door and outdoor use and the Alliance says the bulbs are sturdier than traditional bulbs and last up to 100,000 hours.

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Delmarva Power Employees Provide the Spark To Light Up the Holidays

Delmarva Power employees are working side-by-side with you in the community every day but during the holiday season the good works of our employees particularly shine. From Thanksgiving through the New Year, employees find many ways to reach out to the less fortunate in our communities to make the holidays a little brighter. Thousands of meals are provided at Thanksgiving every year with food collected and delivered, in part, by Delmarva Power employees who volunteer as part of the Basket Brigade. Members of



those familiar red kettles. By participating in the annual Holiday Gift Tag Drive, employees are continuing the tradition of helping to brighten the holidays for hundreds of foster children, senior citizens and the critically ill.

Working with area agencies, employees donate brightly wrapped gifts that have been chosen specifically for each recipient. And, every year, Delmarva employees fill several boxes to the brim with new, unwrapped toys as part of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign. We know that you rely on the electricity we deliver every day; we just wanted you to

know that you can rely on the folks who work here, to work for you in the community too.



the Delmarva family throughout the peninsula help the Salvation Army's Bell-Ringing Campaign provide toys, food and other gifts to more than 1,100 families every holiday season by volunteering to staff



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Things to do in the region 01/07

Delaware (Area code 302)

Jan 1: *Folk Dance, Pot Luck Supper and Contra Dance*; Arden Gild Hall; 302-478-7257, damore3@comcast.net

Jan 17: *Brown Bag Lecture Series: Women's Health-Meditation & Relaxation*; Del Tech Women's Center, 302-573-5454, rhamalak@dtcc.edu

Jan 19-21: *46th Annual Wilmington Coin Club Show*; Nur Shrine Temple, New Castle; 302-798-0118

Jan 27: *Golden Pheasants Game Dinner*; Hagley Museum, Wilmington; 302-658-2400, x 235

Jan 27: *"Who Gives a Hoot" Owl Program*; Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Smyrna; 302-653-6872

Maryland (Area code 410)

Jan: *Rockwell's America*; Maryland Science Center, Baltimore; 410-685-5225, www.marylandsciencecenter.org

Jan 2-7: *Symphony of Lights* Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park, Columbia; 410-740-7666, http://www.hcgh.org

Jan 13-14: *Nautical & Wildlife Art Festival*; Convention Ctr. 40th & Bay, Ocean City; 410-524-9177, www.donaldsduckshoppe.com

Jan 26-28: *East Coast Commercial Fishermen's & Aquaculture Expo*; Conv. Ctr. 40th & Bay, Ocean City; 800-421-9176, www.marylandwatermen.com

New Jersey (Area code 609, 856)

Jan: *Drawing the Line*; Rutgers-Camden Center for the Arts, Camden; 856-225-2700

Jan 2-14: *Working It: A Collaboration with the Clay College of Cumberland County College*; Oceanville, Atlantic Cty.

Jan 20: *Philharmonic of Southern NJ Winter Concert*; Voorhees, Camden Cty.

Jan 27: *Family Bus Trip to Nature Center of Cape May*; Cape May Harbor, Cape May; 609-884-1884

Jan 31: *The Atlantic City International Power Boat Show*; Atlantic City Conv. Ctr, Atlantic City; 609-449-2043

Virginia (Area code 757)

Jan: *Whale Watching Boat Trips*; Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center, Virginia Beach; 757-437-2628

Jan 20: *Schola Cantorum & Monologue* by Art Fisher; Arts Enter, Cape Charles; 757-331-ARTS, www.art-sentercapecharles.org

For more events: Click on "In Your Community" at our Web site. Atlantic City Electric Region, visit www.atlanticcityelectric.com; Delmarva Power Region, visit: www.delmarva.com. To include a future event either in ENYCU or online, fax to: 302-283-6095, or send an e-mail to Energy.News@pepcoholdings.com.

Holiday Safety Tips



The winter holiday season is here and that means many of us will be decorating and entertaining in our homes. To enjoy the season even more, please keep the following electrical and fire safety tips in mind:

■ When putting up outside decorations make absolutely sure you and any objects you may be carrying -- such as a ladder -- do not come in contact with power lines. Carry ladders and other equipment parallel to the ground.

■ Use holiday decorations that are made of flame resistant, flame retardant, non-combustible material.

■ If using a live or cut tree, check the water level daily.

■ Before using decorations that require electricity, inspect them and replace any that are frayed or damaged.

■ Do not overload extension cords.

■ Keep candles away from trees, decorations or other items that can catch fire.

■ Turn off all string lights and other decorations that use electricity before going to bed or leaving home. Extinguish all candles and

keep matches out of sight and reach of children.

■ Make sure smoke alarms are in working order.

For more electrical safety tips, visit our Web site at www.delmarva.com and click on the "Safety & Conservation" link.

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Additionally, LED lights produce almost no heat, greatly reducing safety concerns. Even with this new technology, however, it's still important to follow basic safety guidelines when decorating for the holidays.

For more information visit www.ase.org.

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CUSTOMER PHASE-IN UPDATE:

Delmarva Delaware customers who did not opt out of the plan to PHASE-IN the higher electric rates which took effect May 1 will see a 25% increase in electric rates effective January 1, 2007, or an increase of about \$19 a month for the typical customer using 1000 kWh of electricity. Delmarva Maryland phase-in customers who elected to participate in the Maryland plan will see their next increase in March.

Delmarva Power workers often need access to the property around your home in order to read your electric meter or make electrical repairs. You can ensure safe entry onto your property by making sure your pets are properly penned or restrained. This will help reduce potential occurrences of dog or other animal bites.

