LIGHT READING THE

Fall 2023





Celebrate Public Power With Us

Public Power Week 2023

Public Power Utilities, such as TMLP, celebrate Public Power Week annually to help customers and stakeholders understand how they can better engage with their community owned utility and benefit from all that it has to offer! Public Power Week is observed the first full week of October (October 1 – 7, 2023)

What is Public Power?

Public Power is decision making at the local level, community by community:

- Public Power Utilities are Not-for-profit electric utilities that are operated by people like you in your city or town.
- There are 2,000 publicly owned electric utilities nationwide, with 41 of these being in Massachusetts.
- What's important in your community Public Power Listens!

Public Power is low rates and reliable service:

- No shareholders to pay.
- Money is reinvested into the Community.
- Shorter power restoration times.
- Power when you need it.

Public Power is responsibility to ratepayers and the environment:

- Customers make the decisions on what's important to their community.
- Employees live, work and volunteer in the local community.

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- Public Power leads the charge with sustainable and carbon-free resources and average 4 times the amount of carbon-free power than investor owned utilities, ahead of the government mandates.
- Public Power were among the first to invest in hydro and wind power and since then has expanded into solar farms, rooftops, community solar and energy storage.
- Public Power maintains the balance between environmental stewardship and financial stewardship.

Owned **BY** the People Governed **BY** the People Providing Power **TO** the People

Make sure to check our Facebook page @TheTMLP and our website (https://www.tmlp.com/) and see our Public Power Week celebration posts. We cannot wait to celebrate Public Power Week with our community!.

TMLP Energy Efficiency Rebate Deadline Approaching

Did you purchase an ENERGY STAR® Appliance this year? Do you want to take advantage of our Electric Vehicle Rebate? The deadline is quickly approaching!

The following programs have a strict deadline for rebate applications:

- ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate
- Level 2 EV Charger Purchase
- New and Used BEV (100% Electric) and New and Used PHEC (Hybrid Electric)

For all of these programs, the item must be purchased between January 1 and December 31 in calendar year of initiative. Applications received after January 31 of next calendar year will not be honored for prior year so please send in your application in a timely fashion.

For more information on our rebate program, along with rebate amounts, applications and qualifications, please visit https://www.tmlp.com/go-green/

Energy Overview And How It Is Evolving!



How do we supply enough energy to meet our growing needs?

As the demand for energy increases, we need to make sure the way that we supply it is efficient and reliable. Over time, technology to distribute energy to homes and businesses has and will continue to evolve. It is valuable to know exactly how and where your power is created and distributed from beginning to end.

Generation: Electric power is created by a generator, a device that converts some form of energy into electricity. Utility-scale generators are powered by burning fossil fuels, falling water, solar and wind energy, or from nuclear reactions

Transmission and Distribution: After power is generated, it enters transmission substations that use transformers to convert it to extremely high voltage. This power then travels on high-voltage transmission lines strung upon large steel towers. The power then enters distribution substations where the voltage is reduced and sent to travel along smaller distribution lines. Finally, there is a transformer that further reduces voltage for typical electricity use at your home or business.

Interconnections: The U.S. power grid is made up of three major networks or interconnections: the Eastern Interconnection, the Western Interconnection & the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Each interconnection operates mostly independently, with limited transfers of power between them.

Cold Winter Weather is "Snow" Laughing Matter!

As the weather cools down, those chilly winter days are going to come quick. Now is the best time to ensure your home is ready for the cold weather! You can follow these simple



and easy steps to be prepared ahead of time:

- Have your FREE Home Energy Audit through Energy New England.
- Take out window AC and ensure there is no air leakage.
- Check and clean your heating appliances to ensure that they will work efficiently once winter finally comes!

Coming Soon!

As you may have heard, we will be launching the TMLP Saves™ Program soon. We are still working out the final details, but we cannot wait to offer such a robust and inclusive program to our customers!

For the most up to date information please visit us on Facebook @TheTMLP or on our website at https://www.tmlp.com/go-green/.



Fall Energy Saving Tips

The air is cooling down and we are transitioning away from summer. There are many ways you can make some changes in order to save energy and money this fall! Here are some tips as we enter the new season:

Make sure your home is properly weatherized.

If a home is not properly weatherized there is a greater risk for air leaks. To help identify these risks, TMLP offers free Home Energy Audits through Energy New England. They will send an auditor out to see if your home could benefit from energy improvements, such as weatherization. Call Energy New

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England to schedule an appointment at 888.772.4242.

Maintain your heating systems with scheduled routine services and cleanings.



By keeping up with your heating systems regularly, the system will be able to effectively and more efficiently heat your home as it gets colder. This may include scheduling a professional to come and service your system, cleaning your systems however they may need it, or replacing furnace or heat pump filters approximately once a month or as needed.

Take advantage of TMLP's Appliance Rebate and look into refurbishing your old systems with ENERGY STAR® labeled systems.



Are your appliances in need of an upgrade? TMLP offers an appliance rebate for many ENERGY STAR® rated appliances. The appliances included in the rebate have been identified as being significantly more energy efficient than the average comparable model. For a full list of our current appliance rebate please visit

https://www.tmlp.com/go-green/residential-appliance-rebate/

For more energy saving tips please visit https://www.tmlp.com/go-green/

Sign up for a Free Home Energy Audit! Call 1-888-772-4242



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