

LIGHT READING TMLP Spring 2022



Save On Energy Efficiency

2022 Residential Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program

The 2022 appliance rebate incentive program for residential customers has been expanded to include three more energy efficient ENERGY STAR products. In addition to the existing traditional appliances like refrigerators and dishwashers, the 2022 TMLP ENERGY STAR rebate program now includes battery push, walk behind and rider lawn mowers, and electric heat pump water heaters, also referred to as hybrid electric water heaters.

Rebates are only available on the following qualified ENERGY STAR appliances and products:

Appliance	Rebate Amount
Battery Lawn Mower (push & walk behind)	\$50
Battery Lawn Mower (riding)	\$100
Clothes Washer	\$50
Dehumidifier	\$25
Dishwasher	\$25
Ductless mini-split heat pump	\$100
Electric Clothes Dryer	\$25
Electric Heat Pump Water Heater (aka Hybrid Electric Water Heater)	\$100
Ground source heat pump	\$100
Refrigerator	\$75
Room Air Conditioner	\$25
Thermostat – Programmable (per thermostat, maximum 2 thermostats)	\$25
Thermostat – Smart Wi-Fi Enabled (per thermostat, maximum 2 thermostats)	\$50

Qualifying appliances are identified by the ENERGY STAR logo on the yellow Energy Guide label attached to the appliance or product. To see if your appliance is energy star rated, a list of appliances and products can also be found at <http://www.energystar.gov/products/>.

The program is effective from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, and is subject to availability of funding. A copy of all sales receipts is required to receive an incentive rebate, and all applications and related documentation must be received by January 31, 2023, to be eligible.

In addition to the above criteria residential customers must have had an active residential electric account with TMLP for at least six months and have a zero balance (with no arrears) for at least six months to be eligible for a rebate. The appliance must be installed at the account location and TMLP reserves the right to inspect the installation on the premises.

Applications are available on the website www.tmlp.com/go-green/residential-appliance-rebate/. For more information, call customer service at 1-508-824-6976.

Spring Has Arrived!

What better way to celebrate the arrival of spring than with our free Spring EV Activity Book! The book is full of fun activities including mazes, word searches, trivia, quests and more!

The family-friendly book also provides information about the different kinds of electric vehicles and chargers, and where you can find TMLP EV chargers around town!

The free EV Activity Book can be downloaded from

<https://tmlp-ev.ene.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/TMLP-Spring-EV-Activity-Book.pdf>

Thinking of buying a used vehicle? Why not consider a used EV?

If you're in the market for a used vehicle, you may be able to take advantage of TMLP's 2nd Drive Rebate for passenger electric vehicles with a net sale price under \$22,500! This residential rebate incentive program gives up to \$2500 "cash on the hood" to buyers of certain used plug-in electric vehicles purchased from a participating licensed auto dealer. TMLP's 2022 2nd Drive rebate incentive program is even bigger and better than before!

The 2nd Drive rebate is available until December 31, 2023, for qualified used plug-in electric vehicles purchased after January 1, 2022. The rebate is available as an instant "cash on the hood" discount when purchased from a participating local dealer as part of the sales agreement, or the buyer may apply for the rebate after the purchase of a qualifying used EV from any auto dealer.

To qualify:

- Vehicle must be a plug in electric (BEV or PHEV), light duty, highway capable, passenger vehicle purchased from a licensed auto dealer.
- Vehicle must be for personal and not business use and must not have had more than two previous owners.
- Applicant must be a TMLP residential customer in good standing and register the car at the same address as the residential account.
- The net sale price before taxes and fees must be no more than \$22,500.
- The vehicle purchase must occur between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2023.

Even if the electric car you purchased or want to purchase is not eligible for the 2nd Drive rebate, it may still be eligible for a \$450 Next Drive rebate for any new, leased or used electric car purchases.

To learn more about the program, including local, approved used car dealers, visit <http://www.tmlpdriveselectric.org/> or the 2nd Drive website (<http://2nddrive-ev.ene.org/>).

TMLP Welcomes a New General Manager

TMLP Assistant Manager Kim Holmes took over the reins of TMLP on March 7th, succeeding General Manager Ken Goulart who retired on March 7th after 34 years of service to TMLP. Ken served as General Manager since 2015.

Although Kim is new to the position of General Manager, she has been a part of TMLP for almost 25 years, beginning as a co-operative education (co-op) student and taking on positions of increasing responsibility at TMLP, leading to her promotion to Assistant Manager and now General Manager.

In taking on her new responsibilities, Kim reflected on the past and credited Ken Goulart and his predecessors at TMLP for navigating challenges and pursuing opportunities for the past 125 years, thereby making TMLP the company it is today. As General Manager, Kim will immediately focus on:

- Providing reliable and green electricity while addressing the Global Warming Solutions Act;
- Grid infrastructure;
- Physical and cyber security of the grid

"TMLP isn't just a utility," the new General Manager said in a note to her fellow employees. "Yes, it's a business, but it's also the people that work here and the communities it serves. TMLP has been a part of my life for almost 25 years, and I am honored to have the opportunity to give back to the communities, TMLP customers and the staff who have supported me throughout the past two and a half decades."

Email sonjabritland@tmlp.com with comments or questions regarding this newsletter.



Spring Tips

- Get your cooling system ready for the warm weather by servicing it. Whether you have a central air conditioning system or a room air conditioner, make it a habit to routinely replace or clean the air filters. You may even lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent. Make sure to also check your air conditioner's evaporator coil. According to the US Department of Energy, you should clean it annually to ensure your system is performing at optimal levels.
- Increase the setting on your programmable thermostat. You don't need to have it at a higher setting as the days begin to warm up. You may even reduce your energy costs by approximately 10 percent.
- Make cleaning your sliding door tracks part of your spring cleaning routine. A dirty track can ruin the door's seal and create gaps where heat or cold air can escape.
- Look at your appliances and heating system to see if replacing it with an Energy Star system will help reduce energy costs and save you money if the appliance or system qualifies for a TMLP rebate!

Spring means Dig Safe®!

Warmer weather means we often turn our attention to the outdoors – spring cleaning and lawn care, sprucing up the yard and encouraging new plant growth. It can also be a time when homeowners decide to replace or add a fence to the yard, or even add an environmentally friendly tree to their landscape.

Whatever the project, if it involves digging – however small – think Dig Safe! One call to Dig Safe at 8-1-1 is not only safe it's required by law in Massachusetts when you dig. This free service will notify all local utilities who will then come to the site to mark any of their underground services and pipes that would be impacted by the digging. You or your contractor will need to pre-mark the area where you plan to dig with white markings, flags, or stakes. State law requires a minimum notice of 72 hours, not including weekends and holidays.

Your digging project must start within 30 days from the day your Dig Safe ticket is issued, or the ticket will expire. Make sure that you contact Dig Safe within 30 days of when you expect to do any work that involves digging.

For more information, visit www.digsafe.com.

Get Ready to Celebrate!

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the City of Taunton's purchase of the Taunton Electric Lighting Company, making Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant a publicly owned electric utility!

To mark this exciting milestone, TMLP plans to celebrate in style during its annual open house to kick off public power week on October 1st with other events planned throughout the year.

Look for more announcements throughout the year – and remember to mark your calendars for October 1st (with a rain date of October 2nd.)

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



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Customer service for electric customers

(508) 824-6976

Outage-related call

(508) 824-3111

Administrative offices

(508) 824-5844

Dig Safe issue

(888) 344-7233

Office hours

Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Payment locations

33 Weir Street
Our office is open
Monday through Friday

Drop boxes

33 and 55 Weir Street
(to the left of the front door)

Trucchi's Supermarket

53 Tremont Street
534 County Street

TMLP Online 24-Hour Internet Outage Support

508-880-TMLP (8657)

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