

***‘Hometown Windpower’  
should be up and running soon***

Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA), which is a power supplier for East Grand Forks Water and Light, began an ambitious project to locate wind turbines within its member communities. The project titled “Hometown WindPower” is locating a wind turbine in each of the 11 MMPA member communities including East Grand Forks.



MMPA member utilities are taking a step forward to produce renewable energy in each of their cities. The project locates power generation within the community where the electricity will be used. While many wind farm projects are corporately served, Hometown WindPower will serve the people who own their local utility. They are keeping the economic and environmental benefits local.

Hometown WindPower gives all MMPA member communities the chance to become a part of the solution to the state’s renewable energy needs. A wind turbine will be a signal to all approaching each city that your hometown cares about the environment and clean energy production – a town that is a leader.

This system of turbines reflects MMPA’s commitment to sustainable energy, and will

help MMPA meet its state requirement to achieve a Renewable Energy Objective of 25 percent by 2025.

***When clearing snow,  
please remember us***

The East Grand Forks Water and Light would like to ask customers to be careful when clearing snow near electrical boxes and fire hydrants and please try to keep them clear by not piling snow on top of them.

Those plowing with trucks or heavy equipment should be mindful of the location of electrical boxes and fire hydrants to avoid damage, as a damaged electrical box could cause a power outage.



Thank you for your help and have a safe winter season.

***Need help paying utility bills?***

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council has a program known as fuel assistance that helps income-eligible households with their home energy bills. Households are served based on such factors as household size, income, and heating history. For more information about this program, call Tri-Valley, toll free at 1-866-264-3729.

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***Energy saving, heating safety  
can work hand-in-hand***

Turn your thermostat down at least five degrees at night or when you are gone. Each degree saves about 2 percent on your bill. Install a programmable thermostat to adjust temperature automatically.

Clean the areas around your furnace and your dryer vents. This decreases the chance of fire and improves airflow. Make sure your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors work.

Make sure heat can get into the room. Keep furniture and drapes from blocking radiators, heat registers and return vents.

If you need to use a space heater, use it sparingly and only in the rooms you occupy the most. Use heaters that meet the latest safety standards and keep them at least three feet away from flammable materials. Turn them off before you go to sleep.

Have your heating system inspected and tuned-up. Replace filters regularly. This can save up to 10 percent on your heating costs.

## *Energy efficiency rebates available for many uses*

East Grand Forks Water & Light offers a wide array of energy efficiency rebates. Here is a current list:

### *RESIDENTIAL ENERGY REBATES*

#### *Appliance & Heating/Cooling Rebate*

You will receive a rebate if you purchase one of the following ENERGY STAR labeled appliance:

- Refrigerators or freezers
- Clothes washers
- Dishwashers
- Electric water heaters
- Air Conditioner - central and room
- Air source heat pump

You save two ways, first with a rebate from us to help reduce the initial cost of the appliance. And second, with lower operating costs throughout the life of the appliance

#### *Residential Weatherization Rebate*

This program provides up to \$500.00 in rebates for installing conservation measures that will improve the energy efficiency of your home.

#### *Central Air Conditioner Tune-Up Rebate*

When you have your central air conditioner



tuned up by a licensed heating/cooling contractor, we will rebate you up to \$60.00 to help cover the cost of the tune up.

#### *Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Rebate*

When you purchase ENERGY STAR CFL bulbs, we will rebate you 50% of the cost of the bulb up to \$50.00 maximum.

#### *Computer Monitor Rebate*

We will rebate residential and commercial customers up to \$30.00 for the cost of a new ENERGY STAR computer monitor when you recycle your old CRT monitor.

### *COMMERCIAL ENERGY REBATES*

#### *Commercial Lighting Replacement Rebate*

This program provides monetary incentive for commercial electric customers to upgrade the lighting in their facility to more energy efficient fixtures.

#### *Commercial Weatherization Rebate*

We will rebate our commercial electric customers a portion of the costs to weatherize their facility.

#### *Multi-Unit Weatherization Rebate*

This program is available to multi-unit owners, giving them the opportunity to make their rental units more energy efficient and cost effective for their tenants.

#### *Motor Efficiency Rebate and Variable Frequency Drive Rebate*

These rebates will assist our commercial customers to upgrade to more efficient motors, saving them operational expenses.

#### *Commercial New Construction Lighting*

We will rebate the commercial customer that elects to put energy efficient lighting fixtures in their new facility or addition to their existing facility.

#### *Commercial Cooling Equipment Rebate*

We will rebate our commercial customers for purchasing and installing qualifying cooling equipment in new or existing buildings.

#### *Commercial Custom Rebate*

We will look at commercial energy efficient upgrades that do not fit under any of the above rebate programs and see if the project will qualify for a rebate by calculating to see how much energy the project will save.



### *Visit our helpful new website*

The City has an exciting new website at [www.eastgrandforks.net](http://www.eastgrandforks.net). The Water and Light page is full of helpful information and links, including contact numbers, billing and payment information, energy rebate information, energy conservation tips and some fun links for kids. You can go directly to our page by going to – [www.waterandlight.info](http://www.waterandlight.info).