

Water and Light News



EAST GRAND FORKS WATER AND LIGHT

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WATER & LIGHT PURCHASES CLEAN ENERGY

The Water and Light Department purchases power from Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA) and is also a member of the Agency.

MMPA is committed to sustainable energy. Currently, 12% of MMPA's energy supply is from sustainable resources. With projects currently under development, MMPA expects to meet all the deadlines of the Minnesota renewable energy standard including 25% from renewable in 2025.

MMPA's Oak Glen Wind Farm became operational in October 2011.



MMPA also has a biomass facility that uses food processing and agricultural wastes to create electric and solid fuel. The Hometown BioEnergy facility produces 8 MW of renewable electricity.

MMPA is offering a Clean Energy Choice program to its member cities to offer to their customers. See below for the specifics of the program. The sign up sheet can be removed and returned to the Water and Light office if you want to participate in the program.



CLEAN ENERGY CHOICE

Customers deserve choice in their energy supply. We are excited to offer the Clean Energy Choice. East Grand Forks Water and Light's energy supplier, MMPA will provide 1 kWh from its Oak Glen Wind Farm, Hometown BioEnergy, or Hometown Wind to the power grid for each kWh you purchase. You can purchase renewable sustainable

energy for a premium of just \$0.0175 per kWh for your actual household usage. If you use 750 kWh/month, that's



an additional \$13.00 per month on your utility bill. Participation in this program is voluntary and on a month-to-month basis. There are no contracts to sign, and no long-term commitment.



**To sign up for Clean Energy Choice, complete and sign the portion below and return it to the Water and Light office.*

Yes! I choose the Clean Energy Choice.

Name _____ Account Number _____

Street Address _____, East Grand Forks, MN

Signature _____ Date _____

Call the Water and Light billing office at 773-1163 for more information, or visit www.mmpa.org.

Don't Forget About our \$60.00 Central Air Conditioner Tuned-Up Rebate

—SCHEDULE A TUNE-UP FOR YOUR CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONER WITH A LICENSED HEATING/COOLING CONTRACTOR

—GO TO OUR WEBSITE - WWW.WATERANDLIGHT.INFO AND PRINT THE REBATE APPLICATION.

—HAVE THE TECHNICIAN FILL OUT AND SIGN THEIR PORTION OF THE APPLICATION

—FILL IN AND SIGN YOUR PORTION OF THE APPLICATION AND TURN IT IN TO OUR OFFICE. WITH A COPY OF YOUR RECEIPT FROM THE CONTRACTOR.

CALL US AT 773-1163 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

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How Your Power is Restored After an Outage

As customers of a municipal power company, we have come to expect that if we lose electric service it will be restored within a few hours at most. But when a devastating event, like a tornado, ice or snow storm causes major damage to our electric distribution system, longer outages are unavoidable.

Crews work long, hard hours restoring service, but this task needs to be

done methodically to be done safely. EGF Water & Light follows a basic principle when it comes to restoring power: priority goes to the lines that will get the most people back in service and to critical facilities. This usually begins at the substation with the main distribution lines, then continues to the supply lines. See the diagram below:

