



YOUR HOME (PRE-WINTER) CHECKLIST

Planning your energy savings projects ahead makes you more efficient. Because each house is different we have devised a general Power Saver Planner for our customers. This planner is separated into four categories, each one outlining specific energy saving ideas to assist you in reducing your energy costs. Most of the items listed are simple, do-it-yourself projects.

The Hot Water Savers

Heating your hot water can account for up to 25% of your total energy use. Reduce the amount of hot water used, by means of restriction devices, and you will reduce the energy needed to heat the water, insulate and you will reduce the heat lost through hot water pipes.

Plugging the Holes

Air leakage can account for 20 to 30% of a home's heat loss. Reduce this air leakage by sealing the cracks and crevices where the leakage occurs using caulking and weatherstripping. Another method of reducing this leakage is by installing storm windows. Some of these problem areas are listed in the Planner. You should be able to reduce your heating bill by up to 10% as well as eliminate those cold, uncomfortable drafts.

Getting Heat Smarts

You can improve the efficiency of your heating system and reduce your overall costs by installing a programmable thermostat and by ensuring proper maintenance is performed on your furnace, such as changing your furnace filter. Another method of reducing your overall heating costs is to improve the insulation levels in your home. The recommended level for attics is R40 and don't forget those basement walls.

The Light Brigade

There are several ways to improve lighting efficiency in your home. One method is to use the most efficient sources of light possible, such as compact fluorescents, halogen bulbs, and the newer energy efficient incandescent bulbs. Another method is to control the

light source using devices such as dimmers, timers, and motion sensors to make sure the lights are only when needed.

We hope these simple energy saving ideas will help you to reduce your energy consumption during the coming winter months. By turning this into a family project you make it an interesting way to beat the winter blahs.

THE POWER SAVER PLANNER
TO DO LIST

The Hot Water Savers

- Install energy efficient showerhead
- Insulate hot water pipes
- Install faucet aerator(s)
- Replace washers on leaky taps

Plugging the Holes

- Weatherstrip windows
- Caulk windows
- Shrink wrap windows
- Acrylic storms
- Caulk baseboards
- Caulk around foundation
- Caulk around holes
- Check attic hatch
- Foam gaskets for switches and outlets
- Weatherstrip doors

Getting Heat Smarts

- Programmable thermostat
- Replace or clean furnace filter
- Check insulation levels in attic and basement

The Light Brigade

- Compact fluorescent bulbs for _____
- Halogen bulbs for _____
- Energy efficient incandescent bulbs for _____
- Fluorescent tubes for _____
- Dimmer switches for _____
- Light timers for _____
- Outdoor timers for _____



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INDUSTRY CANADA BEYOND THE WEB SITE: AN E-COMMERCE SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR CANADIAN FIRMS

“Electronic commerce is a reinvention of how to do business. If you aren’t planning on retiring or winding down your business over the next five years, I suggest you move quickly to take advantage of what the Internet can do for you. In the 21st century, the Internet is going to be as important a business tool as the cash register and telephone have been throughout the 20th century.”

John Manley , Ministry of Industry

WHY AREN'T MORE FIRMS MAKING USE OF INTERNET?

Some business owners and operators are probably more comfortable with people than technology. Some may feel that they are already making decent profits, and that expending some time and energy on new approaches is only likely to distract them. To some, the Net may still appear peripheral a chance to put pretty web site, but so what? And some may have the impression that the Net is only a sales device, with limited application at that.

Good excuses, perhaps, for those preparing for retirement. But poor excuses for firms that intend to stay competitive. Surveys show that about half the people running Canada’s businesses think that E-commerce will be an important business tool in the future. The other half don’t.

Which half would you put your money on?

If your **“Business”** requires high speed internet service, the OWLP has a high speed fibre optic network capable of delivering internet services to your premises. For more information regarding high speed internet services for **business**, please contact the Orillia Water, Light and Power Commission at (705) 326-7315

UPDATE ON BILL 35 (ENERGY COMPETITION ACT)

The first public meeting of the Orillia City Council and Transition Committee was held on Tues, Sept. 4/99. Mayor McCann started the proceedings by repeating a statement that he had made earlier that the utility's future is the biggest decision Council has faced in 25 years. Council has tasked the Transition Committee with exploring certain matters in more detail prior to the next public meeting. Some of the tasks that they will be pursuing are as follows:

- ◆ Unbundling existing OWLP financial statements to isolate applicable to the various business areas.
- ◆ To undertake asset evaluation or estimates.
- ◆ Assess effects on return to City on electricity. rates for various capilizations and rate of return options.
- ◆ Evaluate business risks in greater detail.
- ◆ Investigate possible amalgamation acquisitions or partnership opportunities.
- ◆ Acquire additional data from other municipalities involved in similar deliberations including Upper Canada Energy Alliance and municipally owned generating utility members.
- ◆ Explore re-capitalization options.
- ◆ Explore green power opportunities for generation assets.

Once the Committee has completed their task and informed Council, a date for next public meeting will be set. The date of the next public meeting will be publicized in the Packet & Times, as well as being posted in City Hall and the Orillia Water, Light and Power Commission office.

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