

What's New? - Orillia Power has a new logo!

Orillia Power recently completed a re-branding project to enhance the utility's corporate image and strengthen its presence as a leader in generating environmentally friendly energy in the electrical utility industry. We are proud of our new look and will continue to provide the same great service that our customers have enjoyed over the years.

New Distribution Rates – effective May 1, 2007

Effective May 1st, 2007, the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) prices will be 5.3 cents per kilowatt hour up to a certain threshold and 6.2 cents per kilowatt hour above that. The new prices represent a 0.2 cents per kilowatt hour or a 3.3% decrease relative to the prices that went into effect in November of 2006. Compared to May of 2006, electricity commodity prices under the plan have decreased 8.8%. The reduction in electricity prices is primarily due to milder than expected weather throughout the fall season and most of the winter.

The threshold level has also changed to the summer threshold level of 600 kilowatt hours per month at 5.3 cents per kilowatt hour and any consumption over that will be billed at 6.2 cents per kilowatt hour. This level will be in effect until October 31st, 2007.

These prices are reflected on the "Electricity" line of your bill and only apply to consumers who buy their electricity through their utility. Those consumers who purchase their electricity from a retailer and pay their contract price will continue to do so.

Did you know... "Every kilowatt counts?"

A kilowatt and a kilowatt-hour are the units used to measure the amount of electricity you consume.

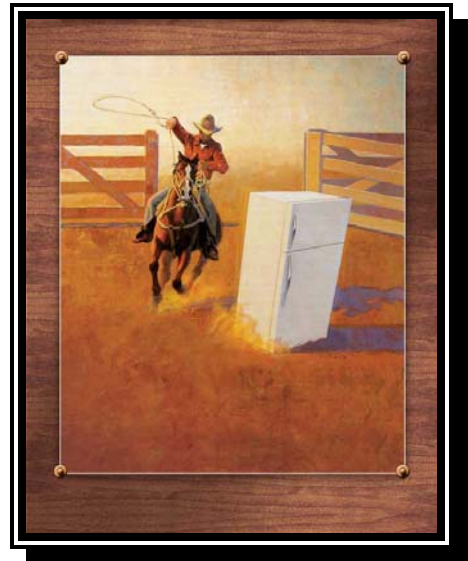
The typical Ontario household consumes approximately 850 kilowatt-hours each month. About 15% of this is for lighting. The typical home has about 25 light bulbs.

If each household changed just one regularly-used incandescent bulb to an energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulb (CFL), enough electricity would be saved to power all the homes in a town the size of Peterborough for a whole year!

Now you know why "every kilowatt counts"
- source – Ontario Power Authority

Great conservation programs coming this summer!

THE GREAT REFRIGERATOR ROUNDUP



The Great Refrigerator Roundup – Your fridge makes up about 15% of your home's electricity use, even more if you have 2 of them!

We'll come right into your home to get that old fridge so you can sit back and watch the savings add up!

For more information or to book an appointment for a pickup, call 1-877-797-9473.

Summer Savings Program - If you use 10% less electricity this summer, you'll get a 10% rebate on your autumn electricity bill. Consumption will be compared to weather normalized consumption for the same period last year.

A safety message ...

Now that the summer weather is finally here, there are many important safety rules to follow.

- ❖ Electric-powered lawn mowers and other tools should not be used in the rain, on wet grass or in any wet conditions.
- ❖ Inspect power tools and electric lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc. before each use for frayed power cords, broken plugs and cracked or broken housings.
- ❖ Be sure you have GFCI protection on all outdoor outlets. GFCI's are available from most hardware and home improvement centres.
- ❖ Always use an extension cord marked for "outdoor" use and rate for the power needs of your tools.
- ❖ Always unplug all portable power tools when not in use to prevent someone accidentally hitting the power on switch.
- ❖ Children must always stay away from neighbourhood utility equipment such as switchgear and transformers. They can be deadly.
- ❖ Remember not to fly your kites around overhead hydro lines. Find an open field where there is plenty of room to fly your kite safely.
- ❖ Summer electrical thunderstorms can descend upon us with lightning speed. Don't stand out in the open or seek shelter under a tree. Get out of the water if you are swimming. Don't finish that round of golf. **BE SAFETY SMART...** Seek shelter indoors or stay in your vehicle.

ELECTRICITY IS A PART OF OUR EVERYDAY LIFE AND MUST BE TREATED WITH RESPECT.

REMEMBER THAT ELECTRICITY ALWAYS TAKES THE EASIEST PATH TO THE GROUND & WE DON'T WANT THAT PATH TO BE YOU!

SAFETY – DO IT FOR LIFE!



Energy Saving Tips

Orillia Power is committed to helping customers to become more energy efficient.

Heating and cooling your home accounts for about 60% of your energy costs.

Warm to these cool tips to make a big impact on your energy bill.

- ❖ Install ceiling fans and use them to supplement or even as an alternative to air conditioning. Ceiling fans generally use very little electricity. Make sure the fan is blowing air downward in the summer. Be sure to choose ENERGY STAR qualified fans because they save the most electricity.
- ❖ Keep blinds, shades and drapes closed during the hottest part of the day in the summer.
- ❖ To save more on central AC costs, try cooling your home to only 24 or 25°C instead of the low 20's. Each degree below 26°C will noticeably increase your electricity use. Remember to change your furnace filter regularly – not just in the winter months but all year long if you have central air.
- ❖ Try planting leafy (deciduous) trees on the sunny side of your house for shade but away from power lines.
- ❖ If you can, hang your clothes outside to dry naturally in the summer months – you'll reduce your energy costs and your dryer will last longer too!
- ❖ Use a timer on your pool pump. Pool pumps do not need to run 24-7. Keep a solar blanket on when not in use to help retain heat. Solar panels are a very cost effective way to heat your pool. The sun's warmth is free!

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