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NEW ELECTRIC METERS

On February 24, 2011 the DMU Board of Trustees approved replacing all residential, commercial and industrial electric meters with new radio read electric meters. These meters use the same technology as the radio read water meters that are being installed. The DMU electric crew started installing the new electric meters March 28th. You don't need to be home for the electric meter change, as most electric meters are located outside your residence or business, but your electric service will be interrupted for a few minutes while the meter is replaced. All customers will receive a letter prior to the electric meter being changed so you can power down any electronic equipment or plug the equipment into a surge protector.

The radio read technology allows DMU to drive through a neighborhood and capture the electric and water usage via a radio signal rather than walking to each location. This will increase the safety of the DMU personnel and also reduce the amount of time spent reading meters.

To find out more information about the new meters please call our office at 263-4154.



Drinking Water
Week 2011



Lately there's been a lot of talk about getting back to what's important, returning to the essential elements of our lives. And, really, what's more essential than water? Water is our most valuable natural resource and only tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy. May 1-7, 2011 is National Drinking Water Week across the country. This is an annual event to honor the benefits of being served by a hometown water supply. We join in this celebration with 4,000 other communities and 180 million water consumers across the country who have public water systems. It's a tradition that works in Denison and will keep on working.

Our number one priority is to provide you with excellent service at low rates.

DMU water employees are dedicated to providing safe, reliable water for the citizens of Denison. We will continue to protect and preserve our most valuable natural resource—drinking water.

May 1—7, 2011 help us celebrate Drinking Water Week.

Celebrate the
WATER. *Essentials*

Changes at **home**

can save energy and cash

Warm weather is just around the corner. Save money by heating and cooling your home with energy-efficient equipment. Ask your HVAC contractor about equipment that will save on energy costs, improve your comfort and help protect the environment. We provide cash incentives to help reduce your costs even more!

Get rebates for a qualifying ...

- Central Air Conditioner
- Air Source Heat Pump
- Geothermal Heat Pump
- ECM (variable speed motor) in a new Furnace or Air Handler / Fan Coil
- Heat Pump Water Heater
- Programmable Thermostat

Participating is easy! Your HVAC contractor can provide you with a rebate application form, or you can pick one up at our office or print it from this website:

www.brightenergysolutions.com. Mail the completed form, efficiency documentation, and a copy of your sales receipt to our address P.O. Box 518, Denison, Iowa 51442





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"Essentials For Life."



Spring Fever:

Getting Your Home Ready for Warm Weather

It's that time to start thinking about getting your home ready for warm weather. Air-conditioning accounts for a large part of your annual energy costs. By taking action now, you can save substantially on your utility bills and make your home more comfortable when warm weather arrives.

- ◇ Cooling system maintenance is a great place to start. Replace the air filter and continue to replace it monthly throughout the summer. Dirty filters restrict air flow causing your air conditioner to run longer and harder; costing you energy dollars.
- ◇ Install a programmable thermostat. This is a great way to minimize energy use and match the cooling needs of your home to your personal schedule. We offer a \$25.00 rebate on programmable thermostats.
- ◇ Warmer weather brings increased humidity. Indoor humidity levels between 30% -50% are ideal. A dehumidifier helps maintain proper humidity levels. We offer a \$10.00 rebate on energy star dehumidifiers.



Many of us look forward to getting out in the yard this spring and summer,

but we urge you to take caution before digging too deep. Accidentally cutting into utility lines is not only expensive, but can be deadly. Iowa law requires anyone who does digging or excavating to call Iowa One Call to see if there are any underground utility lines or cables. This applies to homeowners planting trees or fence posts and commercial contractors excavating for buildings.

It is important to call at least 48 hours before you are set to dig. If underground lines exist in that area, the utilities will mark the location of the lines within that 48 hour period.

Please call 811 "Iowa One Call" before you dig and make it safe for you and everyone else.

DMU Projects

Wastewater Department: February 24th, 2011, the Board approved a sanitary sewer main/screening/grit removal project. This project will add a new trunk sewer main parallel to the existing main that serves Farmland Foods so pre-treated waste and domestic un-treated waste are separated, replace the existing grit removal equipment that is no longer functioning and add screening equipment. Grundman-Hicks LLC of Cherokee will be starting this project in April.

Water Department: Story Construction of Ames, Iowa has started work on the Lime Sludge De-Watering project at the Water Treatment Plant. This project consists of installing a plate and frame press housed in a two story concrete block and brick building along with a 50 ft. diameter thickener tank. This process will eliminate the need for the lime lagoons, though they will remain in place for use in an emergency.

Electric Department: The electric employees have started trimming trees in close proximity to overhead transmission and distribution lines. The conversion of the overhead electric lines to underground electric lines continues in the area of Avenue C to Broadway and from 7th Street to just east of the Courthouse.