

WAYS TO SAVE

Don't miss these great energy-saving programs

Groton Electric offers many energy-saving programs to help our customers, and there's a new state appliance rebate program starting in April. Choose what works for you:

Energy-efficient bulbs

Twice a year Groton Electric offers CFL (compact fluorescent light) bulbs for \$1 each. These bulbs cost GELD more than \$2 each so we subsidize the difference. By using CFLs, you can reduce the lighting portion of your bill by up to 75%.

BULB SALE—APRIL 1 to 10—\$1.00 EACH, LIMIT 10.

Infrared camera scan

A Groton Electric employee will use an infrared camera to scan and take pictures of the walls, windows and doors of your home to identify areas of heat loss. Customers receive a report with infrared and digital pictures of the problem areas. This service is at no cost to our customers.

Online energy calculator

Identify the energy users in your home by completing an online audit of the items in your home that use electricity. You can print a report and see specifically where the dollars on your electric bill are spent. Find the energy calculator at grotonelectric.org, choose energy conservation, then click on the energy calculator and follow the instructions.

Old refrigerator/freezer pick-up

We have partnered with JACO Environmental Inc. to offer appliance removal and recycling to Groton residents. To schedule a pick-up of your old refrigerator or freezer at NO COST to you, call 1-877-545-4113.

Time-of-use rates

If you can shift some of your high electricity use during the day to late night—such as programming a timer on a pool pump—you can save money on your electric bill by switching to our time-of-use rates. See the article on time of use (Have a pool pump?) on the reverse page.

Energy audit

Groton Electric offers full energy audits through HELPS—Home Energy Loss Prevention Service. Although these audits do not cost our customers any money, GELD pays approximately \$275 for each audit. To schedule an audit, call 1-888-333-7525.

Switch and outlet insulation gaskets

Heat can escape through the light switches and outlets on outside walls of your home. Groton Electric offers insulator gaskets that are easily placed behind the switch or outlet to help with heat loss. These are available at our main office on Station Avenue.

State appliance rebates *limited offer*

On Earth Day, April 22, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will begin “The Mass Save Great Appliance Exchange” using federal stimulus money. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated \$6.2 million to Massachusetts to administer an Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program designed to spur significant household energy savings by taking high energy consuming home appliances out of commission and replacing them with qualified ENERGY STAR® models.

Initial information, including an overview of the rebate process, is now online at masssave.com/GAX. In coming weeks, the site will list refrigerator, dishwasher, clothes washer and freezer models that will be eligible for the rebate in April. The program will continue as long as rebate supplies last, on a **first-come, first-served** basis.



Congratulations Grads—Linemen First Class!

Ryan Andrews and Dan Johnson graduated from Lineman Apprentice School in December 2009. After four years of classroom and “real world” experience, Ryan and Dan have been promoted to First Class Linemen!