

PPL Electric Utilities E-PowerWise Program Helps Families Save Electricity and Water

Community Action Commission takes the lead to show families how to save

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Income-qualified families in Harrisburg are learning how to save big on their utility bills while conserving energy and water, thanks to PPL Electric Utilities' E-PowerWise program.

PPL Electric Utilities has provided the E-PowerWise program to more than 10,000 families in 26 counties in central and eastern Pennsylvania through the help of community-based organizations. To date, the program has saved enough electricity to power 421 single-family homes, enough water to supply the demands of 386,687 Americans, and greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 638 passenger vehicles for one year.

The free program educates families and individuals on the importance of conserving energy. It is designed to empower families to take control of their energy and water use, while saving money in the process.

"The E-PowerWise Program helps families understand their energy and water usage, and that simple actions can result in a lower utility bill," said Sharon Fraser, a customer programs specialist with the utility. "In income-qualified homes, the utility bill is often more than 20 percent of a household's income. PPL Electric Utilities has been running this program for three years, and it has resulted in the savings of millions of kilowatt-hours of electricity."

Income-qualified families and individuals in the PPL Electric Utilities service territory are eligible to participate. The program is offered by 25 agencies in Pennsylvania, including the Harrisburg-based Community Action Commission.

"We see more and more families each year struggling to maintain budgets and remain stably housed. The E-PowerWise program has provided another tool to 506 homeowners and renters to preserve their housing and move along the path to self-sufficiency," said Kathy Possinger, executive director of the Community Action Commission.

The commission and PPL Electric Utilities will celebrate the program and National Energy Awareness Month on Oct. 17. For more information on other organizations participating in the E-PowerWise program, call PPL Electric Utilities at (888) 647-3831, or visit www.ppleasysavings.com.

Each E-PowerWise participant receives an Easy Savings Kit with a quick-start guide that contains energy-saving tips and instructs them how to use the kit. The kit contains compact fluorescent light bulbs, a high-efficiency showerhead, faucet aerators, a digital thermometer and a nightlight.

Resource Action Programs® of Nevada developed the E-PowerWise Program, which achieves significant energy and water savings goals as required by Pennsylvania Act 129. Phase I of Act 129 began in 2010 and was completed in May. Phase II began in June and will end in May 2016.

About PPL Electric Utilities

PPL Electric Utilities, a subsidiary of PPL Corporation (NYSE: PPL), provides electric delivery services to about 1.4 million customers in Pennsylvania and consistently ranks among the best companies for customer service in the United States. More information is available at www.pplelectric.com.

About Community Action Commission

Community Action Commission, part of America's Poverty Fighting Network, has been helping people and changing lives throughout Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties for more than 47 years as a private, nonprofit community development agency. The commission offers a comprehensive approach to individual, family and neighborhood success through social services, community revitalization and economic development. For more information, contact Kathy Possinger, executive director, at 717-232-9757, ext. 103.

About Resource Action Programs

Resource Action Programs® offers a family of hands-on education programs designed to increase residential resource efficiency and community awareness. The proven and effective design provides the tools to form energy-literate households while generating immediate savings in home water and energy use. For more information about Resource Action Programs, visit www.resourceaction.com.

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