New BWL Outage Map!

The BWL is excited to announce the launch of our new Outage Management System and Outage Map! This new system will be more robust, allowing for significant improvements in our outage response and tracking capabilities. The map allows you to report your power outage using the Outage Center on our website, or on your mobile device with our mobile app. The map will display the number of affected customers, cause of the outage if it's known and an approximate Estimated Time of Restoration (ETR) once the crew assessment is completed.

Additional features allow customers to check the status and get updates on their outage electronically. The BWL will send out status messages directly to our customers who choose to receive callbacks for restoration time changes and service restorations.

The changes you will see include:

- No house icon when reporting outages. You'll be able to use the drop down to report outages at your service locations.
- Outage reporting blocks have been updated. Instead of a large area appearing for only one outage, the area is smaller in size and more representative of the outage location.

If you have the current BWL Outage App, you'll need to download the update for these new features. If you don't currently have the BWL Outage App, you can download it FREE for Apple or Android.

Visit the Outage Center on our website at Ibwl.com/outagecenter for more information.



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POWER of the Pollinators Saturday, May 11 9am - 4pm Impression 5 Science Center Registration begins March 18 at Impression5.org

You can now register for Pennies for Power online! Visit Ibwl.com/ pennies



Pennies for Power helps provide shut-off protection for BWL customers who are struggling to make ends meet.

There are four ways to help:

Round Up

Round up my monthly utility bill to the next whole dollar

Add \$1

Add a dollar to my monthly bill

Round Up and Add

Round up my monthly bill to the next whole dollar and add \$

One Time Donation

Enclosed is a check for \$ as my one-time contribution to Pennies for Power

Name: _____

Date:

Address:

Phone: _____

BWL Account Number:

Mail to:

Board of Water & Light PO Box 13007, Lansing, MI 48901-3007

Sign up online at Ibwl.com/pennies

BWCONNECTIONS

Report Outages

Power, Downed Line or Streetlight 877-295-5001

> **Outage Center** lbwl.com/outagecenter

> > **BWL Mobile App** lbwl.com/app

Outage Texting 898295/txtbwl

Water Main Break 517-702-6490

Medical Alert Form

If in-home medical equipment depends on electricity, sign up for our medical alert list. Call 517-702-6006, or go to Ibwl.com and click on Medical Alert Form.

Seniors Shut-off Protection

If you are 65 or older, the BWL will not shut off your electricity during the heating season. Call 517-702-6006.

Military Families

Families with active members of the U.S. Military are protected from shut-offs. Call 517-702-6006.

Winter Shut-off Protection

Customers having difficulties paying their utility bills may qualify for a winter protection plan. Call 517-702-6006.

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Illuminate Earth Day with Conservation

Earth Day is April 22 and BWL's Hometown Energy Savers® program (and ENERGY STAR®) have some recommendations to reduce energy use:

- Smart Thermostats According to ENERGY STAR, "For the average American household, almost half of the annual energy bill goes to heating and cooling - more than \$900 a year"; upgrade to an ENERGY STAR—certified programmable thermostat.
 - **LED** Liahtina

Make the switch to ENERGY STAR certified LED lighting to save up to 75% more electricity than traditional options. Plus the bulbs will last for 13+ years!

Refrigerators Replace your outdated refrigerator with an ENERGY STAR certified model and you'll save \$270+ over the next five years.

We offer rebates on these items and more! Call 800-573-3503 or visit hometownenergysavers. com for information on how you can start saving today.



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