# **Energy Waste Reduction**

In 2018, the BWL continued to offer its Energy Waste Reduction program, Hometown Energy Savers®. It allows BWL residential electric customers to participate in several programs to save energy.

## **Home Energy Rebates**

By partnering with local retailers and contractors, BWL offered rebates to customers for installing energy efficient products such as lighting, central and/or room air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, programmable thermostats and more. For details, visit HometownEnergySavers.com.

### **Appliance Recycling**

By partnering with local contractors, BWL offered free pick up and rebates for customers to recycle older, inefficient refrigerators, freezers, room air-conditioners and dehumidifiers. For the ninth year, BWL joined community partners to host Recycle Rama and Recycle! East Lansing.



### **Hometown Energy Savers®**

HES offered assistance to customers on limited incomes, with free energy kits and the Hometown Help energy assessment program that included self-help education and installation of a variety of high efficiency products.

### **Commercial and Industrial Rebates**

BWL offered rebates to business customers for upgrading their equipment and facilities to improve efficiency. Incentives were available for items such as lighting, air conditioners, occupancy controls and food service equipment.

## **Nonprofit Facility Grant Program**

BWL provided grants to local organizations to install energy efficient equipment in their buildings. By reducing energy costs, more of their budget can go towards the valuable community services they provide.

# **Renewable Energy**

In addition to helping residents become more energy efficient, the State of Michigan's Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act requires utilities to acquire more renewable energy – sometimes called "green" or "clean" energy.

The BWL's efforts to meet state-mandated renewable energy goals include:

- A long-term agreement to purchase electricity that is generated from landfill gas.
- Purchase of hydroelectric power located in Cheboygan County.
- Continuing to receive wind energy from eight turbines located in Gratiot County.

- Owning and operating solar generation facilities.
- In 2018 Delta Solar Park, a utility scale solar project became operational.
- The East Lansing Solar Park, a community based solar program, became operational in December 2018.
- Continue to work with a wind energy project in Tuscola County.

For the 2018 reporting period, the BWL continues to meet the Renewable Energy requirements under Public Act 342. The BWL has met the 10 percent renewable energy goal established by Michigan law.



#### **Cost to Customers**

- As of February of 2018, the BWL no longer charges customers for the Renewable Energy Program.
- The 2018 itemized monthly charge for a residential customer for the Energy Waste Reduction program as required under Public Act 342 was \$0.002678 per kilowatt hour.
- For every dollar spent on Energy Waste Reduction programs, customers should realize benefits of \$3.51.
- The Michigan Public Service Commission's annual report on renewable energy can be viewed on their website, michigan.gov/mpsc.

The BWL welcomes comments on its updated Energy Waste Reduction Plan, which it must file with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Starting August 1, the plan will be posted on the BWL website. Make comments at Ibwl.com or by mail at 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48910.



# **ENCONNECTIONS**

# **Report Outages**

Power, Downed Line or Streetlight 877-295-5001

Outage Center
Ibwl.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 **lbwl.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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# 2018 Annual Summary for the Energy Waste Reduction and Renewable Energy Reports

In 2008, the Michigan legislature passed the "Clean, Renewable and Efficiency Energy Act," also known as PA 295.

The goal of the legislation was to help Michigan residents reduce their energy use. In December 2016, the legislature passed PA 342, also known as the "Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act," which amends PA 295. The Lansing Board of Water & Light has designed and implemented programs to assist our customers in realizing energy savings as required by PA 342.

This report summarizes the BWL's efforts for 2018. Copies of the complete 2018 annual reports for both the Energy Waste Reduction and the Renewable Energy Plans are available at our Customer Service Department and on our website,

