

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

Round up my monthly utility bill to

There are four ways to help:

the next whole dollar

**Round Up** 

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

# **EWICONNECTIONS**

## **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 **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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## 2021 Annual Summary of Energy Waste Reduction & Renewable Energy Reports

In 2008, the Michigan legislature passed the "Clean, Renewable and Efficiency Energy Act," also known as Public Act (PA) 295. The goal of the legislation was to help Michigan residents reduce their energy use. In 2016, the legislature passed PA 342, also known as the "Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act," which amended PA 295. Since 2009. the Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) has delivered programs that have achieved electric kilowatt hour (kWh) savings as required by the State of Michigan.

This report summarizes BWL's 2021 efforts. Copies of the complete 2021 annual reports for both the Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) and the Renewable Energy Programs are available on our website at www.lbwl.com.

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#### **Energy Waste Reduction**

In 2021, the BWL continued to offer Hometown Energy Savers®, its EWR portfolio of programs which allows both our Residential and Commercial & Industrial electric customers to participate in a number of ways. For details, visit www.lbwl.com/energysavers.

#### **Home Energy Rebates**

Local retailers and contractors partnered with BWL to offer cash rebates for installing high efficiency products such as LED lighting, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, smart thermostats and more.

#### **Appliance Recycling**

In coordination with local contractors, BWL offered free pick up and rebates for customers to recycle older, inefficient refrigerators, freezers, room airconditioners and dehumidifiers.

## **Hometown Help**

BWL provided customers with limited incomes free energy kits and a home assessment that included self-help education and the installation of high efficiency items.



#### **Commercial and Industrial Incentives**

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

#### **Nonprofit Facility Grant**

BWL provided grants and rebates to local organizations that allowed them to install efficient equipment in their buildings. By reducing energy use, more of the nonprofit's budget is available for the valuable services they provide to our vulnerable community members.

### **Renewable Energy**

In addition to helping customers become more energy efficient, PA 342 requires electric utilities to acquire more renewable energy – often referred to as "green" or "clean" energy. The BWL's efforts to meet our renewable energy goals in 2021 included:

- Purchase of electricity that is generated from landfill gas.
- Continuing to receive wind energy from eight turbines located in Gratiot County.
- Owning and operating solar generation facilities, including a community solar park.
- Purchasing 68 MW of wind energy from Pegasus Wind Farm in Tuscola County.
- In 2021, Ranger/Assembly Solar (80 MW) in Shiawassee County became operational.

For the 2021 reporting period, the BWL continues to meet the Renewable Energy

requirements under PA 342. The BWL has met the 15 percent renewable energy goal established by Michigan law. The Michigan Public Service Commission's (MPSC) annual report on renewable energy may be viewed at www.michigan.gov/mpsc.





BWL offices will be closed and remote office workers will be off Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.