



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 [lbwl.com/pennies](http://lbwl.com/pennies)



## Report Outages

**Power, Downed Line or Streetlight**  
877-295-5001

**Outage Center**  
[lbwl.com/outagecenter](http://lbwl.com/outagecenter)

**BWL Mobile App**  
[lbwl.com/app](http://lbwl.com/app)

**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](http://lbwl.com) and click on Medical Alert Form.

## Shut-off Protection

BWL customers at risk of shut-off are now eligible for Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) funding assistance, and may also qualify for a winter protection payment plan. Additionally, seniors 65 and older and active military and their families are protected from electric shut-off during the heating season. Contact 211 for payment assistance information, or the BWL to inquire about a payment plan.



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# BWL CONNECTIONS

## 2022 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 December 2016, the legislature passed PA 342, also known as the "Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act," which amends 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.

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## 2022 Annual Summary of Energy Waste Reduction & Renewable Energy Reports *continued*

The legislation sunset in 2021 for municipal electric providers whose rates are not regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC). However, the BWL has committed, in its published Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), to continue to provide Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) programs for its customers. The IRP may be found at [www.lbwl.com/IRP2020](http://www.lbwl.com/IRP2020).

This article summarizes BWL's 2022 EWR programs. Copies of the complete 2022 annual reports for both the EWR and the Renewable Energy Plans are available on our website at [www.lbwl.com/EWR](http://www.lbwl.com/EWR).

### Energy Waste Reduction

The BWL offered Hometown Energy Savers® its EWR portfolio of programs, which allows Residential and Commercial & Industrial electric customers to participate in several ways. For 2022 programs, BWL and its customers saw 23,756,749 kilowatt hours of savings. To take advantage of these savings and learn more about energy reduction programs, visit [www.lbwl.com/energysavers](http://www.lbwl.com/energysavers).

### Home Energy Rebates

BWL partners with retailers and contractors to offer rebates for installing efficient products such as LED lighting, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, smart thermostats, minisplit heat pumps and more.

### Appliance Recycling

BWL offers free pick up and rebates for customers to recycle older, inefficient

refrigerators, freezers, room air-conditioners and dehumidifiers.

### Hometown Help

BWL provides income qualified customers with free energy kits and a free in-home assessment that includes self-help education and the replacement of certain high efficiency items.

### Business Incentives

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

### Nonprofit Facility Grants

BWL provides grants to local organizations serving disadvantaged communities through the installation of efficient equipment in their buildings. By reducing their electric use, more of the nonprofit's budget is available for the valuable services they provide.

### Renewable Energy

In addition to helping customers become more energy efficient, BWL continues to acquire more renewable energy and work to achieve both its own internal carbon neutrality targets as well as state targets. The BWL's efforts to meet our renewable energy goals in 2022 included:

- Continuing to receive wind energy from wind turbines located in both Gratiot and Tuscola County.
- Owning and operating solar generation facilities, including a community solar park.

- Receiving solar energy from several large-scale solar arrays including Delta Solar in Delta Township and Assembly Solar in Shiawassee County.

For the 2022 reporting period, the BWL continues to meet the Renewable Energy requirements under PA 342, exceeding the statewide Renewable Portfolio Standard of 15 percent renewable energy.

### Cost to Customers

- Beginning in 2022, the BWL did not charge customers any surcharges for its Energy Waste Reduction and Renewable Energy Programs.
- For every dollar spent on Energy Waste Reduction programs, customers should realize benefits of \$3.51.

The MPSC annual report on renewable energy may be viewed at [www.michigan.gov/mpsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc).

**BWL offices will be closed and remote office workers will be off Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.**

