# Tips to Reduce Energy Use this Season (Cont.)

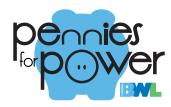
- 3. Give your appliances a vacation.
  Before heading out on your holiday vacation, turn off and unplug everything you can. You should also lower your thermostat to 55 degrees and set your water heater to the lowest setting.
- 4. Deck the halls with LED lights.
  They use up to 90 percent less electricity, last up to 10 times longer than standard bulbs, produce almost no heat and are nearly impossible to break.
- 5. Be smart about holiday lights. Wait until it gets dark to turn on your holiday lights and turn them off before you go to bed. Or better yet, put the lights on a timer to automatically save energy and money.
- 6. Ask for ENERGY STAR®. Electronics contribute to up to 15 percent of your electricity use on average. When asking for or buying electronics this holiday season, be sure to select items with the ENERGY STAR® label. You'll get all the same features plus proven, long-term

energy savings.

7. Take advantage of BWL rebates.
Before ringing in the New Year, take advantage of BWL Hometown Energy Savers® rebates.

Get the details at <a href="lbwl.com/energysavers">lbwl.com/energysavers</a> or call 800-573-3503 to learn more.





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

There are	four	ways	to	help	):
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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

### **BWICONNECTIONS**

### **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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The holiday season is one of the most energy-intensive times of the year, but making even small adjustments can turn into big savings. Here are some tips to help you save:

- 1. Bake with efficiency. The holiday season means festive baked goods and delicious dishes. To get the most out of the energy required to heat your oven, bake several items at once. And don't open the oven door to check on your treats—use the oven light instead. Opening the oven door can lower the oven temperature by as much as 25 degrees, which increases cooking time and wastes energy.
- 2. Turn down the thermostat when you have guests.
  With the extra warm bodies in the house, you won't need to crank up the heat.
  Save energy and keep your guests comfortable by turning down the thermostat. Also remember to lower your thermostat when you are asleep or away.