

Notice to our customers

Mt. Pleasant Municipal Utilities does its best to see that you are satisfied with your utility service.

However, if you have questions or complaints regarding your utility service, you may contact a utility representative at Mt. Pleasant Municipal Utilities, 509 North Adams, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641, 319-385-2121. A representative will try to assist you with your problem.



If your complaint is related to electric service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and we do not resolve it, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Commission by calling toll-free 877-565-4450; by mailing 1375 E. Court, Rm. 69, Des Moines, IA 50319; or by emailing customer@iub.iowa.gov.

Add a "PS" to help a neighbor

As winter winds down, some of your less fortunate neighbors are still worrying about paying the rest of their wintertime energy bills.

You can help, through *Project Share*. *Project Share* is a plan created to help needy households pay a portion of their utility bills. You can add a regular *PS* contribution to your monthly utility payments or make a direct donation. Your contribution is voluntary, flexible, and may be tax-deductible.

To participate, simply print and fill out this coupon and return it with your donation to Mt. Pleasant Municipal Utilities, 509 N. Adams, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641.

PS | Project Share ✨

Dear Mt. Pleasant Municipal Utilities:

I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a contribution to *Project Share*.

Name _____

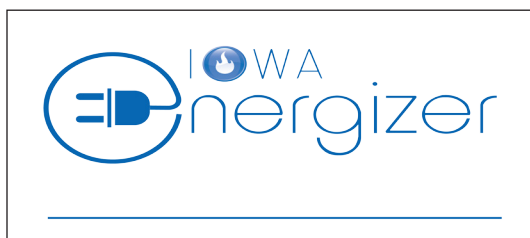
Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

I will contribute \$_____ per month to *Project Share*. I understand this amount will be added to my bill.

I have enclosed a \$_____ donation to *Project Share*.



Mt. Pleasant Municipal Utilities
509 N. Adams St. Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

Tax credits you should know about

Did you make an energy efficient improvement to your home in 2024? If so, you may be entitled to some tax credits. The Inflation Reduction Act's consumer tax credits for certain home energy technologies are now available. **Americans who installed the following technologies in 2024 can claim credits on their tax returns due on April 15, 2025.**



- Families who install an efficient electric heat pump for heating and cooling can receive a tax credit of up to \$2,000 and save an average of \$500 per year on energy bills.
- Families who make other energy efficiency improvements can receive tax credits worth up to \$500 for doors, \$600 for windows, \$150 for a home energy audit, and up to 30 percent off the cost of new insulation—a total of up to \$1,200 per year in tax credits.
- Families who install rooftop solar, geothermal or battery storage at home can save up to 30 percent of the cost of the installation via a tax credit and save nearly \$400 per year on their energy bills.

To learn more, talk with your tax preparer or go to www.energystar.gov/about/federal-tax-credits for more information.

Look for the ENERGY STAR®

If you're buying a new gas appliance or making home improvements this spring, be sure to purchase products with the ENERGY STAR label. Go to www.energystar.gov to learn more about efficient appliances and projects for your home.



Let's go fly a kite...safely!

Gusty March days are perfect for flying kites, but please keep all flying toys away from overhead lines. NEVER try to free something that's tangled in a line; call the utility crew at 385-2121 for assistance.



Energy Efficiency Tips for the Home Office

Since the pandemic, many people have adopted a hybrid work schedule—splitting their time between the office and remote work or transitioning to fully remote work. This shift has created a need for fresh strategies to conserve energy at home. In order to **reduce energy consumption and lower your monthly utility bills, try these practical energy-saving tips for the home office**

Set Thermostat Correctly

Set the thermostat to adjust during the night or when the home office is unoccupied. If you follow a hybrid work schedule, ensure the thermostat is programmed to reduce heating or cooling on the days you're in the office. For maximum efficiency, it's recommended to set the temperature back by 7 degrees when the office isn't in use. For example, if your preferred temperature is 72°F, set it to 79°F in the summer or 65°F in the winter during unoccupied hours.

Laptop Energy Efficiency

Enable Power management settings on your main computer, and peripheral devices.

For Apple computers: Simply click Apple menu > System Preferences > Energy Saver

For Windows based computers:

Open Control Panel > Power Options and select Power Saver

Smart Power Strips

Smart power strips eliminate “vampire” or standby power drain from electronics when not in use, potentially saving up to 5% on home electricity bills. By automatically cutting power to peripherals like printers, monitors, and chargers, these devices reduce unnecessary energy consumption in home offices without requiring manual unplugging. An inexpensive alternative would be to have all your devices which don't need to be powered on at all time plugged into one power strip, and manually turn them off when the work day is over.

Efficient Lighting

Save energy by positioning your desk to maximize natural light. When artificial lighting is needed, opt for desk lamps or task lighting instead of overhead lighting. Replace outdated incandescent, halogen, or CFL bulbs with energy-efficient LED lights to reduce energy use and lower utility costs.

Explore Bluetooth and Wi-Fi-enabled smart lighting, which allows you to program settings for bright lighting during work hours and energy-efficient ambient lighting during breaks or after hours. Install an occupancy

sensor switch to automatically turn off lights when the room is unoccupied.

Use Blinds to Your Advantage

In summer, close the blinds to block heat from the sun—using extra lights is more energy-efficient than overworking your cooling system. In winter,

open the blinds to let in sunlight and ease the load on your heating system.

Selecting ENERGY STAR Equipment

When buying a new monitor, printer, or other office appliances, consider purchasing units that have the ENERGY STAR label on them. ENERGY STAR office appliances meet strict energy efficiency standards and often consume much less energy than their non-qualified equivalents.

