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Newsletter

WELCOME

to Wasaga Distribution's newsletter:
your source for timely and helpful information that matters to you.

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WE'RE WORKING HARD FOR YOU AROUND THE COMMUNITY

We continue investing in community infrastructure to upgrade electrical equipment and improve grid reliability. Under our 2023 investment plan, we plan to invest over $2 million in replacing 162 poles, 17 transformers and 11 km of cable. An additional $5.5 million will be invested to support the enhancement of our system to support the growth in the community. On top of rebuilding and replacing our equipment, we continue to invest in vegetation management. This year our efforts will be focused on the west end of Town.

NOTIFYING YOU ABOUT PLANNED POWER INTERRUPTIONS

Planned power interruptions are required to maintain and upgrade the electricity distribution system and provide you with safe, reliable service. Before committing to this essential work, we consider factors such as the time of day, weather forecasts, condition of assets, and alignment with other projects.

In non-emergency situations, we'll provide approximately 48 hours' notice of the planned outage's date, time, and duration at your door. Remember – a shorter, planned outage today prevents a longer, unexpected outage tomorrow.

GREEN BUTTON

This year we are preparing to launch the Green Button initiative. Green Button is a data standard that provides energy customers with more choices in how they access their electricity and/or natural gas usage.

How Green Button Works:

You can easily access information on how you consume energy at your homes or business. Electricity and natural gas customers will be able to download their natural gas and hourly electricity usage data from their utility in a standardized digital format. You will also be able to authorize this data's secure, automatic transfer to a Green Button application of your choice.

Green Button applications can:

- Provide you with information on your energy usage.
- Give you advice on how you can use less energy to help lower your bills, such as customized energy efficiency retrofit options on switching electricity price plans to get long-lasting savings.

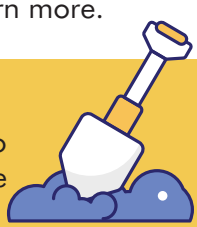
How Green Button could help you:

- Better understand your energy use.
- Manage your energy use in a way that works best for you and your family or business.
- Lower energy bills and keep money in your pocket.

We will look forward to providing more information in the coming months. You can contact us to learn more.

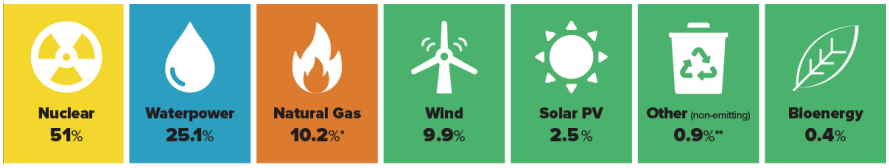
APRIL IS DIG SAFE MONTH

With the warmer weather coming what outdoor projects are you planning? For your safety remember to contact Ontario One Call first to have a FREE underground cable locate done. To schedule a locate visit the Ontario One Call website: **www.ontarioonecall.ca** or contact by phone: **1-800-400-2255**.



Where does Ontario's electricity come from?

The following is a breakdown of Ontario's system-wide supply mix for 2022.



* Includes Lennox, dual fuel (natural gas/bioenergy) and non-contracted emitting generation consistent with IESO.
** Other represents a variety of non-contracted fuel types that the IESO is unable to categorize due to a lack of information from Local Distribution Companies (LDCs).

CUSTOMER CHOICE – MORE OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM!!!

Launching May 1, 2023, the new Ultra-Low Overnight Price Plan (ULO).

If you are a residential or small business customer, you can choose to switch between Time-of-Use Rates (TOU) and Tiered prices.

TOU (Default Plan) – The price depends on when you use electricity. You can help manage your electricity costs by shifting your usage to lower price periods when possible.

TIERED (Optional Price Plan) – With tiered pricing, you can use a certain amount of electricity each month at a lower price. Once that limit is exceeded, a higher price applies.

Ultra-Low Overnight Price Plan Rate (Optional Price Plan) - The price depends on when you use electricity. You can help manage your electricity costs by shifting your usage to lower price periods. Ultra-Low Rates are ideal for individuals who can consume most of their energy overnight. This would include individuals who work shift work or may have an electric vehicle to charge.

NEW PRICING AS OF MAY 1ST, 2023

Time of Use	Off-peak Mon-Fri, Weekends 7pm-7am	Mid-peak Mon-Fri 7-11am, 5-7pm	On-peak 11am-5pm	
	7.4¢	10.2¢	15.1¢	
Tiered	Tier 1 (First 650 kWh)	Tier 2 (After 650 kWh		
	8.7¢	10.3¢		
Ultra-Low	Overnight Mon-Sun 11pm-7am	Weekends Sat & Sun, Holidays 7am-11pm	Mid-peak Mon-Fri 7am-4pm 9pm-11pm	On-peak Mon-Fri 4pm-9pm
	2.4¢	7.4¢	10.2¢	24.0¢

ELECTRICAL AWARENESS

Downed power lines can be very dangerous, and it is important to know how to stay safe if you come across one. Here are some electrical safety tips to keep in mind:

1 Assume all downed power lines are live and dangerous. Keep a safe distance of at least 30 feet away from the downed line and anything it may be touching.

2 Do not touch anything in contact with the power line, including trees, vehicles, or fences. Electricity can travel through these items and cause serious injury or death.

3 Do not attempt to move a downed power line, even if it appears to be harmless or not sparking.

4 Call 911 or your local power company immediately to report the downed line.

5 Warn others to stay away from the area.

6 If you are in a vehicle that comes into contact with a downed power line, stay in the vehicle and do not touch any part of it. Call for help and wait until a qualified person tells you it is safe to exit the vehicle.

Remember, electricity is invisible and can be deadly. Always err on the side of caution and assume any downed power line is live and dangerous.

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SPRING ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS

With the start of a new season comes a fresh opportunity to find ways to save energy and money. Here are just a few simple things you can do to improve the energy efficiency and comfort of your home as warmer temperatures arrive.

1 **Service your air conditioner** – Easy maintenance such as routinely replacing or cleaning air filters can lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent. Also, the first day of spring could serve as a reminder to check your air conditioner's evaporator coil which should be cleaned annually to ensure the system is performing at optimal levels.

2 **Open windows** - Opening windows creates a cross-breeze allowing you to naturally cool your home without switching on air-conditioning. This is an ideal tactic in spring when temperatures are mild.

3 **Use ceiling fans** - Cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat four degrees. This can help lower your electricity bills without sacrificing overall comfort.

4 **Cook outside** – On warmer spring days, keep the heat out of your home by using an outdoor grill instead of an indoor oven.

5 **Install window treatments** – Energy-efficient window treatments or coverings such as blinds, shades, and films can slash heat gain when temperatures rise. These devices not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.

6 **Caulk air leaks** – Using low-cost caulking to seal cracks and openings in your home keeps warm air out and cash in your pocket.

7 **Bring in sunlight** – During daylight hours, switch off artificial lights and use windows and skylights to brighten your home.

8 **Set the thermostat** – On warm days, setting a programmable thermostat to a higher setting when you are not home can help reduce your energy costs by approximately 10 percent.

9 **Seal ducts** – Air loss through ducts can lead to high electricity costs. Sealing and insulating ducts can go a long way toward lowering your electricity bills.

10 **Switch on bathroom fans** – Bathroom fans suck out heat and humidity from your home, improving comfort.