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DID YOU KNOW?

Q: Does turning the heat down while you're gone - or asleep - really save energy?

A: Yes. Although the furnace has to work harder than normal to warm the space back to a comfortable temperature after the thermostat has been set back, there is a lot to gain in savings from the amount of time that the thermostat was set back. The savings is in the time that the temperature stabilizes at the lower level and the next time heat is needed. And, the longer your house remains at the lower temperature, the more energy you save.

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Company Launches Education Campaign

With energy prices expected to rise in the coming year, Delmarva Power wants to help its customers understand how they can save on energy - and their monthly utility bill - by using energy more wisely in their home.

The effort is part of an overall campaign that Delmarva Power is launching, called the Energy Know How Campaign.

"This campaign is another step we're taking toward helping our customers with these higher energy costs," said Delmarva Power President Gary Stockbridge.

Stockbridge said the campaign will be a vehicle for assisting fixed- and low-income customers with their higher energy bills as well as educating all customers on the benefits of using energy more wisely.

Some of the campaign's already-launched efforts include:

- Nearly 20 families will get new, energy-efficient furnaces thanks in part to Delmarva Power's \$40,000 donation to Warm The Heart, a Delaware-based charity set up to purchase and install furnaces for income-eligible families.
- Energy assistance grants will be distributed to income-eligible families across the Delmarva Peninsula through Delmarva Power's Good Neighbor Energy Fund. Each year the company donates up to \$70,000 to the

fund, which is administered by the Salvation Army (see enclosed envelope to make your contribution to this worthy fund).

- The launching of the Delmarva Power Rising Energy Costs Task Force, designed to study the issue and make recommendations for helping fixed- and low-income families with their energy bills.
- Developing Energy Know How kits for social service agencies to distribute to fixed- and low-income customers. These kits include some low-cost materials for conserving energy in the home.

In addition, a key element of the public education campaign will be proactively meeting with community groups and civic associations across the Delmarva Peninsula through the Delmarva Power Speakers Bureau program.

Customers who want to schedule a Delmarva Power speaker to talk to their community group or civic association can do so by calling (800) 355-0368 or e-mail SpeakersBureau@PepcoHoldings.com.

CORRECTION: The December issue of Energy News contained an incorrect number for receiving information on the Good Neighbor Energy Fund in Harford County. The correct contact information is: Harford County Community Action Agency, 410-638-3240.

Home Heating—Keep it Safe

Winter is here and when it comes to heating our homes, it's important to pay close attention to safety. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

- Keep heating equipment well tuned with a periodic maintenance check by a professional service representative.
- Maintain smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in proper working order and have fresh batteries.
- Make sure fireplaces and wood stoves are well vented. Also, do not leave your home until you have fully extinguished the fire in your fireplace or wood stove.
- Never use a barbecue grill or other outdoor cooking device to heat your home.

Space Heaters—Use Caution

Use particular caution with portable space heaters - whether electric or fuel burning. They pose fire hazards and fuel-burning models can also give off deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) says that more than 25,000 residential fires are associated each year with the use of portable space heaters, and more than 300 people die from those fires.

Also, many in the United States die every year from carbon monoxide poisoning produced by fuel-burning devices, and thousands more wind up in emergency rooms for treatment. If you use an electric or fuel-burning space heater, follow these safety guidelines:

- Select a space heater with a guard around the heating element or flame.
- Never go to sleep with a space heater operating.
- Make sure the heater is placed on a level, hard nonflammable surface, and keep it at least 4 feet away from curtains or other flammable material.
- Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

For more information about the proper use of space heaters visit the CPSC's Web site at: www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/463.html

DID YOU KNOW? (continued from front)

Editor's Note: Customers tell us they want to know more about how they can save energy and, therefore, money. This new column, which shares the name of our newly-launched Energy Know How Campaign, will appear regularly in this customer newsletter. If you have a question on energy efficiency that you would like to see appear in this column, please send it to:

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Delaware (Area code 302)

Mar: *Earl Abbot: Picturing the St. Jones;* First State Heritage Park, Dover; 302-739-9194, www.destateparks.com/heritagepark

Mar 4: *4th Annual Beef & Beer Fundraiser;* Quota International of Wilm. Charitable Trust, Hockessin Fire Memorial Hall, Hockessin; 302-326-0493

Mar 4,5: *43rd Annual Earth Science Gem and Mineral Show;* Delaware Technical and Comm. College, Stanton; 302-234-4488, fossilnut@aol.com

Mar 8-26: *The Delaware Theater Company Presents: The Syringa Tree;* 302-594-1100, www.delawaretheater-company.org

Mar 12: *Arden's 19th Annual Spring Fling;* Gild Hall, Wilmington;

Maryland (Area code 410)

Mar 4: *Ocean City Job Fair;* Convention Center, 40St.&Bay; 888-626-3386, www.oceancity.org

Mar 10-12: *Antique & Collectibles Show;* Quota International of OC, Convention Center 40St.\$Bay; 410-524-9000, 800-OC-OCEAN

Mar 11: *St. Patrick's Day Parade;* Ocean City; 410-289-0791, Mannatoc@aol.com

New Jersey (Area code 609, 856)

Mar 18: *Appel Farm Presents: The Rainbow Fish;* Elmer; 800-394-1211, www.appelfarm.org

Mar 28: *AACA Antique Car Parts Flea Market;* Salem County Fair Grounds (formerly Cow Town); Sharptown; 856-575-5547

Virginia (Area code 757)

Mar 18: *Thelma & Erika Peterson Cabaret by Eastern Shore's Own Arts Center;* ESO, Belle Haven; 757-442-3226.

Mar 12: *The Virginia Symphony w/conductor JoAnn Falletta;* Arts Enter Palace Theatre, Cape Charles; 757-331-2787, www.ArtsEnterCapeCharles.org.

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