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Coastal Cleanup Gets Under Way Sept. 15th

Concerned about the environment? So are we. That's why Delmarva Power is honored to sponsor the 21st Annual Coastal Cleanup – a regional effort to clean litter and debris from our beaches and riverbanks.

Delmarva Power invites its customers to help in this year's beach cleanup effort, which is scheduled for most locations in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia on Sept. 15. Customers can view the list of cleanup locations on our Web site, www.delmarva.com. Or for more information, call the following phone numbers:

- **Delaware: 302-739-9906**
- **Maryland: 410-629-1538**
- **Virginia: 434-395-2602**

Each year this event is a huge success. For example, last year more than 2,500 volunteers removed nearly 28,000 pounds of debris from area beaches and riverbanks. In order to target ways to reduce or eliminate litter, the types and quantities of the recovered trash are noted and that data can sometimes be used to pinpoint where the trash came from.

Last year's cleanup resulted in trash bags full of the usual soda cans and cigarette butts as well as a few oddities, such as refrigerator doors, fire-



works, an air conditioner, fire extinguisher and car bumper.

“Our beaches and waterways are precious resources that we must keep clean,” said Delmarva Power’s Matt Likovich, a longtime coordinator of the annual event. “Delmarva Power is proud to sponsor Coastal Cleanup because it reflects the kind of environmental stewardship that is central to our business.”

Each participant will receive an original Coastal Cleanup T-shirt, courtesy of Delmarva Power, which has been the primary corporate sponsor of the event for 17 consecutive years.

The regional Coastal Cleanup is part of International Coastal Cleanup, sponsored by The Ocean Conservancy, a non-profit group that works to protect the world’s oceans.

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*In New Castle County, DE; Cecil and Harford Counties, MD: 1-800-898-8042
In Kent & Sussex Counties, DE; and the Eastern Shore of MD & VA: 1-800-898-8045
For Natural Gas Emergencies in New Castle County, DE, ONLY: 302-454-0317*

DID YOU KNOW?

Q: *I'm thinking about making some home improvements for greater energy efficiency. If I want to take advantage of the federal energy tax credit, is there a deadline for making my improvements?*

A: Tax credits are available for many types of home improvements, including adding and/or upgrading insulation, replacement windows, and certain high efficiency heating and cooling equipment. The maximum amount of homeowner credit for all improvements combined is \$500 during the two-year period of the tax credit. This tax credit applies to improvements

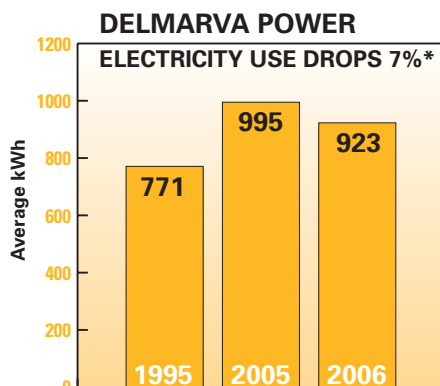
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We're connected to you by more than power lines.®

2006 Electricity Use Drops 7%

There's good news for energy conservation – Delmarva Power customers are doing just that. According to recent figures, our residential customers used 7 percent less electricity in 2006 compared to 2005.

Last year, the typical residential customer used 923 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month. In 2005, the typical customer used 995 kilowatt-hours a month. While overall



*average monthly usage among residential customers

electricity use is up considerably compared to what it was 10 years ago, it's good to see that customers are making an effort to conserve energy in their homes, resulting in a decrease in electricity use.

If you, too, want to use less electricity, here are some year-round tips for doing so:

- Turn down the water temperature on your water heater to 120°F, which will save you a few dollars each month.
- Use a microwave to cook meals, which consumes about half the energy of a conventional oven.
- Wash clothes in cold water instead of hot water.
- Put a dry towel in the dryer with each load of wet clothes. The towel will absorb dampness and reduce drying time, saving energy and money.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent ones.

- Vacuum the coils on your refrigerator at least every three months. The dirt build-up makes the refrigerator work harder to keep the contents cool and therefore uses more energy.

For more energy-saving tips, visit our Web site at www.delmarva.com or call Customer Care at 800-375-7117 and request our brochure, *85 Ways To Save Energy and Money*.

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made from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. For more information on the federal energy tax credits under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, visit www.energytax-credit.com/summary.html or call your local IRS office.

If you have a question that you would like to see appear in this column, please send it to one of the following:

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Delaware (Area Code 302)

- Oct 5:** LACC Annual Grand Ball; Waterfall Banquet & Conference Center, 3416 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont; 302-655-7338 x216, wburgos@thelatincenter.org
- Oct 7:** 8th Annual Scott Mackler 5K Run/Walk for ALS; Temple Beth El, Newark; 302-633-1208; www.races2run.com
- Oct 20:** 56th Annual Dover Stamp Club Show; St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Dupont Hwy, Dover; 302-674-0837, Doverstampclub@aol.com

Maryland (Area code 410)

- Oct 6,7:** 40th Upper Shore Decoy Show; VFW Post 6027, Rt. 272 S., North East; 410-287-2675
- Oct 21:** 30th Anniversary of the Delmarva Coonhunters Association Mule Show; Ben Davis Rd., Powellville; 410-835-0064
- Oct 27:** Freedom Hill Horse Show; Port Deposit; 866-431-6874
- Oct 27:** Harvest Festival; Wesley UM Church, Elkton; 410-392-3031, wesleyumc@verizon.net, www.elkneckwesley.org

Virginia (Area code 757)

- Oct 6:** Greenbackville Old Tyme Days Celebration; Greenbackville; 757-824-0899
- Oct 26,27:** Haunted Hayrides at Kiptopeke; Kiptopeke State Park, Cape Charles; 757-331-1040, kiptopeke@dcr.virginia.gov, www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/kip.shtml

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2007 Hurricane Season Reminder

Delmarva Power wants to remind customers that hurricane season runs through November. To help you prepare for severe weather that could result in extended power outages, visit our Web site at www.delmarva.com and click "Emergency Preparedness" on the home page.