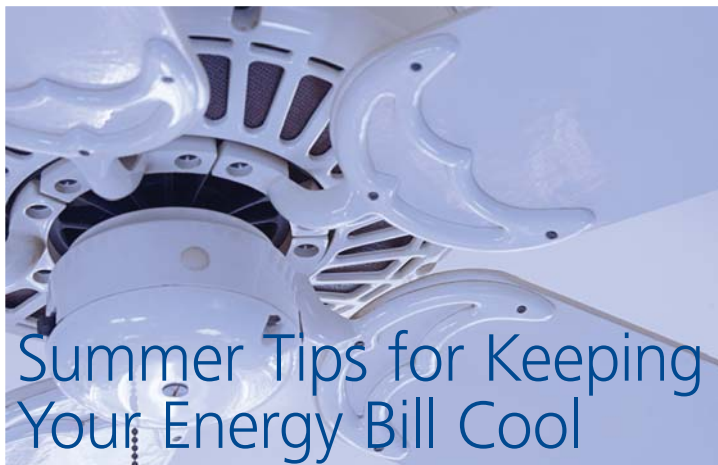


## **Electrical Safety Is A Year-Round Effort**

**May is national electrical safety month, but Delmarva Power urges you to be safe around electricity throughout the year. So what should you do to keep yourself and your family safe?**

- Have your home wiring inspected by a qualified electrician if you notice problems such as flickering lights, or buzzing from outlets – especially if you have an older home.
- Use the right power strips, cords and surge protectors for the intended electrical load.
- Avoid overloading circuits with too many appliances plugged into a single outlet or power strip.
- Replace frayed cords and damaged electrical equipment.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for using appliances and equipment.
- Use extension cords only temporarily. Consider installing additional outlets if necessary.
- Remember that water and electricity don't mix.

To learn more about electrical safety visit [delmarva.com](http://delmarva.com).



## Summer Tips for Keeping Your Energy Bill Cool

With warmer weather fast approaching, now is the time to start prepping to use energy wisely. Delmarva Power offers the following tips to help you use less energy and save more money:

- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees F, a reasonably comfortable and energy-efficient indoor temperature.
- Consider using a ceiling fan with your window air conditioner to spread cooled air to other rooms. Be sure the air conditioner is large enough to help cool the additional space.
- Clean or replace air conditioning filters monthly. Foam filters can be rinsed with water and wrung dry. Fiberglass filters need to be replaced.
- Install a whole-house ventilating fan in your attic or in an upstairs window to help circulate air. Although not a replacement for a central air conditioning system, a fan is an effective way to stay comfortable on milder days.
- Use vertical louvers or awnings to keep out the sun. Close any draperies, blinds and shades.
- Keep lamps or television sets away from the thermostat. Heat from these appliances is sensed by the thermostat and could cause your system to run longer than necessary.

We have more energy saving tips. Visit [delmarva.com](http://delmarva.com) and log on to "My Account" to analyze your energy bill and discover more ways to save.

## Hybrid Truck Protects the Environment

Delmarva Power recently added a hybrid bucket truck to its fleet of vehicles as part of our commitment to creating a greener environment.

Operating the 43-foot eco-friendly truck in electric-only mode produces far less carbon emissions than our traditional diesel-fueled models.

Hybrid technology also eliminates engine noise and costs less to fuel.

Learn more about our green efforts. Visit [delmarva.com](http://delmarva.com) and view a copy of our 2009 Environmental Sustainability Report.



## Delmarva Power Honored for Preserving Trees

For the 10th consecutive year, the National Arbor Day Foundation and National Association of State Foresters have named Delmarva Power a "Tree Line USA Utility" for providing reliable service while protecting trees in 2008.

The honor recognizes utilities that have a program of quality tree care, worker training in tree care practices, and a tree planting and public education program.

## Delmarva Power, EARTHNTX and Girl Scouts Plant Trees

Delmarva Power employee Todd Goodman and his son, Daniel, inspect a deer guard in Bear, DE, at the recent EARTHNTX, Girl Scouts and Delmarva Power reforestation project. Volunteers planted 500 native tree seedlings including river birch, hackberry and silver maple.



Trees keep the air clean by absorbing carbon dioxide, and conserving energy to reduce the need for air conditioning. EARTHNTX is a national, nonprofit organization working to protect the environment by providing fun, science-based outdoor activities and programs for children.

## Natural Gas Safety

Natural gas is a safe, clean and efficient fuel. And because it's colorless and odorless, we add a harmless, strong smelling ingredient called mercaptan to call attention to a rare, but possible, leak.

If you smell this strong odor or you have reason to suspect a leak, take immediate action.

- For natural gas emergencies in New Castle County, call Delmarva Power at 302-454-0317.
- Extinguish all open flames.
- Alert everyone in your home of possible danger and leave the area.
- Don't touch light switches, use the phone or a flashlight as you leave.
- Stay away until trained professionals arrive and tell you it's safe to return.
- Never touch a gas pipeline or try to fight a natural gas fire.
- Avoid any actions that could cause a spark.

To learn more about natural gas safety, visit our Web site, [delmarva.com](http://delmarva.com).



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### Delaware (Area code 302)

**Jun 2-28: Coastal Camera Club Exhibit;** Nassau Valley Vineyards, Lewes; 684-4496, [www.coastalcameraclub.com](http://www.coastalcameraclub.com).

**Jun 6: The Holocaust;** Delaware Public Archives, 121 Duke of York St., Dover; 744-5047, [thomas.summers@state.de.us](mailto:thomas.summers@state.de.us), [www.archives.delaware.gov](http://www.archives.delaware.gov).

**Jun 6: 5th Annual Bethany Beach Seaside Craft Show;** Boardwalk; [www.townofbethanybeach.com](http://www.townofbethanybeach.com).

**Jun 19-21: Chinese Festival: The Evolution of Chinese Cooking;** Chinese American Community Center, 1313 Little Balt. Rd., Hockessin; 239-0432, [de@hotmail.com](mailto:de@hotmail.com), [www.chinesefestival.org](http://www.chinesefestival.org).

**Jun 20: Enchanted Summer Day;** Winterthur Museum & Country Estate, 888-4600, [www.winterthur.org](http://www.winterthur.org).

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