

# January Is a Good Time to "Take Five"

Take five minutes to review the five tips under each category, and then put them into action for a safe, secure and energy-saving New Year!

## Five Tips to Prepare for Winter Storms

- 1. Assemble a storm kit.** Include non-perishable foods, bottled water, a telephone with a cord or a cell phone, a flashlight, battery-powered radio, medicines and infant supplies.
- 2. Develop an emergency plan and practice it regularly.** Identify spe-



cial needs of family members, particularly infants and elderly persons. If someone relies on life-support equipment, identify an alternative location with power where they can go during a storm.

- 3. Protect electronic equipment.** Plug items such as computers, televisions and DVD players into electrical surge protectors.
- 4. Update your contact information.** Update your phone number to help us respond more quickly to outages. Call our Customer Care Service Center at 1-800-375-7117. Please have your Delmarva Power account number handy.

- 5. Sign up for the Emergency Medical Equipment Notification Program.** Customers who rely on electricity to power life-support equipment can learn of planned outages and severe weather that could disrupt power. To enroll, call 1-800-375-7117.

## Five Tips for Indoor Electrical Safety

- 1. Don't overload outlets** with too many lights, appliances or other home electrical equipment.
- 2. Never place electrical cords under rugs and heavy furniture.**
- 3. Keep electric heaters at least four feet from furniture and drapes.** Keep electric heaters on a level non-flammable surface, and never go to sleep with a heating pad or space heater turned on.
- 4. If your smoke detector runs on electricity, have a battery backup** in case of a power failure.

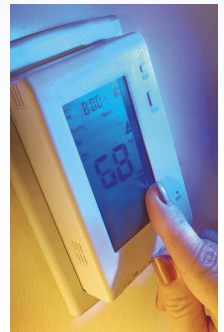


- 5. Store extra batteries and make sure they are fresh.**

Use candles with extreme care and never leave them unattended.

## Five Tips for Saving Energy (and Money!)

- 1. During the winter months, set your thermostat at 68 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night.** Save 3 percent on heating costs for every degree you reduce the temperature below 70 degrees.
- 2. Change filters once a month.** A well-maintained heating system can save money and increase the comfort level in your home.
- 3. Inspect ductwork for any air leakage.** If you do feel air leaking at joints, use silver metal duct tape to seal them. You could save up to 10 percent on your heating costs by eliminating those leaks.
- 4. Winterize windows** with weather stripping (all moveable joints) and caulk (all non-moving parts).
- 5. Sign up for My Account** and discover even more ways to save on your energy bill. Visit [delmarva.com](http://delmarva.com) to enroll.



# Competing for Math Perfection

Delmarva Power was pleased to join Salisbury University this past fall to co-sponsor the 28th Annual Eastern Shore High School Mathematics Competition held on campus.

Sixty students from 20 schools in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia demonstrated their mathematics expertise in solving problems that involved "perfect numbers."

U.S. Savings Bonds and mathematics-related books were awarded to the top three students, as well as to the students on the three best teams. All students were given certificates of participation and commemorative T-shirts.

The competition underscores the importance of a mathematics education in today's society. We applaud these students for their commitment to academic excellence.

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**28**

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**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Shore  
High School Mathematics Competition  
November 10, 2011**

## February

### THINGS TO DO IN THE REGION

#### Maryland (Area code 410)

**Feb 1: Exhibit: The Human Form;** 405 Main St., Stevensville; 410-643-7424, [www.kifa.us](http://www.kifa.us).

**Feb 3, 17, 24: Friday Nites in Caroline;** Caroline County Public Library Central Branch, 100 Market St., Denton; 410-479-1009, [www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org).

**Feb 11: Singerly Fire Company 27th Annual Antiques Show;** Singerly Fire Hall, 300 Newark Ave., Elkton; 410-398-1620.

**Feb 11: 2nd Saturdays at The Foundry;** The Foundry, 401 Market St., Denton; 410-479-1009, [www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org).

**Feb 17: Friday Nites in Caroline;** Colonel Richardson High School, 25320 Richardson Rd., Federalsburg; 410-479-1009, [www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org).

**Feb 18: Art Reception at The Foundry;** The Foundry, 401 Market St., Denton; 410-479-1009, [www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org).

**Feb 18: Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Concert;** Chesapeake College, Queenstown; 410-827-5867, [www.chesapeake.edu](http://www.chesapeake.edu).

**Feb 17-19: Seaside Boat Show;** 4001 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City; [www.ococean.com](http://www.ococean.com).

**Feb 24-26: Reach the Beach OC Rec/School Open National Championships;** 4001 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City; 877-322-2310, [mike@acdspirit.com](mailto:mike@acdspirit.com), [www.acdspirit.com](http://www.acdspirit.com).

**Feb 25: Kent Chamber Music 23rd Concert Series: Trio Simpatico;** St. Paul's Church Parish House, 7579 Sandy Bottom Rd., Chestertown; 410-810-2805, [www.kentchambermusic.com](http://www.kentchambermusic.com).

**FOR MORE THINGS TO DO IN THE REGION, click on "About Us" and then "In the Community" at [delmarva.com](http://delmarva.com).**

To include a future event either in LINES or online, fax to: 302-283-6095, or email: [lines@delmarva.com](mailto:lines@delmarva.com).

## Newsweek Honors Delmarva Power Parent Company for Environmental Commitment

Newsweek Magazine this past fall recognized Pepco Holdings, Inc. (PHI) — the parent company of Delmarva Power, Atlantic City Electric and Pepco — as a top performer in the publication's 2011 Green Rankings of America's 500 Largest Public Companies.



Among U.S. utilities, PHI ranked third highest.

"These rankings matter to us," said Joe Rigby, PHI Chairman, President and CEO, "because they give us a clear picture of how we are doing on achieving the environmental goals that we have set for ourselves."

The rankings are based on each company's environmental footprint, management of that footprint and transparency.