



Amherst school is named an EnergyStar



Amherst Public School Superintendent Tom Moore (left) and Custodian Mark Yonkers (right) worked with Dawson PPD's Energy Specialist Bernie Svoboda (center) and a team of NPPD engineers to have their east building Energy Star certified by the Environmental Protection Agency. This means that it is more energy efficient than 75% of similar schools facilities in the nation. The building is heated and cooled with geothermal heat pumps and features energy efficient lighting.

Improving efficiency

The following area schools have received energy efficiency incentives from Dawson PPD since 2009:

Hershey

Pleasanton

Sumner-Eddyville-Miller

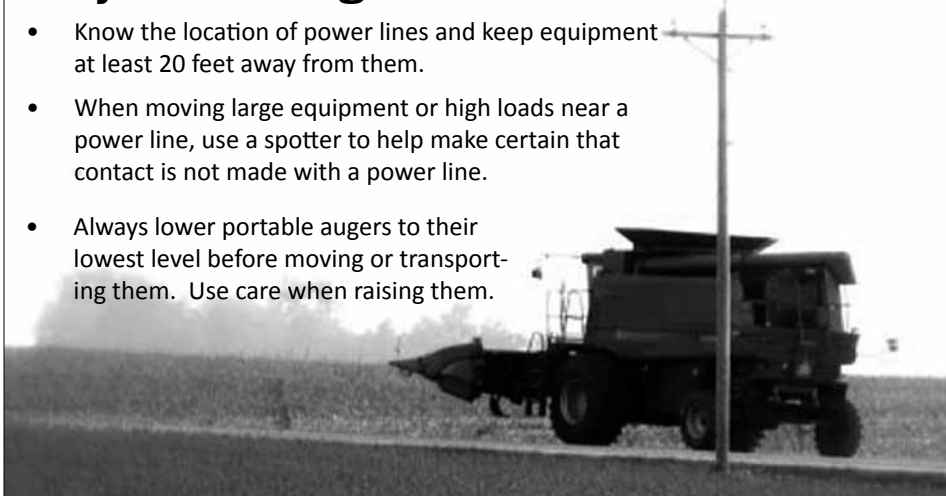
Overton

Amherst

Dawson PPD has issued a total of \$50,252 in incentives for energy efficiency upgrades in the schools listed above.

Stay safe during this harvest season

- Know the location of power lines and keep equipment at least 20 feet away from them.
- When moving large equipment or high loads near a power line, use a spotter to help make certain that contact is not made with a power line.
- Always lower portable augers to their lowest level before moving or transporting them. Use care when raising them.



Please help us keep an eye on things

It is always nice to know you have a neighbor looking out for you. Dawson PPD is asking you help us monitor activity around our property.

If you see the following, please report it to Dawson PPD or your local law enforcement:

- Suspicious activity near power-lines.
- Any non-utility worker in or around a substation.
- Anyone shooting at lines, insulators or other equipment.

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Sealing air leaks:

A little caulk can go a long way

Air leaks in your home add up. Finding and sealing those leaks can save you energy and money. Here's a tip from Dawson PPD that can help keep your home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer while lowering your utility bill.

Caulking cracks and openings to the outside can save you over \$200 a year, depending on the condition of your home. So let's get started. First, you'll need to find the air leaks in your home. One way to do that is to wait for a windy day, and then carefully hold a lit incense stick or a smoke pen next to your windows, doors, electrical outlets and other spots where air could be leaking into your home from outside. If the smoke stream moves horizontally, you've found a leak that needs to be sealed.

Next, you'll need caulk and a caulking gun. Experts recommend

using silicone caulk, which is waterproof, flexible and long-lasting. Caulk can seal cracks and gaps that are less than ¼-inch wide. Remove any old caulk and clean the surface before applying new caulk. Fresh caulk takes several hours, or longer, to dry, so it's best to do the job on a dry day when the humidity is relatively low and the temperature is above 45 degrees F.

In addition to caulk, you can use low-expansion spray foam to seal leaks.

For other tips on how to save energy—and money—visit Touchstone Energy's energy-saving website or call the energy experts at Dawson PPD. Find out how the little changes add up at www.TogetherWeSave.com.

Co-op Connections card offers pharmacy discounts

Dawson PPD has launched a program which offers further proof being a customer of a public power district has its advantages. The Co-op Connections program benefits customers by offering 10% to 60% savings on most prescriptions at over 60,000 independent pharmacies and national chains including CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Target, and more.

Dawson PPD is implementing this program in conjunction with many other Touchstone Energy cooperatives and public power districts, in an effort to better serve our customers nationwide. With soaring prescription prices, this discount pharmacy program will work for your family and you.

Dawson PPD customers will receive their new Co-op Connections card with the discount pharmacy



information in the mail in October. It may be used at participating pharmacies locally and nationwide. To find out which pharmacies are participating and to look up the discount prescription price, customers can visit www.rxpricequotes.com. The card is

not insurance and cannot be used together with a customer's insurance.

Understanding your power bill

Monthly electric statements contain several pieces of information. Dawson PPD would like to help you better understand the different parts of your bill. Please note that some fees apply only to customers living in the different villages that Dawson PPD serves.

KWH usage

The number of kilowatt hours used in your home tells more of a story than the actual dollars you spend every month. Because you can compare the number of kilowatts you use during each 30-day billing cycle, you can get an accurate view of your normal usage and any abnormal usage patterns. If you use Dawson PPD's ebill service, the website will chart your kilowatt usage for the year. This makes it easier to see your pattern.

Amount

This number is the part of the bill that shows you the dollars and cents owed for power. Dawson PPD calculates your bill using rate blocks. For more information about the Dawson PPD's rates, please see our website www.dawsonpower.com. This number is used to calculate taxes and other portions of your bill. Always pay the total amount due, including the taxes and any adjustments.

Lease Payment Adjustment

Only customers within the villages of Elwood, Brady, Eustis, Miller, Overton, Amherst and Pleasanton will see this charge on their statements. The Lease Payment Adjustment is an amount set by each village board. These payments are calculated as a percentage multiplied by the dollar amount charged for power. Lease Payment Adjustment money is returned to the customer's village. Dawson PPD does not keep any of the Lease Payment Adjustment money.

City tax & Franchise fees

Consumers in the Village of Farnam and Eustis will see city tax on their monthly statement. Customers in the Village of Hershey pay a franchise fee. The taxes and the fee are collected and returned to their respective villages.

Gross receipts tax

The gross receipts tax of 5% is collected from ratepayers within the towns of Elwood, Miller, Brady, Eustis and Overton. This tax is paid to the county where the town is located.

Sales tax

This is the sales tax that is collected by the State of Nebraska.

Parts of a typical electric bill:

KWH usage	1646
Amount	\$162.99
Lease Payment Adj.	\$ 19.55
Gross Receipts Adj.	\$ 9.12
Sales Tax	\$ 10.54
Total Bill	\$202.10
Amount Due After...	\$212.21

The graphic above shows energy usage and a billing based on summer rates. Because the customer's home is within a "lease town" the bill also includes a lease payment adjustment and a gross receipts adjustment.

Villages that receive revenue from their electric ratepayers

Amherst	Brady
Elwood	Eustis
Farnam	Hershey
Miller	Overton
Pleasanton	

Remember to **LOOK UP**
if you operate one of these

TLC

Teach what you know.
Learn what you need to.
Care enough to share it.

Each year, people are killed or injured when their equipment contacts overhead power lines.

Make sure to stay 20 feet away from lines -- above, below and to the side.

Learn more about staying safe around power lines at www.SafeElectricity.org



Failure to notice overhead power lines could be a **deadly oversight.**



STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Dawson Public Power District has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, all requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, all requirements of the Age Discrimination act of 1975, as amended and all requirements of the rules and regulations of the U S Department of Agriculture to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, or solely by reason of such person's handicap, or on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program or the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, solely

by reason of such person's handicap, or on the basis of age, in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including employment, rates, conditions and extension of service, admission or access to or use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization. The person in this organization responsible for coordinating the nondiscrimination compliance efforts of this organization is the Manager of Finance & Administration.

Any individual, or any specific class of individuals, who feels subjected by the organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, by the Age Discrimination Act or by the rules and

regulations of the US Department of Agriculture may personally or through a representative, file with the Office of the Secretary, U S Department of Agriculture, Washington DC 20250; the Office of the Administrators, Rural Electrification Administration, Washington DC 20250; the office of Advocacy and Enterprise, US Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the rules and regulations of the US Department of Agriculture.

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