

October 2010: TWO TIPS FOR "GOING GREEN" THIS FALL



GO GREEN – GET A HOME ENERGY AUDIT THIS FALL

Now that fall has arrived and winter nears, the Social Concerns Committee, as part of St. Jerome's "Going Green" campaign, asks that you please consider having a home energy audit done. It is administered by Home Energy Solutions, a residential in-home service providing professional energy assessments and weatherization improvements to help you reduce your energy use and cost. This program is supported by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund and administered by the electric and natural gas companies. The service may include:

- A home energy assessment including a blower-door test to pinpoint critical drafts and air leaks. After they are found, the technician will professionally seal a number of them during the visit.***
- A duct test to assess air leaks within the ductwork system. The technician will seal the most significant leaks.***
- Provide and install hot water-saving devices including low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.***
- Provide and install up to 25 energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (4 standard and 10 specialty types).***
- A "kitchen table wrap-up" where the technician will review the work that was done in your home and tell you about additional resources that can help you save energy and money.***

The home energy audit takes about two hours, two to three technicians visit you, and it costs \$75.00, but participating fuel oil companies offer it for \$50.00. Parishioners who have had an audit done report that the technicians installed over \$50.00 worth of energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs and low-flow shower and faucet aerators. Call 1-877-947-3873 for more information or to apply online go to www.cl-p.com/forms/HomeEnergySolution.aspx.

SAVE MONEY: CHOOSE A NEW ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER

Almost one in three Connecticut residents no longer receives electricity from a local utility company like CL&P. About 450,000 people or nearly 30% of Connecticut's residential and business customers have switched to a lower-cost, independent electric supplier. Customers that switched consume over 60% of the electricity used in the state.

In order to combat Connecticut's ever-rising electric rates, the state government deregulated the utility industry. More competition from private electricity suppliers means that Connecticut residents can switch electric suppliers, and save significantly (up to 10%) each month on their electric bill, and help the environment by choosing to use renewable energy resources. In Norwalk you now can compare the electric rate and service that best suits your needs from among CL&P and a number of other

electricity suppliers. You can compare kilowatt-hour rates and if the supplier uses renewable energy sources.

How to Choose your Electric Supplier

In the upper left corner of page 1 of your CL&P bill, under "Your Electric Supplier", you will find the name of the company that supplies or generates your electricity. It could be CL&P. Even if it is not CL&P, your electric bill still comes from CL&P because they are the utility company that delivers electricity.

To choose a new electric supplier, first go online to see the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control-approved electric suppliers. Go to the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund web page at

www.ctenergyinfo.com/display_rates.htm

and type in the number of kilowatt hours you used on your last electric bill. You'll get a list of the savings you'd get with some ten independent electricity suppliers versus the CL&P cost. You also find out how much each electric supplier uses renewable energy sources, the electric rate per kilowatt hour, if the rate is fixed or variable, and the supplier's phone number.

How to Switch your Electric Supplier

You will not be charged extra or penalized for switching electric suppliers. Once you have chosen a new electric supplier, simply call and speak with a representative and request that your electricity be switched. The new supplier will contact CL&P and inform them of the transfer. CL&P will continue to deliver electricity from your new supplier to your home. If you have a service-related issue (for example, a power outage), you will still call CL&P to get it fixed. Your new electric supplier simply provides cheaper and/or more environmentally-friendly electricity to you, as reflected on your lower monthly bill.

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Estimated monthly savings are based on 1166 kWhs.* Change the kWh to estimate your savings

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 Questions to Ask Suppliers
 Supplier Complaint Scorecard
 How Many Have Switched
 Frequently Asked Questions
 GSC Rates
 Suppliers and Aggregators List

CL&P Residential Standard Service GSC Rate

Company <small>(click logo to contact)</small>	Offered To	Cancellation Fee	Price Plan	Fuel Mix <small>[learn more]</small>	GSC Rate/kWh	CL&P GSC Cost/Month
Connecticut Light & Power	CL&P Residential Customers	None	Fixed to 12/31/10	14% Renewable	\$0.11051	\$128.85

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Sort GSC offers by

Company <small>(click logo to contact)</small>	Offered To	Cancellation Fee	Price Plan	Fuel Mix <small>[learn more]</small>	GSC Rate/kWh	Estimated Monthly Savings*
Dominion It all starts here. 800-400-5574 Info from CT DPUC	CL&P Residential Customers	None	Variable	14% Renewable	\$0.0869	\$27.53
DISCOUNT POWER 877-259-POWER Info from CT DPUC	CL&P Residential Customers	None	Variable w/cap of \$0.103 to 12/31/10.	25% Renewable	\$0.0937	\$19.60
Direct Energy Simple. Friendly. Direct. 1-800-571-4900 Info from CT DPUC	CL&P Residential Customers	None	Fixed price through 12/31/10.	14% Renewable	\$0.0939	\$19.37
VIRIDIAN 866-663-2508 Info from CT DPUC	CL&P Residential Customers	None	Variable	100% Renewable	\$0.1079	\$3.04