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PUBLIC POWER WEEK

October 3-9, 2021

Powering Strong Communities

The American Public Power Association (APPA) will be celebrating Public Power Week this year on the week of October 3rd-9th. They reached out to public power utilities for information about the utilities and photos to highlight the People behind Public Power. APPA will use this information in short videos highlighting Public Power Organizations.



WED submitted an all staff photo the People behind Public Power in Wallingford. These are the folks that make sure power is delivered safely and reliably to nearly 25,000 customers (commercial, Industrial, and Residential) within the Wallingford Electric Divisions service territory. Each and every employee serves a key role in making sure Wallingford Electric Division Customers have safe reliable power. Wallingford Electric Division owns, operates and maintains three bulk power 115/13.5kV substations, as well as the distribution infrastructure necessary to serve our customers.

Wallingford Electric Division

100 John Street, Wallingford, CT 06492
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM to 5PM
(203) 294-2020

To report a streetlight problem
(203) 294-2273

Outage-related calls
(203) 265-5055

Energy Conservation Programs
(203) 294-2280

Public Utility Commission
(203) 284-4016

Commissioners
Robert Beaumont, Patrick Birney, Joel Rinebold

Director of Public Utilities
Richard Hendershot
Tony Buccheri- Electric Division General Manager
(203) 294-2265

Payment Locations
Tax Office Room 209, Wallingford Town Hall,
45 South Main Street

Drop Box
Wallingford Town Hall
Adjacent to Prince Street entrance





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Daylight Saving Time Home Maintenance Checklist

- Check/replace batteries in your fire alarm
- Check/replace kitchen water filter
- Check/replace flashlight batteries
- Re-caulk the shower tub
- Check/replace light bulbs
- Winterize windows & entryways of the home
- Check/replace the expired medications in the medicine cabinet
- Store outdoor furniture
- Check/replace expired items in First Aid Kits & Emergency Kits
- Clean out the dryer filter and hoses
- Check/replace expired food in your refrigerator & pantry
- Reverse the direction of your ceiling fan
- Check pressure of your fire extinguisher

Manage Electricity Before a Hurricane

Learn where and how to shut off your home's electricity. If flooding is expected, unplug all unnecessary electronic devices and monitor the situation. If emergency officials instruct you to turn off your electricity during a hurricane, you will need to turn it off at the circuit breaker.



Use generators properly. If you own a whole-home generator, be sure to test it and fill the fuel to capacity if you have onsite fuel storage. If you plan on using a small portable generator to run small appliances in your home during a power outage, make sure you know the proper operation. Used improperly, they can create a fire hazard, risk of electrocution, or carbon monoxide poisoning.



Use surge protectors. While it may sound obvious, using quality surge protectors will protect your valuable electronic equipment (think big screen TVs, gaming systems, computers) from power fluctuations during the storm, or if power is restored suddenly. Depending on where you are in the path of a storm, electric surges resulting from high winds and downed power lines may be your first challenge.



Develop a plan for electricity-dependent medical equipment. If someone in your home has medical equipment that relies on power, contact your health provider about an emergency plan.



Outdoor Outlets. Test your current outdoor outlets or install new ones to make sure you are easily able to connect your leaf blower or holiday lights outside this fall or winter. You will want to fix or install these before the cold weather comes so check them and make arrangements soon!



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CURRENT
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MAINS
CELL
BUZZER

SYMBOLS
BATTERY
SWITCH
DIM
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PARALLEL
MOTOR
SERIES
SOCKET
WIRES

PLUG
INSULATOR
BRIGHT