BAY CITY ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER

Quarter 3 Newsletter - 2024





POWER LINES

Power lines are an essential part of the electrical system and can pose a major risk of harm during storms and other events that produce power outages. If a power line is down it does not necessarily mean that it can't harm you, even if it appears undamaged. Until utility personnel can determine whether the electricity has been de-energized, all downed power lines are potentially energized and extremely dangerous.

If there are downed lines close to your property or home, keep your distance (at least 25 feet) from them and make sure you let everyone around know not to touch them. Anything that comes into contact with a live wire has the potential to deliver a fatal shock. Things to remember:

- DO NOT attempt to remove tree limbs off downed/damaged power lines energized lines may be hiding
- **DO NOT** stand in puddles/pooling water the water could conduct electricity
- **DO NOT** explore debris covered areas wait until power line repairs are complete before beginning any storm clean up

NEVER drive over downed power lines. If you are driving in an area with downed trees or utility poles, slow down, scan the road and stay away from any debris that may be contained in a downed wire. If your vehicle comes in contact with a downed wire, STAY INSIDE! Call 9-1-1 to request assistance and if someone approaches your car, roll down your window and ask them to keep their distance.

If your vehicle is on fire and you suspect a downed power line is nearby, exit the vehicle quickly by opening the door and jumping out with both feet together while avoiding contact with its frame and the power line. Move as quickly as possible away from the car by keeping both feet on the ground at all times and shuffling your feet.

Repairing downed power lines can be dangerous work, so please drive carefully when you spot our repair crews on the road.

REMEMBER - IF DOWNED, IT'S DANGEROUS!

ANNUAL REPORT

Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) Report Summary

- In 2023, the Bay City Electric Clean Energy Program spent \$614,051 on energy waste reduction efforts and achieved 2,960 Megawatt Hours (MWh) of energy savings.
- Savings were achieved through residential and commercial incentive programs, home and business energy assessments, direct installation of energy saving measures, and customer education.
- ♦ The Michigan Municipal Electric Association voluntarily filed a joint 2023 EWR Annual Report for Bay City with the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Renewable Energy Report (RER) Summary

- ♦ Bay City's average retail electric sales were 305,633 megawatt hours for the 2023 reporting period.
- ♦ Bay City used 45,845 Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to meet the 15% voluntary retirement for the 2023 reporting period.
- Bay City filed the 2023 Renewable Energy Annual Report with the Michigan Public Service Commission.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Electric vehicles are gaining more popularity and becoming more economical as the years progress. We

may have something of interest to you if you are considering buying an electric vehicle.

Electric Vehicle Charging Rate:

 Receive a special charging rate when you charge your vehicle during off peak hours.

Connected EV Charger Rebate:

Rebates are available for residential and business customers who purchase qualifying electric vehicle supply equipment.

For more information about EVs, visit our website at **www.BayCityEnergySmart.org**.

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO

At Bay City Electric Light & Power we are dedicated to doing our part to reduce carbon emissions while providing affordable energy. In 2023, 22% of the total wholesale energy purchased was from a renewable source. Our portfolio includes:

Landfill Gas:

- · Granger & North American Natural Resources
- · Acquired 25,555 MWh in 2023



Wind Energy:

- · Beebe & Pegasus Wind Farm
- · Acquired 33,369 MWh in 2023

Solar Energy:

- Assembly I & Calhoun Solar
- Acquired 8,226 MWh in 2023



We continue to look for economical opportunities to increase our renewable energy portfolio. Options for additional solar and wind are being researched, as well as potential for battery storage.

Utility Customer Service (UCS)

Programs available for eligible customers:

- Programs for seniors 65 years of age or older
- Full time active military personnel protections
- Critical care/life support programs
- Winter Protection Plan

For additional programs and applications contact UCS at (989) 894-8104 option 7 or at www.BayCityMl.gov.

Need utility assistance?
Dial 211 – Hearing impaired dial (800) 649-3777



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Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 3:30 pm