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## Winter Outages – Are You Prepared?

Pepco works hard to prevent power outages. But heavy snow, blustery winds and freezing rain can bring down power lines and temporarily interrupt electricity service.

Review the following checklist to test your readiness for a winter storm emergency.

- Do you have extra blankets?
- Does everyone in your household have a winter coat, gloves or mittens, a hat and water-resistant boots?
- Have you assembled disaster supply kits for your home and car?
- Do you have a battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries?
- Have you identified a place to go in case of an extended outage?

If you answered "yes" to all five questions, you're well prepared. If not, there's work to do. Go to [pepco.com](http://pepco.com) or visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to learn more about winter emergency preparedness.

## My Account Nets Savings for Customer

**My Account**™ is our interactive Web tool that offers no- and low-cost ways to manage home energy use, saving customers energy and money. And we can show it works.

Customer Cynthia Pree saw a \$40 decrease in her monthly electric bill after making a few small changes. What did she do?

Cynthia replaced her home's traditional incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient CFLs. She eliminated the wasteful power of electronic gadgets, power strips and wall chargers by unplugging them from electric outlets when not in use.



Customer Cynthia Pree used the **My Account** Web tool to save \$40 on her monthly energy bill.

*"I was surprised at how little effort it took to make such a big difference so quickly," Cynthia said. "When I received the next bill after making changes, I decided to adopt the energy-saving tips I learned as habits – and have passed those habits along to my family."*

Using **My Account** Cynthia also discovered that her outdated freezer uses excess energy -- so she's saving to buy an ENERGY STAR® model.

You, too, can learn ways to save energy and money, just like Cynthia. Go to [pepco.com](http://pepco.com) and click **My Account**. Then send us an e-mail at [lines@pepco.com](mailto:lines@pepco.com) and tell us about the energy savings you find.



## Employees Receive International Conservation Award

Pepco forestry employees received international recognition for their contributions to wildlife habitat conservation at the Wildlife Habitat Council's (WHC) recent 20th Annual Symposium.

The council honored the employees for preserving natural habitats around high-voltage transmission lines.

WHC is a nonprofit, non-lobbying organization that manages more than 2.4 million acres of wildlife in 46 states, the District of Columbia and 16 other countries. Visit [wildlifehc.org](http://wildlifehc.org) for more information.

## Test Your Winter Energy-Savings IQ

- How often should you clean or replace the filter on your forced-air heating system?  
a) twice a month b) once a month c) once every three months
- How much money per year can you save by installing an insulation blanket around your water heater?  
a) \$10 to \$20 b) \$50 to \$60 c) \$80 to \$100 d) none
- What is the recommended temperature at which you should set your refrigerator?  
a) 22 degrees F to 30 b) 41 degrees F to 48 c) 38 degrees F to 40
- It's a good idea to turn down your thermostat if you'll be away from home for \_\_\_\_ hours or longer.  
a) 3 hours b) 4 hours c) 6 hours d) 7.5 hours
- How many degrees of warmth does a heavy long-sleeved sweater add to body temperature?  
a) 3.7 degrees b) 4.0 degrees c) 8.0 degrees

Visit [pepco.com](http://pepco.com) for more energy-saving tips.

Answers: 1) **b** 2) **a** 3) **c** 4) **b** 5) **a**

## Need Help Paying Your Winter Heating Bills?

If you need help paying your energy bills this winter, you're not alone. In this strained economy, many families find themselves in need of assistance.

Recently approved federal legislation increases the average assistance amount for participants in the Maryland Energy Assistance Program.

Even if you don't think you'll qualify, contact your county energy assistance office for details. In Montgomery County, call 240-777-4450. In Prince George's County, call 301-909-6300.



## Amicus Joins CFL Discount Program

Pepco welcomes Amicus Green Building Center of Kensington to our network of retailers offering discounts on compact fluorescent light bulbs or CFLs. Save \$3 on multi-packs and \$1.50 on single bulbs.

Since the program began in November 2007, more than one million bulbs have been sold. That has saved 80 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, which has prevented 610 million pounds of carbon emissions from generating plants.

Stop by Amicus at 4080A Howard Avenue, Kensington. Phone 301-571-8590.