



Milton Hydro Notice

In response to recent increases in electricity prices announced by the Province, the introduction of Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on electricity effective July 1, 2010, and an expected hotter than average summer, Milton Hydro is encouraging customers to be mindful of how and when they use their electricity over the summer season to manage their electricity costs.

A few simple steps you can take:

- View your account online to monitor your household's consumption and understand how and when you use your electricity.
- Shift your electricity loads to off-peak price periods (on peak - 9.9 cents/kWh; off peak- 5.3 cents/kWh)
- Dispose of your old energy-guzzling fridge or freezer under the Great Refrigerator Roundup program. Call 1-877-797-9473 or visit www.everykilowattcounts.ca for a FREE pickup.
- Use a programmable thermostat.
- Keep air conditioning 4-5 Celsius below outside air temperature. For example if it's 30 Celsius outside, the thermostat should be set at approximately 25 Celsius.
- Wash your laundry in cold water.
- Run your dishwasher with a full load.
- Plug your computer equipment, battery chargers and sound systems into power bars and shut them off when not in use to avoid the use of phantom power.
- Eliminate air leaks around windows, doors, air vents and electrical outlets.
- Install insulation to keep your home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.
- Use motion sensor switches and timers to avoid leaving your outside lights on for long periods of time.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR label when buying appliances.

Effective July 1st, 2010, the Province of Ontario will implement Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). Customers will be subject to 13% Harmonized Sales Tax on their electricity charges - the new 13% tax replaces the 5% GST.



RETHINK, REPLACE, REDUCE.

We also encourage you to take The Power Pledge (www.powerpledge.ca). The Power Pledge is a program offered by the Ontario Power Authority in partnership with Milton Hydro and the Town of Milton. We encourage you to take the simple, meaningful actions within the program that will conserve electricity and positively impact the environment.

Visit our website at www.miltonhydro.com for more energy-saving tips.