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—USE LIGHT BULBS SAFELY

The science of electricity led to the development of a very practical and convenient home lighting device—the **light bulb**. Ever since, light bulbs have been lighting up our nights and allowing us to work, read, and see for longer periods of time. They are such an integral part of our everyday lives that it is all too easy to forget important safety precautions.



Safe lighting **TIPS** to help you
and your family stay safe:

•Closets and storage areas are especially dangerous for light bulbs. Light bulbs could easily start a fire if clothing or boxes come into contact with them. **Keep everything at least 12 inches away from surface mounted lighting and 6 inches from other types of lighting.**

•Use only bulbs that match the wattage of the lamp or outlet.

Using a bulb with a higher wattage than is specified is a fire hazard.

•**Do not place lamp cords under rugs or in high-traffic areas, and never tack them to a wall.**

•Lights that flicker or light switches that are discolored or hot to the touch should be immediately shut off. Have a qualified professional replace them.

•Consider using **LEDs or CFLs**. They give off less heat and last much longer than incandescent bulbs, so you will not have to replace them as often and they are more energy efficient!

For more tips on electrical safety around the home,
Visit ghblp.org



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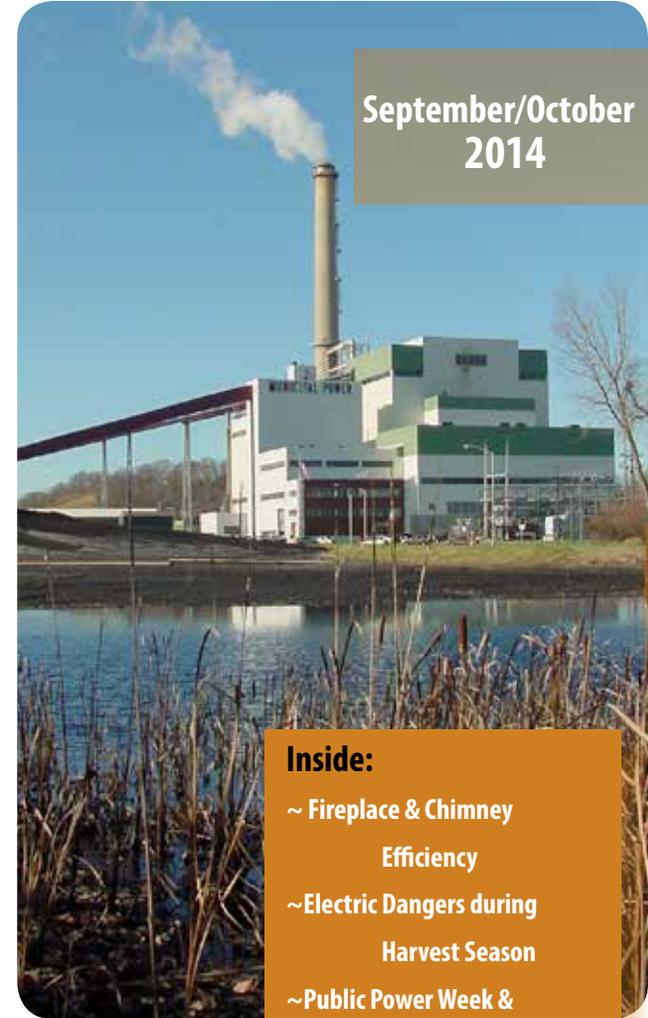
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News and Information from your Community-Owned Electric Utility
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Brrr..... 4 Ways to Maximize Your Fireplace & Chimney Efficiency

Much of the country had very frigid temperatures last winter, and there is nothing better than cozying up to the fireplace with a cup of cocoa on a cold winter day. But be aware that while fireplaces can be a great source of warmth during the winter, **if they are not properly maintained, they can contribute to heat loss in your living space.**

Here are a **few tips** to make sure you're **MAXIMIZING YOUR FIREPLACE & CHIMNEY EFFICIENCY.**

1. Keep the **fireplace damper closed** unless you have a fire burning. It can be easy to forget to close it after the fire has burned out, but leaving the damper open can cause drafts and heat loss from your home.
2. **Install tempered glass doors** and a heat-air exchange system that blows warm air into the room.
3. **Check the seals** around your fireplace flue damper—if the seals aren't tight, you could be losing home heating through the chimney.
4. **Have your chimney properly inspected** by a chimney sweep certified by the Chimney Safety Institute of America each year before the cold weather arrives.



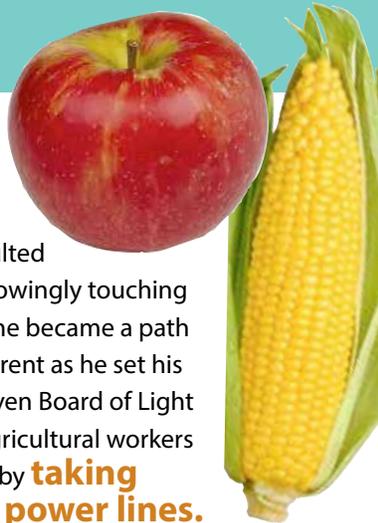
Avoiding Electrical Dangers

During Harvest Season

After working in a field on a neighbor's farm, Jim Flach parked his equipment and stepped out of the vehicle. Flach received a severe electric shock that ultimately resulted in his death a few months later. His equipment was unknowingly touching

an overhead power line, and he became a path to ground for an electrical current as he set his foot to the ground. Grand Haven Board of Light & Power urges farmers and agricultural workers to have a safe harvest season by **taking precautions around power lines.**

The rush towards harvest season can result in farmers working long days with little sleep. Before working in a field, around shops, or near grain bins, always take the time to note the location of power lines to ensure you remain a safe distance away. **The BLP wishes you a safe & bountiful harvest!**

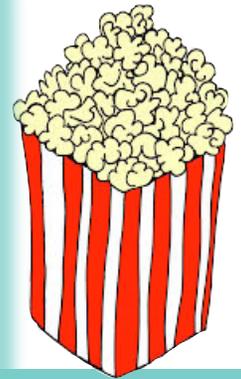


Come visit our booth at local fire stations during **Fire Prevention Week**

October 5-11th

Halloween Safety Bags, plus more electrical safety giveaways!

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in our lobby at
1700 Eaton Drive
during
Public Power Week



PUBLIC POWER WEEK - OCTOBER 5-11

GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT & POWER is celebrating **Public Power Week, Oct. 5-11**, along with more than 2,000 community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 47 million Americans across the nation.

What does "Public Power" mean? It means reliability, local control, not-for-profit rates, and great customer service with a focus on the community. "Public power utilities differ from investor owned utilities in that we are beholden to YOU above all others," says Renee Molyneux, Administrative Services Manger.

"Public Power Week gives us the chance to celebrate the advantages of community owned, locally controlled power to our citizens," said Annette Allen, General Manager.

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