

Get Help Paying Your Electric Bill

Payment Assistance

Effective October 1, 2018, all customers seeking utility service payment assistance should apply online through the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) at the MI Bridges login page. Once you apply with Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), it will give you an option to select a Community Partner for additional assistance. If you choose the Salvation Army or True North as your Community Partner, they will contact you directly. If you do not choose a partner in this manner, you may reach out to any of the agencies listed below.



Be aware - No assistance will be provided until you have an approval letter from DHHS.

The **Salvation Army** is a Community Partner that can help you apply online for payment assistance. To set up an appointment with them call 616-842-3380.



DOING THE MOST GOOD

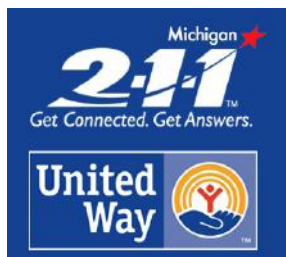
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Michigan 2-1-1

Need help with food, housing, or paying bills? Need support in a family crisis or disaster? Michigan 2-1-1 is an easy way to connect with help of all kinds. Just call, text, or search online and they will get you connected.

Michigan 211 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
mi211.org



WAWL Home/Garden Show
Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 1pm - 7pm
Sunday, April 28, 2019 - 11am - 3pm
D. Baker and Son Lumber Company
720 Pennoyer, Grand Haven, MI

The BLP is excited to host a booth at the fourth annual WAWL Home/Garden Show. Stop by our booth for your free gift!



Your Board of Directors:

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Grand Haven Board Of Light & Power
1700 Eaton Drive, Grand Haven, MI 49417
616.846.6250 | ghblp.org

Earth Day Lakeshore Fair

Saturday, April 27, 2019
1pm - 4pm
Grand Haven Community Center
421 Columbus Ave
Grand Haven

Visit our booth at the Earth Day Fair and pick up your **FREE** tree seedling. First come, first served!



PLUGGED IN

News and Information from your Community Owned Electric Utility
Grand Haven Board of Light & Power



March & April 2019

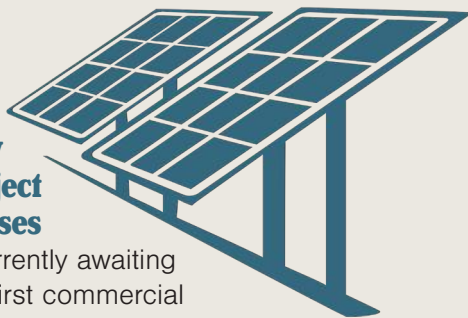
BLP Renewable Energy Projects

As the Grand Haven Board of Light & Power's (BLP) Renewable Energy Plan (REP) reports, the BLP is projected to retire the required annual Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) for the time period of 2017-2029 fully complying with PA 342.

The primary sources of RECs for the BLP include participation in the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) Landfill Gas Project, MPPA's Beebe 1b and Pegasus wind purchases, and MPPA's newly acquired solar purchase that will begin coming on-line in 2020.

These projects utilize landfill gas, wind, and solar for electric power generation from a variety of locations in Michigan. The BLP is now required to retire REC's equivalent to 10% of its retail sales volume. This amount will expand to meet the State's growing renewable energy requirements as newer developments become operational. With the Board's recent approval of MPPA's wind and solar purchases, the BLP's renewable resource commitments continue to expand.

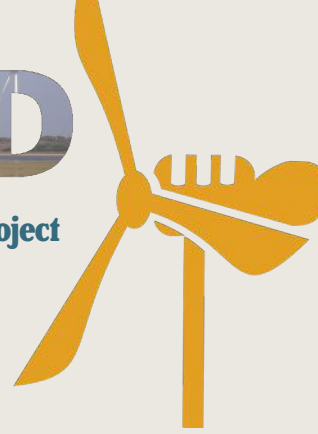
SOLAR



MPPA Energy Services Project Solar Purchases

10.5 MW - Currently awaiting construction (first commercial operation date expected in 2020)

WIND



MPPA Energy Services Project Wind Purchases

Exelon Generation/Beebe Wind: 2.3 MW of capacity (approximately 6,500 MWh annually of energy)

Next Era Pegasus Wind: 6.0 MW - Currently awaiting construction (now expected operational in 2019)

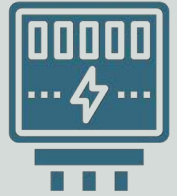
LANDFILL GAS

MPPA Energy Services Project Landfill Gas Purchases

In 2008, the BLP joined the Michigan Public Power Agency's (MPPA) Landfill Gas Project to purchase up to 3,200 kW of landfill gas generation capacity in response to PA 295. The BLP began receiving a portion of that generation in July 2010 and amounts of energy have steadily grown since (now about 2,960 MW of capacity and 20,500 MWh annually of energy).



Paying the Price of Power Theft



It's often an "invisible" crime. Someone illegally connects into the electric utility distribution system, hooks up a service that has been disconnected, or tampers with a meter to avoid recording electricity usage.

Everyone is impacted by power theft. Detecting and reporting illegal activity to the Grand Haven Board of Light & Power will help reduce the price we all pay.

- ▶ Notify GHBLP immediately if you know of an illegally connected consumer.
- ▶ Report any suspicious activities to the GHBLP.
- ▶ Do not cut the seal on your meter base or tamper with your own meter. Call 616-846-6250.



Reduce your energy use by purchasing Energy Star rated appliances & products and get money back through GHBLP's Energy Smart rebate programs.

Visit ghblp.org & click the Save Energy icon to get started.