

feeling chilled?

HEAT YOUR SPACE SAFELY



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Place your space heater on a flat, level surface

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Keep flammable items at least 3 feet away

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Make sure the cord is not frayed or cracked

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Do not use if it has a damaged plug

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Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which can overheat

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Make sure your space heater is endorsed by a reputable testing lab

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Be sure to keep small children or pets safely away

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Do not use if it has loose or missing prongs

For More Information

Customer Service

Service Center open M-F, 7:30 am to 5 pm
616-846-6250
email customerservice@ghblp.org

Report an Outage

Visit our Outage Center at ghblp.org
or call 24 hours a day, seven days a week
616-846-6250

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Visit ghblp.org to set up your SmartHub account, make a one time payment or call toll-free 1-844-749-3055 to pay by credit card.



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GHBLP's Transition to a Technology Focused Distribution System

Grand Haven Board of Light & Power (GHBLP) has approved contracts to develop detailed design and engineering plans for our future Operations and Technology Center. This facility is a critical step in our transformation into a technology-focused utility with advanced distribution and a diverse, sustainable portfolio of power resources. The center is being planned for the utility's Harbor Island site and will house GHBLP's advanced distribution hub, operations and technical services garage and work spaces, a 12.5MW combined heat and power generation facility, and will be positioned next to our primary grid interconnection and downtown substation.

When final designs are approved next Spring, GHBLP will be in a position to issue municipal bonds to fund the construction of the project as well as other site development costs like demolition of the Sims Plant, environmental remediation work, and the reconstruction

of the electrical substation. The GHBLP paused design and engineering efforts on the Operations and Technology Center more than one year ago, following completion of the BLP's initial project definition report, to reevaluate and "right-size" the project after estimates for a larger facility proved cost prohibitive. November's approval of pursuing further design and engineering on this smaller scale facility represents the next phase of a comprehensive five-year planning process in alignment with GHBLP's strategic plan (approved in Spring of 2016), community

input, and the direction of Grand Haven City Council throughout.

With the retirement of the Sims Power Plant, the GHBLP now purchases 100% of its power from the regional power supply marketplace and is on target for 25% of that energy to come from renewable resources by 2022 with aggressive plans to add even more thereafter. Many of our local residents and businesses also told us they wanted a portion of our power supply to be sited locally as long as it could be done cost effectively. This project represents the best long-term local solution that will help protect us from wholesale energy price spikes during peak summer load conditions, lowers our downtown snowmelt operating costs in the winter, and empowers us to leverage better power purchase contracts for energy going forward.

Though these design and engineering efforts will be underway through the winter, the GHBLP remains committed to providing opportunities for continued open and transparent public feedback and input into the design process. The utility is currently planning outreach programming to gather community feedback on the proposed direction and to explore increased use of distributed energy resources and storage within the community as these technologies become more economically viable.



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Computer Monitor Rebate - **\$15**

Surge Protector Rebate - **\$10**

Programmable Thermostat Rebate - **\$10**

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