Utility receives Grant for “Beat the Peak”

It is an energizing New Year for Lake Crystal Municipal Utility who received a $4,445 Seed Grant from the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) today. The organization will use the grant for their Beat the Peak Program.

“We’re very excited to learn about the grant award,” said Taylor Gronau, City Administrator and Gina Cooper, GreenStep Cities Committee. “We can’t wait to get started on our Beat the Peak Program.”

Lake Crystal Municipal Utilities’ (LCMU) voluntary “Beat the Peak” program is designed to help customers become more energy aware and lower their power bills by using energy more efficiently and reducing the energy consumed during peak usage periods. When LCMU identifies a “peak,” participants will be asked to turn off unnecessary lights and appliances and delay use of major appliances. Additionally, participants will be entered into an energy savings competition, receive free enrollment in LCMU’s load management program, a home energy audit from a member of LCMU’s staff and a credit on their monthly utility bill.

Building Permit Reminders

- Building Permits are required for most projects. Make sure to apply for your permit 10 days prior to the start of your project. Permit fees are based off of the value of the project.
- Failure to obtain a permit prior to starting your project may result in a fine and/or a delay in your project.
- Residential reroof, siding, window replacement, AC, furnace, & water heater replacement permits are issued immediately when the permit fee of $60 each is paid.
- Permit applications can be found on-line at www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us
- Zoning and general questions can be answered at City Hall.
- Building Code questions should be directed to Darin Haslip, Building Code Inspector. He can be reached by calling 320-226-5189 or emailing him at dri101@live.com.
REDUCE your electric bill by $50 this year with help from Lake Crystal Municipal Utilities.

Sign up for load management through BEAT THE PEAK and save money while you save energy.

Connect your central air conditioner, electric water heater, electric heater and/or heat pump AT NO COST TO YOU. Connected appliances will be remotely cycled on and off for a few minutes during times of peak demand, helping prevent increased energy prices.

Choose how to Save

Participants in the Beat the Peak program can choose between one of two ways to save:

Option ONE
Receive a one-time $50 incentive in cash/check or credit on your electric bill.

Option TWO
Receive a credit* on your electric bill for each connected appliance.

Terms and conditions apply. *Credit amount is determined by the number of switches installed and overall energy usage.

Yes! I Want to Join and Save!

For more details or to enroll in Beat the Peak, call (507) 726-2538 Ext. 1 or visit www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us and complete and return the Load Management Enrollment Form. Lake Crystal Municipal Utilities will contact you to arrange installation.