

## **CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS**

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Small changes could generate huge savings this winter

From tweaking your thermostat settings to finding and sealing air leaks, we've put together a treasure trove of tips to help you reduce your overall energy expenses as Old Man Winter makes himself at home in the Great Lakes State.

In many cases, hidden air leaks throughout a home add up to the equivalent of an open window. Use caulk and weather stripping to seal leaks, and improve comfort and energy efficiency.

Install a programmable thermostat and set it to 68 degrees – the recommended temperature setting for winter – or cooler. Using your thermostat properly could save you up to \$180 per year!

#### Ways to save even more:

Add an extra layer of clothing and/or use an extra blanket

Lower your thermostat setting another degree or two

Make sure your heating/cooling registers are clear of rugs, curtains, furniture and other potential obstructions. Doing so will not only prevent the need for costly HVAC repairs, it'll allow your heating unit to operate more efficiently throughout the winter months as well.

Visit dteenergy.com/staywarm for more tips to help you put more money in your pocket this winter.



# Lapeer solar park: a shining example of our commitment to clean energy

Building Michigan's largest solar park took planning, perseverance and collaboration. And now that the 200,000-panel Lapeer park is in operation, DTE Energy's solar projects can produce enough clean energy to power 14,000 homes.

Visit **dteenergy.com/renew** to learn more about how we're minimizing our impact on the environment with green power sources that are naturally replenished each day.

## Now available: outdoor protective lighting for your home and neighborhood

We understand the importance of proper lighting in making your home and neighborhood more secure, and in saving you money. That's why we created the DTE Energy Outdoor Protective Lighting (OPL) program, which allows us to deliver custom lighting solutions to make your home/neighborhood *more* welcoming to the people you want to visit and *less* welcoming to potential trespassers.

### **OPL** benefits

- Affordable, predictable monthly rates
- Service and maintenance included
- Adequate lighting from dusk until dawn
- Energy-efficient lighting to reduce overall energy costs
- Improves ambience, curb appeal and perceived property value



Our team has more than 100 years of experience developing residential lighting solutions for customers and communities across southeastern Michigan.

Visit
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to get in touch
and get started
today.

### MI Green Power

Make a positive impact on the environment by supporting clean energy

When you join MIGreenPower, our new voluntary renewable energy program, you'll join us in creating good jobs in a growing market, and in making a positive impact on our environment. MIGreenPower makes living a greener, more sustainable lifestyle easy and affordable, and empowers you to promote our state's clean energy future.

Visit dteenergy.com/migreenpower to find out how you can make a difference today.

## Sign up to get up to \$400 in energy-saving products FREE!

When you sign up for a DTE Energy Home Energy Consultation, one of our experts will come to your home and identify ways you can reduce your overall energy costs and save



money. And best of all, you'll receive up to \$400 in energy-saving products at no cost just for getting a consultation.

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