Belmont Light Quarterly Newsletter

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Belmont Light 2018 ENERGY STAR® Appliance Rebate Program

The 2018 Belmont Light ENERGY STAR® Appliance Rebate Program for residential customers provides a credit, up to \$200 annually, on Belmont Light bills when customers purchase qualifying ENERGY STAR labeled appliances.

The 2018 ENERGY STAR® Appliance Program includes the following rebates and appliances:

- \$100 Refrigerator 15.0 cu. ft or larger (with proof of Belmont DPW or vendor disposal)
- \$100 Central air conditioner with a SEER rating greater than 14
- \$100 Room air conditioner (with proof of Belmont DPW or vendor disposal)
- \$100 Heat pump and hybrid heat pump dryers only (standard dryers, even those with ENERGY STAR labels, do not qualify for the program.)
- \$75 Dehumidifier
- \$25 Room air conditioner (with no proof of disposal)

To be eligible to receive a rebate, residential customers must complete the application which can be downloaded from the Belmont Light website: www.belmontlight. com or obtained at the Belmont Light office, 40 Prince Street, Belmont. Completed applications must include a copy of the dated sales receipt, a copy of the Energy Guide Label or other documentation to indicate ENERGY STAR® compliance, and proof of the DPW or vendor disposal of the refrigerator or room air conditioner, if applicable. Customers can also call Belmont Light at 617-993-2800 to receive an application.

Applications and documentation must be submitted to:

Energy New England Belmont Light Appliance Rebate Program 100 Foxborough Blvd., Suite 110 Foxborough, MA 02035

Once approved, the customer's account will be credited within six to eight weeks. All appliances must be installed at the account location and Belmont Light reserves the right to verify installation. Purchases must be made between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018 and all rebate requests must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2019.

For additional information, call Belmont Light at 617-993-2800.

Belmont Light aids in Hurricane Irma Relief efforts

Belmont Light Lineworkers Tom Costello and Rob Clancy helped to restore power to Florida as part of the mutual aid efforts coordinated by the American Public Power Association and the Northeast Public Power Association in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma in September.

According to Acting General Manager Craig Spinale, the two were among the 65 Massachusetts/New England municipal electric utility staff who participated in the municipal aid efforts in Florida. The NEPPA crews transported 35 pieces of equipment and worked with 20 different utilities in the hardest hit areas of the state.

Belmont is among the more than 2,000 utilities that have signed a mutual aid agreement that addresses coordination with federal government agencies during widespread power outages.





Belmont Light Lineworkers traveled to southern Florida to help in the recovery efforts following Hurricane Irma in September. The lineworkers were part of a 65- member team coordinated by Northeast Public Power Association to help restore power to those affected by the hurricane.

Belmont Light's business office will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, February 19 – Presidents' Day Monday, April 16 - Patriots Day

If you have an emergency, please call Belmont Light at 617-993-2800.

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Paul, center, and Mary Baratta, right, picked up a 2018 Belmont Light historical calendar from Aidan Leary, left, Belmont Light Executive Assistant and Communications Coordinator, at the Turn on the Town tree lighting ceremony.

Energy Assistance Information

Belmont Light customers who may need help paying their home heating and energy bills are encouraged to obtain information from Belmont Light about energy assistance programs and services that may be available to them. Belmont Light has compiled the information in a brochure which is available at the Belmont Light office and online at www.belmontlight.com.

The brochure includes information about fuel assistance and weatherization programs for low-income residents, the Good Neighbor Energy Fund for those in temporary crisis, and other programs. The informational material contains income eligibility guidelines, application information, and contact information, including telephone numbers and website addresses.

The brochure also provides information about the Belmont Light rate change program, the appliance rebate program, Metro Housing Boston, and Mass 2-1-1.

Additional information can be provided by contacting 617-993-2800.

Energy Saving Programs for Renters and Landlords

Are you a renter, landlord, or condo owner? Belmont Light has a number of ways you can save on your electric bill while conserving energy and helping the planet at the same time.

Sustainable Belmont is hosting an event where you can come talk with our staff, as well as other landlords and renters who have already taken advantage of our energy programs.

The event will take place Wednesday, February 7th, at 7:00 pm in the Belmont Public Library Assembly Room.

If you are unable to make the event, please visit www.BelmontLight.com or call (617) 993-2800 to learn more.

Winter Solstice



Belmont Light Acting General Manager Craig Spinale, left, was joined by Frosty the Snowman as he welcomed Kate Bowen, Alea Bowen and Jaclyn Russo to the Winter Solstice celebration held recently at Belmont Light. The local residents were treated to hot chocolate and give-aways during the annual celebration.



Students from the Henry Frost Children's Program presented a handmade blanket they made to Belmont Light Acting General Manager Craig Spinale during the Winter Solstice Celebration. The students made the blanket for Belmont Light's Mission of Deeds bedding collection drive to help everyone stay warm this winter. Everyone who attended the event was encouraged to bring a new or very gently used blanket, bedspread, comforter or quilt with them to donate to Mission of Deeds to help share the warmth with others in need.

Don't be scammed!

ALERT !!

As a reminder, Belmont Light does not accept payment over the phone. If you receive a call demanding payment or any call that you feel uncomfortable with, please hang up and call us at 617-993-2800 to confirm. Our customer service team would rather you be safe than sorry!