

Customer Connection



Energy news for our customers

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Simple ways to save energy this fall

As daylight dwindles in the fall and winter months, try these tips to prepare for less sunlight—and more energy use—in the evenings.



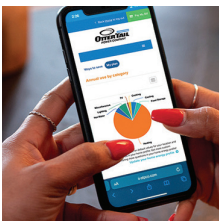
LET A LITTLE LIGHT IN. Take advantage of natural light whenever you can. By opening your shades and blinds during the day, you'll save energy and money.



WATCH OUT FOR ENERGY VAMPIRES. They use electricity even if they're in standby mode. Stop energy loss by unplugging electronic devices such as TVs, cell phone chargers, and game sets when you're not using them.



REDUCE LIGHTING COSTS WITH ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTING. Switching to LEDs can make a difference when it comes to your energy bills. Replace the ten most-used incandescent bulbs in your home with LEDs to save about \$55 per year.



TRY OUR HOME ENERGY ANALYZER. This tool provides an easy and free snapshot of your energy consumption, helping you create a personalized energy-saving plan that fits your lifestyle. Find it at otpc.com/HomeEnergyAnalyzer.



Power you can count on

We've powered our communities for more than a century. To provide you with the most reliable electric service possible, we continue to:

- Create a more resilient regional grid and strengthen our infrastructure.
- Transition to new technologies that will allow us to better respond to and communicate with you about outages.
- Invest in a diverse mix of energy resources and plan for energy-market fluctuations and volatility.

From the flip of a light switch to a freshly brewed cup of coffee—we'll keep providing the reliable, affordable electricity you depend on.

October is National Fire Prevention Month



This month is a great time to make sure you have one or more working fire extinguishers in your home—and that everyone knows where they are and how to use them.

You can help prevent electrical overheating, which can result in a fire, by following these guidelines.

- Never run cords under rugs or rest furniture on them.
- Replace old or worn outlets where plugs fit loosely.
- Securely screw in all lightbulbs.

Find out more at otpc.com/ElectricSafety.

Request your 2023 pocket calendar

Our popular pocket calendars are available for 2023. Email pocketcalendar@otpc.com to request one. Be sure to include your name, full address, and the number of calendars you'll need (limit five).

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Customers' cookery



BBQ Bacon Ranch Pasta Salad

- 1 cup mayo
- ½ cup ranch dressing
- ½ cup BBQ sauce
- 2 cups tri-color rotini pasta, cooked
- 1 can black beans, rinsed
- 1 cup chicken, cooked and diced
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 4 tablespoons onions, chopped and sautéed
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 pepper (any color), diced
- ½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 cup honey BBQ-flavored twisted corn chips
- Additional fresh veggies, optional

DIRECTIONS: Mix mayo, ranch dressing, and BBQ sauce. Combine with other ingredients except cilantro and chips—add those right before serving. Refrigerate overnight for better flavor. *Submitted by Jodie Schmidt, Henning, MN*

OOPS!



There was a misprint in August's Customer Cookery. Please use this recipe instead.

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Peanut Butter Bars

- ½ cup softened butter
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup oats
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup dark or semi-sweet chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS: Cream butter, sugars, and peanut butter. Add egg and vanilla. Mix well. Combine dry ingredients separately and add to creamed mixture. Stir in chips. Press into a greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Do not over bake. Cool 10 minutes.

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