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LEGISLATIVE AND STATE EMPLOYEE SERVICES NEWSLETTER FALL 2005 THIS ISSUE: POWER FOR THE PEOPLE

<http://michigan.gov/lmtimelytopics>

The recent snap in the air is a chilling reminder that heating season is here. Natural disasters have made us acutely aware of the need to conserve energy in the face of rapidly rising prices for gasoline, natural gas and heating oil. These pages highlight many sources of information to aid in that quest.



By the Numbers

Michigan energy statistics
www.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_statistics.cfm/state=MI and
www.eere.energy.gov/state_energy/efficiency.cfm?state=MI

Gasoline and Diesel Fuel prices by region
tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/gdu/gasdiesel.asp

U.S Fuel Ethanol Industry Plants and Production Capacity
www.ethanolrfa.org/industry/locations

Residential Energy Consumption Survey – EIA
Physical characteristics of housing units, appliances utilized, demographic

characteristics of the household, and types of fuels used.

www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/contents.html

Michigan ranked 34th in energy consumption per person in 2001. For all states see
www.census.gov/statab/ranks/rank30.html and
www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/states/use_multistate.html

Links for the Consumer

A Consumer's Guide to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Save time looking for info on saving energy. Check out the U.S. Department of Energy's compilation of resources on energy efficiency.

www.eere.energy.gov/consumer

Home Energy Saver

A web-based do-it-yourself energy audit tool

hes.lbl.gov



U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Savers
Tips on Saving Energy & Money at Home
Learn how to save money while maintaining a comfortable home year 'round.

www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips



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Links for the Consumer, cont'd.

Tips for running an energy efficient small business -

www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-25676_25769-42626--,00.html



State of Michigan's *This Way to Gas* – Savings website

www.mi.gov/documents/gasconservation_87283_7_87625_7.html

Do you know about the Michigan Energy Office? Its role is to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy resource development to Michigan's residents, businesses and public institutions.

www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-25676---,00.html



Share the driving, share the costs!

Information on ridesharing in Michigan -

www.mi.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9615_11228---,00.html

Learn about green and energy-efficient options through Urban Options, a non-profit community agency that provides energy and environmental information and services.

www.urbanoptions.org

And for those of you in the UP there is

Northern Options, based in Marquette.

www.northernoptions.org/index.htm

Did you know there's more to a light bulb than meets the eye? Compare Compact Fluorescent Lights vs Incandescent for energy efficiency:

From Energy Star

www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls

From General Electric

www.gelighting.com/na/business_lighting/faqs/cfl.htm#10

Questions about fuel economy? Look here for answers! Gas pricing, gas mileage tips, car comparisons, alternative fuel vehicles and more.

www.fueleconomy.gov

Heating Assistance Programs

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

A federally funded program administered by the MI Department of Human Services designed to help eligible low-income households meet the high cost of heating.

www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5453_5531-15420--,00.html

Energy Assistance Programs from LIHEAP

www.michigan.gov/heatingassistance

Grants for Non-Profits (Energy/Heating Assistance): web pages and books of potential interest to nonprofit organizations seeking funding opportunities related to energy initiatives or emergency heating assistance.

www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/2energy.htm

Alternative Energy Sources

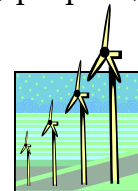
Geothermal FAQs

www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/faqs.html

Burning Shelled Corn as Fuel

An alternative to fuel oil, propane, natural gas, coal, and firewood?

burncorn.cas.psu.edu



Wind Energy Basics

www.eere.energy.gov/windandhydro/wind_basics.html