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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2025



SPECIAL "Rebate! Rebate!" MONEY SAVING ISSUE!

- Learn about rebates available through New Ulm Public Utilities
- Where to find forms • How much you qualify for
- Residential and Industrial options • Plus energy saving tips

New Ulm Public Utilities offers rebates for energy efficiency in your home or business. You can even submit your application online. If you have questions regarding rebates, contact us or visit the links below for rebates available and requirements and guides. If you have an issue submitting a rebate online through our website contact us at 507-233-2110 and we can help you or discuss other ways to process your rebate application.

WHERE TO FIND REBATE INFORMATION AND ONLINE FORMS:

- ✓ newulmmn.gov/206/Energy-Rebates
- ✓ newulmmn.gov/594/Rebate-Requirements-and-Guides

SEE INSIDE FOR MORE REBATE & ENERGY SAVING INFORMATION!



Point your cell phone camera at this QR code to be taken directly to rebate information!



Celebrate Public Power Week Oct. 5-11 with New Ulm Public Utilities

Continuous draining option is available using a low-level drain and a standard garden hose (garden hose not included). It also has a removable, easy cleaning dust filter with a clean-filter alert. The autorestart saves your settings during a power outage and the rolling casters make the unit easy to move to another location.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Enter by October 24, 2025

Win 1 of 3
**Keystone®
50 Pt. White
Dehumidifiers**



Drop off your entry or mail to:
New Ulm Public Utilities
310 1st N. St.
New Ulm, MN 56073
Or email to: DerekN@newulmmn.gov



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★ MEETING MINUTES

NUPUC JULY

- ✓ Received and Order Filed report on water leak detection survey by Westrum Leak Detection.
- ✓ Received and Order Filed introduction and presentation from German Intern Lexane Fourre on her internship with NUPU.
- ✓ Authorized the City Manager to accept the proposal from WSB to enter into an agreement for GIS Managed Services for Phase 1, Phase 2, and Phase 3 for ongoing support and optimization pending execution of a Consultant Services Contract.
- ✓ Authorized the City Manager to approve Change Order #1 for engineering services for the Wastewater Plant Motor Control Center (MCC) Replacement Project.
- ✓ Approved the Resolution to request funding from the State of Minnesota Capital Investment Bonding Bill in the 2026 Legislative Session to complete the Gravity Sewer & Water Main Project on Front Street and demolition of the Center Street Lift Station.

NUPUC AUGUST

- ✓ Approved the resolution commending Kathy Schaefer, Clerical Assistant I, in the Electrical Distribution Department, for nearly 28 years of service with the New Ulm Public Utilities Commission.
- ✓ Approved the resolution approving the agreement between New Ulm Public Utilities, Minnesota Valley Action Council, and the Minnesota Department of Commerce to cooperate and deliver the Minnesota Energy Assistance Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2026, October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, and authorizing the Finance Director to sign the agreement on behalf of New Ulm Public Utilities.
- ✓ Approved the resolution to approve the New Ulm Public Utilities Cogeneration and Small Power Production Rate Schedule for 2025 to be effective with the October 1, 2025 billing.
- ✓ Approved the City Council to establish the Special Assessments for 2024/2025 Delinquent Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater charges.
- ✓ Approved the City Manager to sign the proposal from HDR Engineering, Inc for consulting services in support of resource planning to solicit energy proposals.

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COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL REBATES

A list of some, not all, commercial and industrial rebates given to customers in the past have included such items as listed below.

- High efficiency lighting to LED
- Roof replacement with insulation obtaining R30 rating
- Appliances such as:
 - Draft Beer Cooler
 - Refrigerated Cooler
 - Commercial refrigerator
 - Under counter ice machine
 - Prep table
 - Refrigerated back bar cooler
 - Gas fryer
 - Dishwashers
- HVAC
- Motors
- Renewaire energy recovery ventilators
- Variable Frequency Drives
- Boiler Improvements
- Lochinvar Water Heaters
- Air source heat pumps
- Air source chiller
- Evaporator fan EC Motor
- Demand control ventilation
- Anti-sweat heater controls
- Energy management system improvement (Emerson E2 CX energy management system).



NEW CONSTRUCTION REBATES



Did you know that NUPU offers rebates for new constructions whether for a home or business?

From lighting, residential/commercial appliances, HVAC and many other items such process improvements for commercial customers.

It's worth looking into if you're starting a building project. Contact NUPU at 507-233-2110 to discuss your project details.



★ AT YOUR SERVICE Employees of the Month Honored

Taylor has no issue coming in early or staying late based off the current needs of the City/Utility or IT Department. He has taken on numerous projects already. These include updating servers to the latest operating system, setting up a new Domain Controller, numerous switches for various locations, and configuration changes to improve the overall cybersecurity of our environment. Taylor pushes the department to continue to look at ways to improve efficiency, ease of use, and security for the environment. He has worked closely with cybersecurity program initiatives.

TAYLOR RUECKERT
IT Specialist
Information Technology Dept.



Skyлар has done an outstanding job of keeping the plant clean. Besides filling in for the plant boiler operators, and doing lab work, he has shown that he is willing to tackle any maintenance job he is given.

Skyлар has a great attitude and takes pride in his job. His work habits and good attitude warrant him being chosen for the honor of Employee of the month as he represents New Ulm Public Utilities very well.

SKYLAR PIERCE
Relief Boiler Operator
Electric Production



Take Advantage of Federal Tax Credits and Rebates on Electric Vehicles!



Tax credits up to **\$7,500** are available for eligible new electric vehicles and up to **\$4,000** for eligible used electric vehicles. You can work with your dealership to process the vehicle tax credit. Tax credits are available for home chargers and associated energy storage, each up to **\$1,000**.

Find requirements at www.energy.gov/save.

Light up your Holidays!

Let the holiday season shine with strings of energy saving LED lights! **AND get some extra jingle in your pocket with a rebate from New Ulm Public Utilities.**

Receive \$5 in New Ulm Chamber Dollars per string, up to five strings, with a minimum of 25 lights purchased between **October 1 and December 16.**

Limited Chambers Dollars available on a first come first served basis. Chamber Dollars will not be given out after funds are depleted.

Attach the portion of each package that shows the number of lights per string.

Call 233-2110 for more information or visit newulmmn.gov.



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NEW ULM PUBLIC UTILITIES REBATE QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

FURNACE AND BOILER

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ Detailed copy of original sales receipt or invoice showing name, sale date, manufacturer name, model number, sizes, and date of installation.
- ✓ AHRI Certified reference # and copy of certificate.
- ✓ Rated Efficiency(AFUE) (affects rebate amount).
- ✓ Signed application.

FURNACE/BOILER CHECK & CLEAN

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ HVAC professional must perform work.
- ✓ Completed application by HVAC professional.
- ✓ Detailed copy of the original service receipt or invoice showing customer name and date and description of service.

SMART THERMOSTAT

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ Detailed copy of original sales receipt or invoice showing name, sale date, manufacturer name, model number, date of installation.
- ✓ If Energy Star, include copy of the Energy Guide showing Energy Star logo (lower right corner on Energy Guide).
- ✓ Signed application.

WATER HEATER

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ Detailed copy of original sales receipt or invoice showing name, sale date, manufacturer name, model number, rate efficiency, rated storage gallons, date of installation.
- ✓ Signed application.

■ REMINDER!

Rebate amounts dependent on minimum qualifications. Rebates are only given when funds are available and during the calendar year in which items were purchased, installed, or when an action occurred, to NUPU customers only. NUPU's Conservation Improvement Program, expenses, and energy savings associated with activities need to fall within the same year, and reported for the year in which they occur. If funds run out within that year, no rebates will be available. Rebate submissions are accepted until January 31 of the following year for the prior year purchases.



ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ Appliances must be Energy Star certified to qualify for a rebate.
- ✓ Detailed copy of original sales receipt or invoice showing name, sale date, model numbers, manufacturer name, model number, sizes, and date of installation.
- ✓ A copy of the Energy Guide showing Energy Star logo (lower right corner on Energy Guide) for appliance purchased will increase rebate verification.
- ✓ Signed application.

LED LIGHTING

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ Energy Star or DLC (Design Light Consortium) certified purchases are only eligible for rebates.
- ✓ Copy of sales receipt.
- ✓ Portion of the box showing LED wattage, Energy Star or DLC logo, number of bulbs, and manufacturer.
- ✓ Signed application.

LED CEILING FANS

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ Energy Star certified purchases are only eligible for rebates.
- ✓ Copy of sales receipt.
- ✓ Manufacturer and model number, LED wattage, number of packages.
- ✓ Signed application.

HVAC

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ Detailed copy of original sales receipt or invoice showing name, sale date, model numbers, manufacturer name, model number, sizes, and date of installation.
- ✓ Must meet minimum efficiency requirements. Minimum efficiency requirements are stated on applications.
- ✓ Signed application.



✓ FURNACE/BOILER CHECK & CLEAN

Check & clean must be performed at locations connected with natural gas service supplied by New Ulm Public Utilities and be performed by a professional HVAC or boiler service technician.

REBATE AMOUNT:

\$25 credit to your utility account

✓ DISTRICT ENERGY STEAM HEAT

Eligible customers include existing district heating customers and potential customers within immediate reach of the district heating system.

REBATE AMOUNT:

50% up to \$7,500 for repairs and modernization efforts to building and heating systems including steam traps and trap parts, valves, steam pipe insulation, zone controls, steam coils, and duct work.

✓ HVAC

Rebate amount dependent upon what ASHP (air source heat pump) is replacing.

REBATE AMOUNTS:

- Electric Heat **\$900-\$2,200**
- Air Source Heat Pump **\$125-\$500**
- Through Wall Heat Pump **\$200-\$700**
- Natural Gas or Other **\$100-\$200**

Rebate will not exceed 50% of equipment cost

✓ COMMERCIAL LIGHTING

All products must be installed in existing facilities in NUPU's service territory.

The lighting retrofit must provide a net reduction in kWh usage from that of the existing lighting system.

REBATE AMOUNT:

\$0.30 for each watt saved

✓ ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES

✓ LED LIGHTING

Appliances, ceiling fans and bulbs must be Energy Star certified to qualify for a rebate.

REBATE AMOUNTS:

- Clothes washer **\$50**
- Electric clothes dryer **\$50**
- Dehumidifier **\$15**
- Dishwasher **\$25**
- Refrigerator **\$40**
- Freezer **\$40**
- Energy star residential LED lighting **No more than 50% of purchase, nor over \$7 per bulb or \$20 per fixture**
- LED ceiling fans **No more than 50% of purchase, nor over \$15 per fixture**



✓ NATURAL GAS WATER HEATER

REBATE AMOUNTS:

- Storage Water Heater: **\$100**. Minimum UEF 0.81
- Instantaneous Water Heater: **\$175**. Minimum UEF 0.95

✓ NATURAL GAS FURNACE

REBATE AMOUNTS:

- Furnace new construction: 95% AFUE **\$125** 97% AFUE **\$150**
- Furnace retrofit: 92% AFUE **\$100** 95% AFUE **\$275**

✓ THERMOSTAT

REBATE AMOUNTS:

- Smart Thermostat Non Energy Star WiFi enabled: **\$30**
- Smart Thermostat Energy Star WiFi enabled: **\$75**

ONLINE FORMS MAKE IT EASY TO APPLY FOR YOUR REBATE!

✓ **newulmmn.gov/206/Energy-Rebates**

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REBATE QUICKFACTS





Take Advantage of Federal Tax Credits and Rebates on Home Upgrades!

From solar panels to stove tops, you can get money back whether you're replacing an old appliance or installing new technology. The money is returned to you in two ways – a tax credit or a rebate.

Examples of eligible appliances and home upgrades include:

Air Conditioners (non-heat pump), Electric Stoves or Ovens, Heat Pump for Heating and Cooling, Induction Cooktop, Heat Pump Water Heater, Wood & Pellet Stove, Boiler, Electric Panel or Circuit Upgrade, Exterior Doors, Skylights, Wind Turbines, Ventilation Systems, Solar Panels, Windows, Electrical Wiring and more.

Find details at www.energy.gov/save/home-upgrades



Public Power is Proud to Provide...

Local Jobs

Public power employs over 96,000 people—**about 16%** of our nation's utility workforce—from the communities they serve.

Affordability

On average, public power customers have the lowest bills and **pay 9% less** than customers of other utility types.

Reliability

Public power utilities restore electricity quicker than other utility types. In 2022 public power customers experienced 1.5 fewer hours without power than other utility types.

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule

(CWR) is a state law that protects residential utility customers from having electric or natural gas service shut off between October 1 and April 30. To protect your service from disconnection you must make and keep a payment plan that you and your utility agree upon.



Help your neighbor.
help your friends,
help your family.
Help them to apply today

2025-2026 Energy Assistance Program

Deadline: May 31, 2026

A grant for income eligible households to assist in paying heating and electric bills.

Available to homeowners, renters who pay heating/electric costs and renters with heat included in their rent*

MVAC serves the following counties:

Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan

Hablamos español

* Crisis assistance is also available for disconnection notices, shut-offs, and no fuel emergencies.

Assistance with heating unit repairs is available to approved homeowners who have a no-heat situation.

Household income cannot be more than these income guidelines:

Household Size	Annual Income	1 Month Max Guidelines
1	\$35,799	\$2,983
2	\$46,814	\$3,901
3	\$57,829	\$4,819
4	\$68,845	\$5,737
5	\$79,860	\$6,655
6	\$90,875	\$7,572
7	\$92,940	\$7,745
8	\$95,006	\$7,917
9	\$97,071	\$8,089



SCAN HERE FOR APPLICATION

MINNESOTA VALLEY ACTION COUNCIL
"Community Action: Helping People. Changing Lives"

To request an application:
(507) 345-6822 | (800) 767-7139

Applications available for download at:

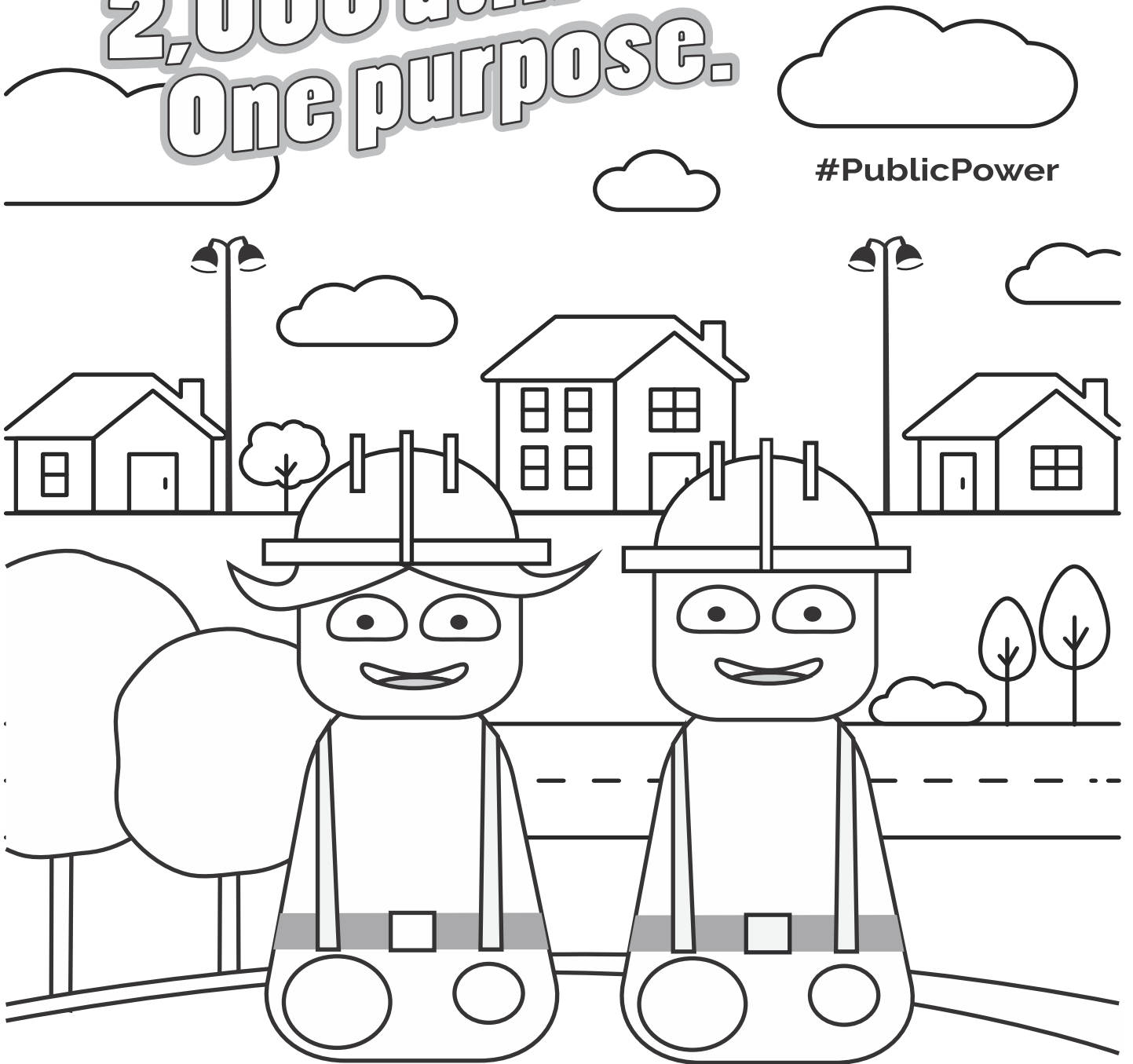
www.mnvac.org



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Color this community celebrating Public Power Week and drop off, mail, or email this page. We will publish submissions in an upcoming newsletter as part of our ongoing spotlight on the benefits of a public utility.

email DerekN@newulmmn.gov

Drop off or mail to: New Ulm Public Utilities, Derek Nelson
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NUPU has on-going rebates year 'round!
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EASY ONLINE APPLICATION!

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NEW ULM PUBLIC UTILITIES
310 1st North Street

MAIN NUMBER	233-2110
Billings & Connections	359-8259
Administration	359-8264
Electric Distribution Dept	359-8295
Gas Dept	359-8289
Material Distribution Center	233-2134
Power Plant Chief Engineer	233-2128
Power Plant Operator	233-2129
Utilities Director	359-8264
Wastewater Treatment Plant	359-8360
Water/Steam Dept	359-8279
AFTER HOURS ALL CALLS	359-8204