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A Home Inspection Program Worth Its Weight In Gold!

If you participate in the new **House-As-A-System Inspection Program**, you might just shout: Eureka!! Why? Because this exciting new residential energy efficiency program incorporates state-of-the-art technology, along with a hands-on inspection process. The result of this inspection program could mean lower utility costs and your home's mechanical equipment operating at its peak performance!

To participate in this first-ever California program, you'll simply need to call us at 333-6815 to schedule a convenient inspection time (note: you should allow a minimum of two hours for this detailed assessment).

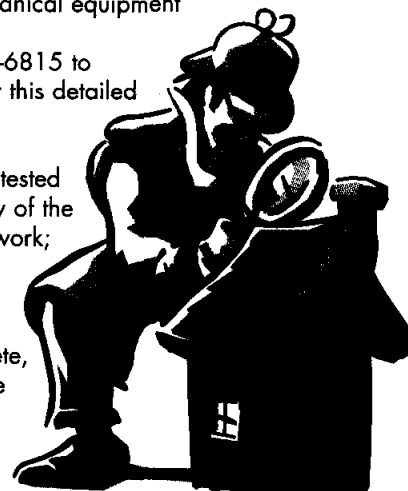
During the inspection process, the following elements of the home are evaluated:

- the mechanical or heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system is tested using new, computer diagnostics equipment; this test determines the efficiency of the HVAC equipment, as well as the quality of air flow through the home's duct work;
- physical inspection of the home's attic insulation;
- physical inspection of the home's windows;
- a complete home energy audit, which identifies energy consumption by appliance, lighting and other energy consuming devices. Once this is complete, we'll provide you with specific energy conservation measures based upon the findings of the actual energy audit.

Upon completion of the detailed inspection, you may then receive various rebates for upgrading attic insulation, installing new energy efficient windows, programmable thermostats, attic fans or ceiling fans, and much more (please ask us for more details regarding the eligible rebate items and amounts).

So, if you'd like to strike gold in your own home, give us a call today and sign up for the **House-As-A-System Inspection Program**. When we're finished, you may have a home that is more comfortable to live in and is more energy efficient!

(Special note: due to the anticipated customer response to this exciting new program, your inspection may occur 30 to 90 days after contacting the utility for participation; inspections will occur on a first-come, first-served basis.)



Let the Sun Shine and the Wind Blow In!

A new California law obligates electric service providers (ESPs) to enter into contractual arrangements with residential and small business customers who install solar panels or wind turbines on their property.

The state mandate requires ESPs to maintain net metering agreements, whereby the customer is paid by the utility for any excess electricity they generate via solar or wind. By the same token, the customer is responsible for reimbursing the utility for any electricity they consume that is not generated. There are a number of additional customer and utility requirements addressed in the new state law. Lodi Electric Utility is working in conjunction with the Finance and Community Development departments to coordinate this new program for Lodi customers.

If you are interested in pursuing solar power or a wind turbine at your home or small business, please contact Rob Lechner, Manager of Customer Service & Programs, Electric Utility Department, at 333-6815.



Tree Trimming is a Job for a Pro

With summer coming to an end and fall quickly approaching, your Lodi Electric Utility would like you to know about our tree trimming services.

If your tree touches a power line, it can cause your power to go out and your neighbors', too. Contact Lodi Electric Utility to prune the offending tree away from the lines. Attempting to prune trees near power lines or climbing these trees may put you in serious danger! Utilizing our tree trimming service can eliminate safety hazards and reduce tree-related outages.

If you see trees interfering with power lines, please call us immediately at 333-6815. **Do not** attempt to prune the trees yourself, we would be happy to do it for you!

To request a free tree inspection, contact Carl Lindstrom at 333-6763.



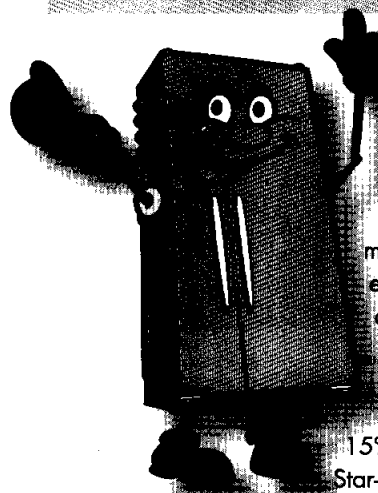
This quarter, our Watt's Up Business Profile highlights Lodi Unified School District (LUSD). Since the 1999 inception, Lodi's Public Benefits Program has actively pursued energy efficiency grants and investigated the possibilities of various cutting-edge energy technologies made available through Lodi Electric Utility.

Some of the demand-side management projects have included the installation of high efficiency lighting and controls (compact fluorescents, motion sensors and photo cells) and energy efficient classroom air conditioning systems. Also installed was a state-of-the-art energy management computer program/system with a unique feature that allows school district maintenance personnel to regulate and control heating, air conditioning and lighting systems from a remote location. This results in not only energy savings, but

Today, USD and Lodi Electric Utility are exploring energy and cost-savings opportunities for USD's two newest Lodi school sites, Millwood Middle School and Lois Borchardt Elementary School. In addition, USD remains committed to investigating and incorporating new and emerging energy technologies at various school sites throughout Lodi whenever feasible.

Thanks to their aggressive energy management strategy, USD has been able to achieve energy savings in the 10% to 20% percent range at numerous school locations here in Lad. We applaud USD for their continued commitment to energy efficiency in our community.

[The Public Benefits Program provides customers with energy efficiency rebates/grants, research and information pertaining to new and emerging energy technologies, and assistance to low-income customers. For more information regarding the Lodi Public Benefits Program, please contact our Customer Information Center at 333-6815.]



In virtually every home, you'll find this appliance. It's like a constant companion—a faithful friend. Always humming along, and doing its job. Yes, we're talking about the refrigerator, sometimes referred to as an icebox or simply "the fridge." However, many of these constant companions have worn out their welcome and are longing for the retired life.

Your City of Lodi Electric Utility wants you to know that the refrigerator generally consumes the second most amount of energy in your home (trailing the home's heating and air conditioning system). To enhance the refrigerator's performance and save power, keep the coils, that are found either at the back of the refrigerator or underneath the unit, cleaned. Also, avoid standing in front of an open refrigerator for long periods of time; every time the refrigerator is opened, the unit's compressor runs for approximately eight minutes to maintain the correct temperature inside! If your refrigerator is over ten-years-old, you should consider replacing it with an Energy Star-rated model. These particular models are 15% to 35% percent more energy efficient than a ten-year-old refrigerator. Six Lodi retailers sell Energy Star-rated and approved refrigerators, and there is a \$50 instant rebate available when you purchase one of these models at a participating Lodi retailer. For additional energy efficiency tips, give us a call at 333-6815.

How did the clothes dry?

Unscramble these nine words—the circled letters will solve the puzzle.

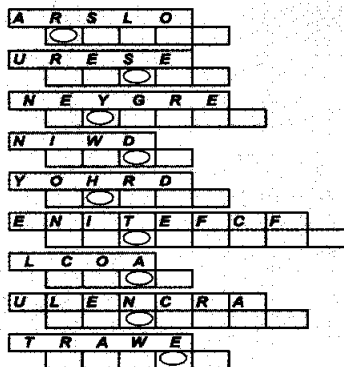
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Corner, cut it out and
mail to:
Lodi Electric Utility
1331 S. Ham Lane
Lodi, CA 95242

Good Luck!

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CITY OF LODI ENERGY RESOURCES	CITY OF LODI PURCHASED POWER*	2000 CA POWER MIX**
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Eligible Renewable	33%	9%
- Biomass & waste	1%	3%
- Geothermal	29%	4%
- Small hydroelectric	2%	2%
- Solar	0%	0%
- Wind	<1%	<1%
Coal	6%	15%
Large Hydroelectric	23%	23%
Natural Gas	30%	42%
Nuclear	8%	11%
Other	0%	0%
TOTAL	100%	100%

* 0% of City of Lodi purchased power is specifically purchased from individual suppliers.

** Percentages are estimated annually by the California Energy Commission based on electricity sold to California consumers during the previous year.

If you have questions, comments, or need to speak with us regarding any electric utility issue, try one of the telephone numbers listed below:

City of Los Angeles Electric Utility:	333-6762
Utility Service & Payment Inquiries:	333-6719
Customer Program Information:	333-6815
24-Hour Emergency Service	368-5735
<small>Electric, water, sewer, street service</small>	