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New & Improved Bill Coming Soon

And new ways to do business with us!

We will soon be launching a new, more efficient customer information and billing system that will provide customers with enhanced bills and offerings.

Watch for your new and improved monthly bill in a specially marked envelope this fall. An informational brochure will be enclosed with your new bill to guide you through the changes and new offerings.



- 6 GET A HOME ENERGY AUDIT.** Estimate your annual energy use and learn how to make your home more efficient 24/7 — with an online home energy audit at **www.encyunited.com**.
- 7 INSULATE.** Seal duct seams and connections in your attic, crawl space, basement and garage, then wrap in insulation to keep them warm and save up to 20% in heating costs.

Visit **www.uppc.com** or **www.encyunited.com** to learn more.



October 12–18 is **National Careers** in **Energy** Week

This week, the nation spotlights careers in our field. But for us, the spotlight is always on: 24 hours a day, seven days a week, we're hard at work delivering energy for your home or business.

There's never been a better time to be a part of our industry! Electric companies are modernizing and expanding their systems, while the renewable industry continues to develop ways to harness energy from new sources.

Companies like ours look for highly trained workers from a wide spectrum of backgrounds. We seek engineers and skilled tradespeople. We've also found that military veterans are often great matches for our industry.

Several colleges in the U.P. offer training for careers in energy, including Northern Michigan University (nmu.edu), Gogebic Community College (gogebic.edu) and Michigan Technological University (mtu.edu). Visit uppc.com periodically to check for the latest job opportunities with UPPCO.





Energy Action Month

October is Energy Action Month. Celebrate with savings by implementing these simple tips from UPPCO and Efficiency UNITED to reduce energy costs now, and all winter long.

- 1 SWITCH TO CFLS.** They use 75% less energy than incandescents and can save up to \$6 annually per bulb.
- 2 UPGRADE TO AN ENERGY STAR® CLOTHES WASHER.** Reduce the amount of energy and water your washer uses by more than 40%, and save up to \$135 a year on your natural gas bills.
- 3 RECYCLE YOUR OLD FRIDGE OR FREEZER.** You'll save electricity and get a \$50 cash rebate from Efficiency UNITED. Limit 2. Offer ends October 31.
- 4 INSTALL AND SET A PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT.** It will save you up to 8% annually on your energy bills.
- 5 SCHEDULE AN HVAC TUNE-UP.** Following a regular maintenance schedule can reduce heating costs by 5% to 10%, and prolong the life of your equipment.

Home Performance



Improving your home's outer layer and updating your heating and cooling systems can help save energy and money, and make your home more comfortable to live in. Efficiency UNITED offers rebates on energy efficiency products to improve your home's comfort.

Begin with our Online Energy Audit to help determine what areas of your home may be in need of improvement. Then, check out these Efficiency UNITED rebates for your upgrades, including:

Space Heating & Cooling Equipment

- Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP): **\$250 – \$450 rebate**
- Split System Central Air Conditioner (CAC): **\$200 rebate**
- Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM): **\$300 rebate**
- Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP): **\$500 rebate**
- Minisplit Heat Pump: **\$1,500 rebate**

Water Heating Equipment

- Electric Water Heater: **\$35 rebate**
- Heat Pump Water Heater: **\$1,000 rebate**

Efficiency UNITED is the name of a program designed to help your business be more energy efficient. Funded by UPPCO customers, the program offers rebates on energy-saving products and information to help you save. Invest five minutes now, and save energy for a lifetime.

Please visit

www.unityefficiency.com

or call **877-367-3191**

for more information.



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