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— HYDRO ONE REMOTE COMMUNITIES —

POWERING WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY



Did you know that your community can sell renewable energy to Hydro One? Communities in the north have started participating in the renewable energy business through Hydro One's Renewable Energy Innovation Diesel Emission Reduction (REINDEER) program. The REINDEER program offers communities the opportunity to reduce energy bills on key assets like schools, band offices and airports and also helps reduce diesel fuel usage.

Ten community-owned solar projects and one customer-owned installation are generating electricity in Hydro One's Remotes' service

territory. Projects are located in Fort Severn, Deer Lake, Armstrong, Kingfisher Lake, Wapekeka and Kasabonika Lake. Several more are in the development stage.

Projects must meet technical and safety standards. The size and location of the projects depend on the energy requirements in your community. Talk to your band office or local school about participating in our REINDEER renewable program. Please contact 1-888-828-8707 or email us at RemotesCustomerService@HydroOne.com for more information.



Solar panels in Armstrong and Deer Lake are generating electricity and reducing electricity bills in the community.

ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AN IPAD



LIFE IN THE NORTH

PHOTO CONTEST

**ENTER
NOW**

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Calling all amateur photographers! Hydro One is holding a contest to feature photos of life in the north through the eyes of our customers! Photos could be featured in this newsletter, our website or on Instagram @HometownHydroOne. We will select the top photo in each category to win an iPad or iPad mini!

Submit your photos under one of the following categories:

- 1. Nature and wildlife**
- 2. Culture and traditional life**
- 3. Sports, kids and entertainment**

To enter, send your digital file to **Una.Oreilly@HydroOne.com**. Only digital entries will be accepted. Please include your name, email address and mailing address. The photographer and all people in the photo will need to fill out a release form to be eligible for the contest. If the photo includes a minor, a parent or guardian must give their consent. Please ensure the photos are at least 1 MB.

The contest runs from October 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017. Send in your photo before November 30, 2016 to be eligible for an early bird prize of a \$25 prepaid credit card. Contest winners will be announced in the next Remote Communities newsletter.

Please email Una.Oreilly@HydroOne for rules and regulations.

HYDRO ONE COMPLETES UPGRADES



Upgrades at Deer Lake and Sandy Lake diesel stations are complete!

The capacity at the Deer Lake station was upgraded from 1205 kW to 1795 kW which allows for the connection of new customers while maintaining reliability. The community celebrated the completion of the work at the arena on May 4, 2016.

At Sandy Lake diesel station, major overhauls were completed on two of the four station diesel generators. This work was performed over several weeks and included modification improvements to station controls that will extend the operating life of the diesel generators for years to come.



Cam Laidlaw from Hydro One shows Chief Roy Dale Meekis the improvements at the Deer Lake Station.

TEN TIPS TO TUNE UP FOR THE WINTER



Winter is fast approaching. Follow these 10 tips to help reduce your electricity consumption while staying warm and safe.

1. Inspect your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

This is also a good time to change the batteries.

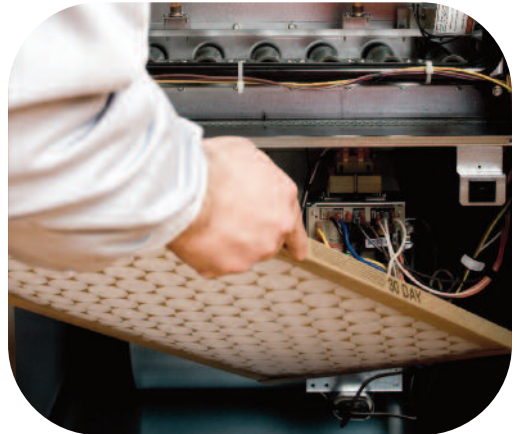


2. Book a checkup

Schedule servicing every fall to keep your furnace running safely and efficiently.

3. Clear the clutter

Keep flammable items well away by cleaning the area around your furnace.



4. Wrap your tank

Add an electric water heater blanket to insulate your tank. It could reduce your yearly energy loss by up to 40 per cent.

5. Change or clean furnace filters

Do this to improve air quality and airflow. Refer to your owner's manual to see how often you should change or clean the filter.

6. Turn on crawlspace heaters and water heat trace systems

Turn them on just high enough to keep from freezing. Make sure the vents are sealed for the winter to keep the heat in and visitors out.



7. Blow hot air

Set your ceiling fan to spin clockwise to circulate the hot air downwards.

8. Control humidity

Keep humidity levels at 30 to 40 per cent to keep your home feeling warmer and more comfortable.

9. Seal the ducts

About 20 per cent of your airflow is lost to leaky or disconnected ducts. Seal holes and cracks with mastic sealant or foil tape.



10. Stop the leaks

Caulk, seal or weatherstrip drafts around doors and windows to reduce heating costs up to 30 per cent.

KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE WITH THESE TIPS



- Don't play near electrical stations, equipment, wires, or utility poles. Never climb fences that surround hydro equipment or generating stations.
- Keep away from areas marked with signs that say "Danger" or "Danger High Voltage."
- Don't throw anything at wires or electrical equipment. Damaged equipment can be very dangerous.
- When hunting, don't shoot at electrical equipment. You could interrupt power for your whole community!
- Stay away from downed power lines, and call Hydro One right away.
- Don't use appliances that have damaged electrical cords — there is a risk of shock.
- Never use cords that heat up when they're plugged in even if they look okay otherwise.
- Don't mix water and electricity. If an electrical cord or appliance is faulty, water will conduct the electricity and increase the risk of shock.
- Don't poke anything into an electrical outlet.
- Don't run cords under carpets.
- Never put your finger in a light bulb socket.

PHOTOS & STORY SUBMISSIONS

We're always looking for ways to connect with our customers and their communities. Photo or story submissions about what's happening in your community can be sent to:

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Please include photo details (date, location, names) with your submission.

Contact Us



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