

Energy Improvements Earn Waupun Area School District \$90,000

Energy-saving upgrades to lighting, heating and cooling systems at all district schools earned the Waupun Area School District incentive payments totaling nearly \$90,000 from Focus on Energy and the district's utilities.

Waupun Area Schools made lighting improvements in classrooms and office spaces at all district school buildings, as well as lighting upgrades to the gymnasium, locker rooms, and newly constructed greenhouse and Tech Ed Center at Waupun Junior/Senior High School. The greenhouse and Tech Ed Center also got energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, and the district upgraded HVAC units and installed controls at Meadow View, Rock River and SAGES schools.

"These improvements will help the district save money on energy costs for years to come and helps to make our buildings comfortable during inclement weather conditions," said District Administrator Steven Hill.

The annual savings on utility costs is estimated to be \$78,000 and the estimated annual energy savings equates to reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 1,016 tons, which is like taking 154 cars off the road.

The upgrades were made at the same time the district was working on projects as part of a \$36 million building plan approved by voters in November 2016. The \$90,000 in incentive money will be used to fund projects consistent with the building plan's original purposes, like building improvements, furnishings or equipment.



Waupun Utilities' (left) Randy Posthuma, General Manager, and Eric KostECKI, Energy Services Rep, were joined by school district staff, schoolboard members Alliant Energy and Focus on Energy for presentation of combined incentive payments totaling nearly \$90,000.

The most recent independent evaluation found every \$1 invested in Focus on Energy programs creates \$5.93 in benefits for Wisconsin, including economic benefits, reduced energy costs, and reduced pollution.

The Focus on Energy incentive for the energy-saving projects at Waupun schools is \$65,377, with WPPI Energy providing an additional \$23,817. Waupun Utilities is a member of WPPI Energy, and is the electric provider for district schools in the City of Waupun.



Madison Street Reconstruction

Reconstruction plans for 2019, include plans to redo Madison Street. The proposed project consists of reconstructing the existing roadway, curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main from Lincoln Street to the Rock River.

Construction of the project from Lincoln Street to the Rock River will be funded with City of Waupun funds and will occur between April and November 2019.

Traffic During Construction

Madison Street will be closed to through traffic during construction. Unfortunately there will be times during construction where the residential properties will not have access to their driveways, and need to park their vehicles on an adjacent side street. Residents will be notified in advance of these operations. Residents will be provided with the contact information for the construction project engineer, and will be given greater detail on the contractor's schedule prior to commencement of the work.

Scheduled Water Shutdowns

Some water shutdowns will be required during construction. Water shutdowns are not to exceed eight hours. When water service is restored, customers may

experience temporary discoloration of the water or trapped air in the pipes. Waupun Utilities suggests removing the aerator and running all **cold** water taps for five minutes. With a single-lever faucet, set it to run the cold water.

Begin with the highest faucet in your home and then open the other faucets one at a time, moving from your highest floor to your lowest. You should also flush your refrigerator's water lines. Opening your taps forces trapped air out of the plumbing system and clears sediment or mineral deposits that may have been loosened during the water main replacement work.

Waupun Utilities appreciates customer patience and cooperation during the summer reconstruction process.

CUSTOMER CONNECTION

MyAccount
Self-Service for Customers



An exciting development for 2019 will be the spring launch of our enhanced online self-service tool, MyAccount. As a customer of Waupun Utilities, you will have the ability to view your energy use and pay your bill using this upgraded online account management tool. Receive data and alerts wherever you are, track and compare your usage, pay your bill online and set energy and water savings goals.

Setting up MyAccount is quick and easy. Quick start instructions will be enclosed with your Waupun Utilities bill that will be mailed in April. The instructions will also be available on our web site. Make the most of your resources when you sign up for MyAccount.

**Thank-A-Lineworker
Coloring Contest**

National Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 18. This special day is a time to celebrate the hard work, innovation, and dedication of electrical lineworkers.

Waupun Utilities will join in the celebration by offering a coloring contest for children ages 4 - 10 years. Contest guidelines can be found on our website at www.waupunutilities.com.

Join us in celebrating the benefit of being a locally owned, not-for-profit utility with a responsive local line crew.



Tree Power! Cash Rebate

Along with all their natural benefits, strategically planted trees can also save money and energy on heating and cooling your home. Shade trees on the south and west sides of a home can reduce air conditioning costs in the summer, while allowing the warming sunlight through when leaves are gone in the winter.

We are giving cash rebates equal to 50% of the price of a new tree, up to \$50.00 per shade tree.

It's a great chance to replace trees destroyed in the August 2018 wind event. Check out program details at www.waupunutilities.com and take advantage of extra green in your wallet.

SUMP PUMP REMINDERS



With spring temperatures just around the corner, Waupun Utilities reminds customers to make sure sump pumps are connected properly and ready to discharge water from the home. Melting snow, thawing temperatures, and spring rains add up to sump pump usage.

In effort to reduce inflow, sump pump hosing should divert water away from the home by being placed on the ground surface and away from the foundation.

**Basic Sump Pump 101:
What is inflow and infiltration?**

Inflow and infiltration are terms used to describe the ways clear water (groundwater and storm water) enters the sanitary sewer system. Infiltration occurs when groundwater seeps into the sewer pipes through cracks, leaky joints, or deteriorated manholes. Inflow occurs when water is directed from sump pumps or downspout drains into the sanitary sewer.

Why is this water a problem?

Clear water entering the wastewater treatment system consumes system capacity, and could cause sewers to back up into houses.

In addition, clear water that reaches the wastewater treatment plant is treated unnecessarily. This increases treatment costs and adds to the wear and tear of the equipment, reducing it's life span. The added cost of operations is then passed on to each customer.

Waupun's Municipal Code 12.06, 12.15 states "Sump pumps shall not be connected to the sanitary sewer in any manner". Proper discharge of inflow water will enable the sanitary system to manage the normal flows of sewage it is designed to handle. Call our office with any sump pump questions.

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