



## **VILLAGE OF AKRON ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS** **WINTER ELECTRIC CONSERVATION TIPS**

The Independent Energy Efficiency Program (IEEP) along with the Village of Akron is currently sponsoring the IEEP Appliance Rebate Program for its residential customers. This program is to encourage residential customers to upgrade their appliances to ENERGY STAR labeled appliances. ENERGY STAR qualified appliances incorporate advanced technologies that use 10–50% less energy than standard models.

The Village of Akron is sponsoring the IEEP Commercial Energy Efficiency Program which is to encourage municipal commercial electric customers to upgrade their equipment with energy efficient equipment. Making commercial buildings more energy efficient will help keep electric cost down for all municipal utility customers. **For more information, please stop by the Village Hall.**

The New York Power Authority (NYPA) along with the Village of Akron is currently sponsoring the Winter Home Heating & Energy Tune-Up Program for Low Income Residential Customers. The Program will provide participants, at no cost, with Winter Home Heating Tune-Up Kits consisting of an assortment of items designed to improve heating, lighting and water efficiency in the home, installation guides, as well as tips for additional savings. **By making your homes more energy efficient, program participants should save money by using less electricity and/or fuel to heat their homes.**

**Also, consider running your dishwasher and other major appliances during off-peak hours (after 7:00 P.M.). The Village purchases its supplemental electricity based on our system demands. By waiting to run these appliances, this reduces the Village's peak demand for electricity and helps keep everyone's electric bill low.**

### **ADDITIONAL TIPS**

- Replace standard incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Unplug electronics, battery chargers and other equipment when not in use
- Test for air leaks by holding a lit incense stick next to windows, doors, electrical boxes, electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures, attic hatches and other locations where there is a possible air path to the outside. If the smoke travels horizontally, you have located an air leak that may need to be fixed.
- Dress appropriately to the weather. In the winter, put on an additional layer of clothes or an extra blanket before turning up the heat.
- Install an ENERGY STAR programmable thermostat. Set temperatures back by 10 to 15 degrees before you go to bed and before leaving for work.
- Make sure your dryer's outside vent is clear and clean the lint filter after every load.
- If you have a fireplace, close the damper when you do not have a fire burning. An open fireplace damper can let 8 % of heat from your home escape through the chimney.
- Add insulation to your attic.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- Air-dry your dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.