

*DMU is celebrating **Public Power Week**, October 4-10, along with more than 2,000 other electric utilities that collectively provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 55 million people in 49 states and five territories. We are absolutely dedicated to providing top-notch service and the lowest rates possible.*

DMU knows how vital electricity is for the people of Denison and we continue to find ways to deliver it reliably, safely and with special attention to the environment.

*DMU recognizes **Public Power Week** by teaching electrical safety to our 1st grade business partner class by giving an electrical safety presentation at Denison Elementary.*

The DMU Electric Department was created in 1914 and today we have 9 electric employees who are proud to serve Denison and for them the hard work is rewarding since our customers are our neighbors and friends.



Left to Right: Nathan Koch, Aaron Coret, Chris Ball, Randy Schraeder, Gary Kahl, Mike Wight, Nick Rife, Joe Poggensee, Jesse Jens

*Help us celebrate **Public Power** by teaching your family electrical safety in your home and business.*

To celebrate Public Power Week, DMU will be giving our customers one free light bulb during the month of October. Stop by our office to pay your bill between 7am-4pm and receive a light bulb.



Breaking Down Home Energy Use

You pay for energy on your monthly bills, but what exactly are you using those dollars for & how much? Here is a break down of your energy costs….and ways to save!

44% - Heating. Have your furnace inspected once a year and change your air filters regularly.

25% - Lighting, electronics, and appliances. Upgrade lights to high efficiency LED's. Use advanced power strips to shut off power to unused electronic devices. Operate your dishwasher and clothes washer only when full.

19% - Water Heating. Reduce the temperature on your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit and insulate accessible hot water pipes above the unit.

9% - A/C Unit. Have your unit inspected by a professional once a year and change the air filters regularly.

3% - Refrigerator. An extra frig is nice to have, but get rid of it & dispose of it properly.

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR HEATING BILL?

Starting October 1, 2026 the elderly and the disabled can apply for the 2026-2027 Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, (LIHEAP) and anyone can apply after November 1, 2026. The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel and type of housing.

You will need: Proof of Income for all household members age and over, (income documentation from the last 30 days, the last 12 months, or last calendar year, whichever is easier or more beneficial for you), Social Security numbers for all household members, most recent heat bill & most recent electric bill.

Apply at:

West Central Community Action
147 N 7th St
Denison, IA 51442
(712)263-3538
(Open Tuesday & Thursday ONLY)

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	$31,920
2	$43,280
3	$54,640
4	$66,000
5	$77,360
6	$88,720
7	$100,080
8	$111,400

** *For households with more than eight members, add $11,360 annually for each additional member.* **

Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared for Halloween Electrical Safety

The days leading up to Halloween can be a really fun time of the year. Between the costumes and the home decorations, many people put considerable creativity and effort into ensuring that their Halloween display is the scariest of them all.

But an area where the necessary attention may not be given during Halloween planning is around electrical safety. With a number of people moving swiftly to and from residential homes trick-or-treating, often during dark hours, the safety of all involved should be carefully considered.

- **Inspect decorations before use.** Check for frayed wires, cracked sockets, and damaged plugs and replace any compromised items.
- **Overloaded circuits.** Plugging multiple decorations into one outlet or power strip can trip breakers or cause overheating. Distribute decorations across multiple outlets or circuits. Use a surge protector. Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) can shut off power before a shock occurs. Use outdoor-rated GFCI outlets or inline GFCI cord sets for outdoor décor.
- **Indoor/Outdoor Mix-ups.** Using indoor-rated lights outdoors can lead to shorts corrosion and fires. For outdoor displays, use weatherproof lights and cords rated for outdoor use and keep them away from water sources. LED lights are safer, use less power and reduce fire risk.
- **Extension cord misuse.** Daisy-chaining cords or using low-wattage cords for high-draw devices can overheat and ignite. Run cords through walkways only if secured and not pinched under rugs or across doors.

Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!!

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Denison, Iowa 51442
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Hours: 7am-4pm

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ADD A "PS" To Help A Neighbor

Project Share is a plan created by your utility to assist needy households in paying their energy bills. You can add a regular PS contribution to your monthly utility payments or make a direct donation to Project Share. This contribution is voluntary, flexible, and tax deductible. Just fill out this form and return it to

Denison Municipal Utilities
P.O. Box 518,
Denison, IA 51442

Dear DMU:

I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a contribution to Project Share.

_____
Name

_____
Address

_____
Phone

Account Number_____

I will contribute $_____ per month to Project Share. I understand this amount will be added to my bill.

I have enclosed a $_____ donation to Project Share.

DMU Closures

November 11

November 26 & 27

December 24 at Noon

December 25

January 1