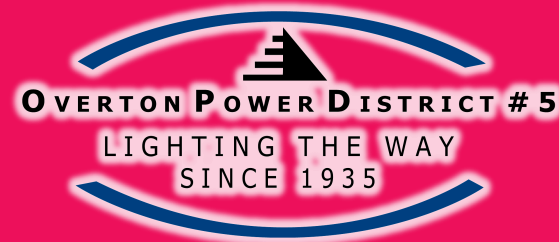


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And these are not the only notifications that you can receive by text message for free. You can subscribe to the following text alerts:

- Due date reminder
- Past due date reminder
- Payment Confirmation

Soon we will be offering the following text alerts:

- High energy usage alert
- Energy usage alert
- Low usage alert

These last three types of alerts will be available when we finish updating our meters. Speaking of meters, in 2018, we changed approximately 5,000 meters in our service territory, maintaining our goal to change all the meters in a period of 3 years, a project that we started in August of 2017.

At the end of this project you will be able to access the information about your electric consumption almost instantly. We will also be able to offer new services such as Pay-As-You-Go.

Finally, please always remember, we want to keep you up-to-date with great energy saving tips, upcoming board meetings, projects we are working on, power outages, community outreach events, and information relevant to you, our valued customer. If you have any comments or suggestions on how we can serve you better, do not hesitate to contact us at customerservice@opd5.com.

On behalf of all of us who work at Overton Power District No. 5, we wish you a prosperous 2019.

Our offices will be closed on :
February 18, 2019 - President's Day
 Regular office hours will resume the next business day after the Holiday is observed.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK, FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM @OPD5

Our Facebook page and twitter feed are valuable resources to provide our customers with news and updates whenever an unplanned power outage occurs.

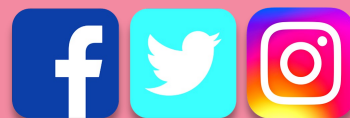
You can access both thru our website, they are setup in a way that does not require you to have a Facebook or twitter account to view the information.

We also post great tips on energy conservation, safety and emergency preparedness on Instagram.

Please remember, in the event of a power outage, do not report it via Facebook or twitter, we can't guarantee the delivery of messages received via social media to the right personnel in a timely manner.

In case of an unexpected power outage, please call us at (702) 397-2512 or (702) 346-5710. Overton Power District No. 5 has personnel on standby 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, including weekends and holidays to respond as quickly as possible in the event of an emergency.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

January 16, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Overton Office
Board Room

February 20, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Mesquite Office
Engineering Building
Board Room

March 20, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Overton Office
Board Room

Board meetings are subject to change. Please check our website, Facebook page or twitter feed a day prior to the meeting for a copy of the agenda.

WATTS UP CELEBRATES 2 YEARS!!!

Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support. This is our ninth edition, and we are celebrating two years of publishing and sharing our Watts UP newsletter with you.

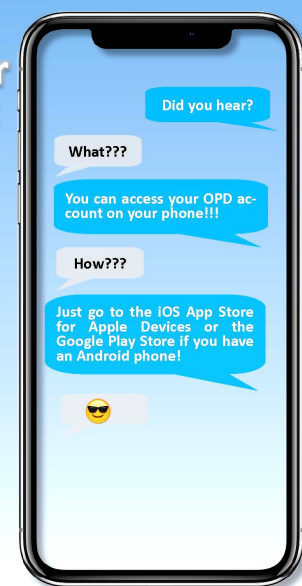
Watts Up was created as a means of communication to keep you informed of the projects we are working on throughout the year, the proposed changes at the state and national level that have an effect on our industry, and the services we offer. One example of a proposed change happened in the 2018 election cycle, Nevadans would vote whether to approve or reject the Energy Choice Initiative, better known as Question 3. Our job was to shed some clarity on this complicated ballot question, and through the year, we shared with all you the pros and cons of this initiative. The ballot question was rejected by 67.1% of the voters, however, there are other bills that will be presented at the next Nevada legislative session, that could influence how we do business, and we will keep you informed as they are presented.

In 2018 we introduced a new text messaging system to keep you updated on the progress we are making to re-establish the service when the power goes out, since we know how important electricity is to you and your family. This service is free and the only thing we need is your cell phone number in our database. If you are not sure that we have the correct number, or have recently changed your number, call us at Customer Service (702) 346-5710 and (702) 397-2512.

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Do you want to access your OPD account On-The-Go? Download our MOBILE APP TODAY!



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ASK KATIE

Do you have a mobile app and what can I do with it?

Yes, we have a mobile app available at the iOS and Google Play stores.

By the way, it's FREE! You can view your most recent bill, access billing history, pay your bill, setup alerts and reminders, change your user ID and password.



Don't Waste. Insulate!

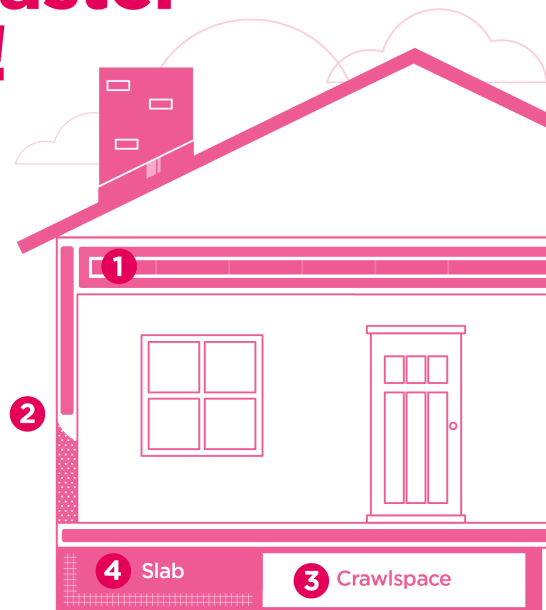
Properly insulating your home reduces heating and cooling costs, and improves comfort. R-values measure a material's resistance to conductive heat flow. The higher the R-value rating, the greater the effectiveness of the insulation. Below are recommended R-values for areas of the home that should be insulated.

**Recommendations on R-values are subject to regional climate conditions.*

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

TYPES OF INSULATION

-  Batt
-  Foam
-  Blow-in



1

DUCTWORK

Whether it's made of metal or plastic (PVC), insulated ductwork protects your investment in conditioned air year-round. Minimal R-values of 4.3 are recommended for blanket-style wraps secured with tape. Insulated ductwork rated at R-6 is also available.

2

EXTERIOR WALLS

There are multiple options for insulating exterior walls. Rock wool or fiberglass batts of R-13 to R-20 value are preferred behind drywall, but each inch of blown-in polyurethane foam insulation provides an R-value of 3.9.

3

BENEATH LIVING SPACE

Whether your home has a full basement, a crawl space or an attached garage, having an insulation value of R-19 under the living space floor will help increase comfort year-round.

4

SLAB FOUNDATION

Properly installed foam boards around the exterior edge of the slab of an existing home can reduce heating bills by 10 percent or more.

Energy Conservation



New Year's Resolution: Save on your next electric bill!

Keith Buchhalter, Public Affairs Specialist, Overton Power District No. 5

Happy New Year! I must say, 2018 was a great year, a year where I embraced new habits, habits that are helping me save money throughout the year, and one of my resolutions for 2019, is to share more, because sharing is caring.

We all want to save money in 2019, and a great place to start is on your next electric bill. Just remember this, keep it simple and get back to basics. Do you remember when you were a kid and your dad used to yell at you "Turn off the lights when you leave your room!"? Well, your dad was right. Why light a room when there is no need to? This is a perfect example and what I meant when I said, "Let's keep it simple and get back to basics".

So here it goes, my personal top 10 ways to save money and energy in 2019:

1. Research alternatives for saving money on fuel, decreasing your carbon footprint, and increasing your vehicle's fuel efficiency. A car pool is always a great way not only to save on fuel, but to socialize.
2. If you don't have one, get a programmable thermostat. Turning back the thermostat by 10°-15° when you are not at home can save you up to 10% a year on heating and cooling bills.
3. Check for air leaks and apply caulking and weather-stripping. These improvements pay for themselves in 12 months.
4. Switch to LEDs. LEDs can save you up to 80% on lighting costs.
5. Landscape with water conservation in mind and triple check the sprinkler system schedule to minimize evapotranspiration.
6. Set your water heater at 120°F and install a hot water heater insulating blanket. These two tips can save up to 15% in energy costs.
7. Ensure all your appliances are ENERGY STAR rated, which use less energy, save money, and help protect the environment.
8. Unplug all the appliances that you aren't using regularly - even chargers continue to use electricity when they aren't charging. Also, make sure you're not leaving appliances on standby: it may be easier but it's also a guaranteed way to waste energy compared to turning things off at the socket.
9. Let the dishwasher do the dirty work. Avoid pre-rinsing the dishes in hot water. Save water and energy by just scraping the dishes before they go in.
10. Hang up your laundry. Air-dry your laundry rather than tumble drying it, particularly if there's warm or windy weather. What's more, nothing smells better than air-dried clothes.

The hardest part of New Year's resolutions is not setting them but sticking to them throughout the year. We are here to help you stay on track, during the year we post several energy saving tips on social media, it's simple, just like us on Facebook, follow us on twitter and Instagram @opd5. From all of us at Overton Power District No. 5, we would like to wish you and your loved ones a Happy New Year, may all the goals you set for 2019 become a reality.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Is your hot water tank warm to the touch? Consider insulating it to save 7 to 16 percent annually on water heating costs. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

Source: energy.gov



WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM @OPD5

We are so excited to announce that Overton Power District No. 5 now has an Instagram account. On November 1, 2018, we joined Instagram. Our team has been working hard sharing posts since then, with one purpose: to identify what makes you push that "♥" button! This New Year, our goal is to provide you with relevant and useful information, through the media outlet of your choice. @OPD5 we work hard to serve you better! Don't forget to #FollowUs #Today @OPD5!

