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Home Energy Assessments Help Hoosiers Be Energy Efficient
Initiative has saved enough energy to power more than 95,500 homes

INDIANAPOLIS – Energizing Indiana has hit an important milestone by topping more than 1 billion kWh of energy saved – enough to power 95,500 Indiana homes for one year.

As the summer's hottest temperatures approach, Indiana residents are encouraged to sign up soon to take advantage of Energizing Indiana programs, which can significantly impact the way energy is used each day.

One of the easiest ways to impact energy savings quickly is to sign up for a Residential Home Energy Assessment. During an assessment, an Energizing Indiana energy advisor visits a home, assesses its energy efficiency and installs energy saving measures, including compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), efficient showerheads and faucet aerators. Following the assessment, the advisor creates a report for the resident listing steps he or she can take to further improve the performance of the home.

“A home energy assessment is a great way to find any ‘hidden’ opportunities in your home for energy savings,” said Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor David Stippler. “I encourage anyone who qualifies for an assessment to sign up for one now, especially now that the summer months – and higher electric bills that go with them – are here.”

Since Energizing Indiana's inception in January 2012, more than 130,000 homeowners have received home energy assessments and nearly 6,000 businesses have completed projects to increase energy efficiency.

While Energizing Indiana ends in 2014, participating utilities around the state have already filed proposals with state utility regulators to offer an array of energy efficiency programs to Hoosiers in 2015 and beyond.

“We are excited to see these results and look forward to making the Energizing Indiana energy savings totals continue to grow through the end of the year,” said Charles Graf, Energizing Indiana managing director. “The participation of citizens across the state is evidence that Hoosiers are conscious of and eager to decrease their energy use.”

Duke Energy, Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL), NIPSCO and Vectren still have home energy assessment appointments available for 2014. Electric customers interested in a home energy assessment can check eligibility and schedule an assessment by visiting www.energizingindiana.com and clicking on the “Residential Home Energy Assessments” tab, or calling 1.888.446.7750.

About Energizing Indiana:

Energizing Indiana programs are funded by utility rates, and there are no separate fees to participate.

Energizing Indiana is a united effort by the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), participating utilities and consumer organizations to offer comprehensive energy-efficiency programs such as Home Energy Assessments, Income Qualified Weatherization, lighting discounts, rebates for commercial and industrial properties, and educational programs for schools. The initiative was created to help utilities achieve the significant energy savings required by a 2009 Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) order.

Participating utilities are Duke Energy, Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL), Indiana Michigan Power (I&M), NIPSCO and Vectren.

Follow Energizing Indiana on Twitter @Energizing_IN or check out its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EnergizingIndiana for energy-saving tips and program information.

In preparation for Energizing Indiana to conclude at the end of 2014, participating utilities around the state intend to provide a portfolio of energy efficiency programs that will begin in 2015.