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Empowering Students To Lead Our Clean Energy Future

Rhode Island Energy was proud to support Project Green Schools mock legislative session on Energy & Climate Change at the Rhode Island State House recently. The interactive session gave middle and high school students hands-on experience with the legislative process and encouraged the next generation of engaged citizens to be active environmental leaders. Rhode Island Energy employees Marisa Albanese and Brett Feldman discussed how we're building the utility of the future and were inspired by the passion these students have for sustainable energy solutions.

Energy Saving Summer Tips

It's May, and that means summer is around the corner. You can offset the summer heat by incorporating some energy efficient habits into your routine. Here are a few tips to help you save energy and money as temperatures rise.

- Keep hot air from leaking into your home. Seal openings with weatherstripping or caulk.
- Install a smart thermostat. You can save energy with an ENERGY STAR® smart thermostat by setting temperatures to match your schedule. By adjusting your

thermostat 7-10°F for eight hours a day, you can save 10% a year on heating and cooling and you can save money as we are offering a \$75 rebate when you purchase a smart thermostat.

- Check your HVAC air filter every month. Your heating and cooling systems use more energy than anything else in your home. Routine maintenance, like replacing or cleaning air filters, can lower your system's energy consumption by up to 15%, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.



- Use a ceiling fan. If indoor humidity is not very high, running a ceiling fan allows you to set the air conditioner thermostat four degrees higher without a noticeable change in comfort.



We're Here to Help

Scan the heart QR code with your phone's camera and get access to all of our electric and gas customer telephone numbers, a listing of programs to help manage your energy bill and links to our social channels so you can like, follow and tweet. It's a one-stop online shop for all Rhode Island Energy contacts at your fingertips.



When Power is Critical for Life Support

If someone in your home relies on electrically operated life-sustaining medical devices and would be in danger if their electric service is interrupted, please please visit our website at RIEnergy.com and register as having Life Support Equipment. You should also register to receive storm alert texts from us when we are expecting severe weather that could impact your service.

We care about your safety and we understand the critical need for power when life support equipment is in use. It's your responsibility to plan ahead to meet your medical needs if the power goes out.

Don't Let Mylar Balloons Ruin Your Party

Balloons — particularly balloons made of mylar — are fun and festive, but did you know that they could also pose a safety risk around electrical wires?



Mylar balloons have a metallic coating that conducts electricity. If a mylar balloon drifts off and touches an overhead power line, it can lead to downed wires, fires or other injuries; and it could cause power outages. In 2022, thousands of our customers were impacted by outages caused by mylar balloons.

Help us keep our communities safe — and keep the lights on — by making sure you either use mylar balloons indoors, have them tied down securely if using outdoors, and deflate them once you are done celebrating.

Recycle Your Old Dehumidifier For A New One

We're giving you \$30 for your old dehumidifier— and \$30 off a new one...that's right!

Just drive up and drop off your working, older-model dehumidifier at one of our recycling events that are going on through August. We'll recycle it and send you a \$30 rebate check in the mail.

We're also offering a \$30 rebate when you purchase a new ENERGY STAR® certified model. You can apply online by visiting our website or via a mail-in rebate form.

5/6/2023	9AM – 1PM	Home Depot	80 Universal Blvd	Warwick
5/27/2023	9AM – 1PM	Home Depot	878 W. Main Rd	Middletown
6/3/2023	9AM – 1PM	Lowes	1703 Mineral Spring Ave	N. Providence
6/24/2023	9AM – 1PM	Home Depot	700 Centre of New England Blvd	Coventry
7/1/2023	9AM – 1PM	Home Depot	1255 Ten Rod Rd	N. Kingstown
7/29/2023	9AM – 1PM	Lowes	247 Garfield Ave	Cranston
8/5/2023	9AM – 1PM	Home Depot	120 Post Rd	Westerly