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Holiday gift suggestions: **To every child: *A Good Example.*** **To all: *Charity***
 To a customer: *Service.* **To: Yourself: *Respect***
 To an opponent: *Tolerance.* **To a friend: *Your Heart.***
 To your enemy: *Forgiveness.*

~Oren Arnold



Rudolph, the red nose reindeer, now resides at the North Pole. He was born in Chicago in 1939. The Montgomery Ward department store chain assigned an ad copywriter to compose a Christmas poem that could be distributed to customers nationwide. He wrote "Rollo the Red-Nosed Reindeer," but executives didn't like that name. They didn't like Reginald either. The third name, Rudolph, was accepted, and the poem was shared with millions of customers.



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Winter Snow Storm's

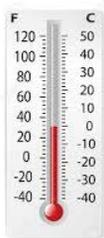
Please remember the following:

When a storm is forecasted, please move your vehicle from your driveway to one of the overflow parking areas. After the driveway has been plowed, please remove your vehicle from the overflow parking area. This will allow for an orderly plowing of the driveways and overflow parking areas. When a nighttime storm is predicted, please leave your outside lights on.



Generators & Power Outages

Since Eastern Propane has installed remote monitors on our propane tanks residents that have a generator no longer have to contact Eastern when there's a power outage and again when the power outage is over. The Board of Directors, at Eastern's request, has given Eastern a list of all units that have generators so this information could be added to the owners file. Normally Eastern schedules tanks to be refilled before they reach the 20% level. Any resident that notices their tank level @ 10% should call Eastern immediately at (1-800-696-0432).



Save Energy with Temperature Setback

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- Lowering the temperature in unoccupied spaces is a common energy saving measure.
- A common misconception is that it requires more energy to reheat the space after temperature setback.
- Energy experts agree that temperature setback can help reduce heating bills.

There are some common arguments against temperature setback that discuss the amount of additional energy required to heat a home back to the proper comfort level after the setback period. However, most energy experts agree that temperature setback is an effective energy saving measure.

According to a U.S. Department of Energy fact sheet, Thermostats and Control Systems, a common misconception associated with thermostats is that a furnace works harder than normal to warm the space back to a comfortable temperature after the thermostat has been set back, resulting in little or no savings. This misconception has been dispelled by years of research and numerous studies. The fuel required to reheat a building to a comfortable temperature is roughly equal to the fuel saved as the building drops to the lower temperature. You save fuel between the time that the temperature stabilizes at the lower level and the next time heat is needed. So, the longer your building remains at the lower temperature, the more energy you save."

Temperature setback is a well-known means for saving heating energy, because it allows the temperature in a conditioned space to drop to a specified point when the space is not occupied. The general rule of thumb is that energy use is reduced one percent of space heating energy per degree of temperature setback for each 8-hour period. Of course, there are a number of factors that contribute to the heating and cooling energy required for any facility, including building insulation, ventilation, infiltration, windows, weather conditions, and indoor conditions. The rule of thumb applies to the time that the temperature is set back, so if the temperature is set back for half the day (12 hours during the evening and early morning), the net savings is one and one-half percent of space heating energy use per degree of temperature setback.

Typically recommended setback temperatures are in the range of 62°F to 68°F. This is really a personal choice and depends on the comfort needs of the individuals occupying the building. It is not recommended that the temperature setback be so low as to open up the possibility of frozen pipes that could burst in extremely cold temperatures.

There are, however, a few exceptions to this rule that include heat pumps and those customers with demand-sensitive or On Peak/Off Peak rates. The key is not to return to the "normal" temperature at expensive demand periods, or in the case of the heat pump, by pushing the unit into a backup heating mode. These issues can be minimized with a programmable thermostat that stages the heat recovery prior to the start of the On Peak period, or does it more slowly to avoid triggering the less efficient backup heating.



Winter Storm Alerts

Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Some winter storms are large enough to affect several states, while others affect only a single community. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain. Regardless of the severity of a winter storm, you should be prepared in order to remain safe during these events.

What's the Different Winter Alerts?

Winter Storm Outlook - Winter storm conditions are possible in the next 2 to 5 days.

Winter Weather Advisory - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.

Winter Storm Watch - Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People in a watch area should review their winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.

Winter Storm Warning - Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in a warning area should take precautions immediately.



Winter officially begins on Dec. 21, the December solstice marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year. Isn't it already winter? Well, that actually depends on your definition of winter. There are actually two definitions of winter. Meteorological winter is defined as December 1 thru February 28, the three coldest months of the year. Astronomical winter is from December 21 thru March 20.



Winter Quiz Questions

How many sides does a snowflake have?

Which seasonal job was first filled by James Edgar in 1890?

On the average, one inch of rain is equivalent to how many inches of snow?

How many times, in one year, does the sun rise & set in the Arctic?

In the first ice hockey game, what was the puck made of?

Answers can be found letter in the Gazette



Did you know?

We know what a Leap Year is, but did you know there is also a Leap Second? We will spare you the details on this, except to say it helps correct for minor variations in time keeping. On December 31, 2015, the people who maintain the official time for the world, will add an extra second to that day. Also, 2016 is a Leap Year.





What's Haunting Your Energy Bill?

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Does wasting \$100 sound scary to you? That's about what the average U.S. household spends each year on phantom load. Phantom load is the electricity used by appliances and electronic devices while they are turned off or not performing their primary job. There may be up to 40 of these devices lurking in your home. Big power suckers include TVs, cable boxes, video consoles and battery chargers.

Giving up the energy ghosts

While it is impossible to completely rid your home of phantom load, there are actions you can take to conjure up some real savings:

- Unplug devices that are rarely used. Examples include a television and DVD player in your guest room.
- Use a power strip with a switch to control groups of devices, such as computer clusters (computer, printer, speakers) and entertainment centers (television, stereo, game console). Keep devices such as a cable box and wireless transmitter on a separate circuit to avoid loss of connection.
- Use advanced power strips for computers and other devices. These "smart" power strips can sense when a device is turned off or not being used and will shut off the power automatically.
- Purchase Energy Star certified appliances and electronic devices. ENERGY STAR products typically draw less standby power than standard models.



New Hampshire Facts & Trivia

Until the great hurricane of 1938, small, private telephone companies were common in New Hampshire. After the damage from the storm, the Bell Telephone Company bought out the small companies.

In its heyday there were more than 100 summer girls and boys camps on Lake Winnepesaukee. Today there are only about two dozen camps left.

Before there was telephone service between the Isle of Shoals and the mainland, communication was made by using carrier pigeons.





CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS

The carolers are out and the holiday decorations are everywhere. The joy of the season should not be dampened by the risk of fire. In recent years, nearly 600 fires per year have been started by ignition of Christmas trees in the United States, causing an average of 33 deaths, 112 injuries and \$21 million in direct property damage per year. Christmas trees add a special touch to the holiday season, but they also can be a fire hazard.

Here are some helpful tips to reduce the risk of fire:

- Check your tree lights for broken or frayed wires and loose connections.
- Replace non-working light bulbs.
- Avoid decorating Christmas trees with candles.
- Make sure live Christmas trees are fresh. Don't buy trees with brown needles or dry limbs.
- Give the tree plenty of water. Never let the base holder dry out.
- Don't place the tree near a heat source, open flames and room exits.
- Keep light strings and other electrical decorations out of children's reach.
- Always unplug the Christmas tree lights when you leave or go to bed.
- Don't burn the Christmas tree or package wrappings in a fire place or wood stove.

Keep this holiday season full of life, laughs and memories — remember to have a fun and safe time.

Answers to Winter Quiz Questions

A snowflake has 6 sides.

James Edgar became the first department store Santa.

It usually takes one inch of rain to make 10 inches of snow.

The sun sets and rises once a year in the Arctic.

The puck was made of frozen cow manure.



Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic mugs. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service.

The phrase inspired by this practice is "Wet your whistle."

Upcoming Windham Events – 2015

Saturday, December 5, 2015 Annual Tree Lighting

Annual Tree Lighting at the Town Hall/Town Commons at 3:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 Senior Christmas Party

Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party for Windham Seniors - at Castleton on 12/9/15 at 11:30 am.

Wednesday, December 12, 2015 Author C.J. Daniels Book Signing

Windham resident and science-fiction author C.J. Daniels will hold a book signing and Q&A session at Windham's Nesmith Library on December 12, 2015 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Nesmith Library, 8 Fellows Road, Telephone: 603-432-7154. Free to the public.

Upcoming New Hampshire Events – 2016

December 5-6, 2015 New England Holiday Craft Festival

Handcrafted items and unique gifts for sale. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and delicious desserts at the cafe. Stock up on homemade goodies at the bakery. Rockingham Park Racetrack in Salem, NH. Hours: Saturday 10-5 /Sunday 10-4.



"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph." -*Shirley Temple*



Remember Massachusetts has a Law Regarding Windshield Wipers, Lights and Weather.

We are fast approaching the bad weather season. Remember that Massachusetts has a law that requires you to turn on your headlights and tail lights when you turn on your windshield wipers. The law also requires you to use your headlights and tail lights when visibility is less than 500 feet.



- THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:**
1. You believe in Santa Claus.
 2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
 3. You become Santa Claus.
 4. You start to look like Santa Claus.

Ongoing

Breakfast on Friday at 8:30 AM. An informal breakfast, open to all residents and guests of Hadleigh Woods, is held every Friday at 8:30 AM. The location is Sammy J's Breakfast Café (144 Main St. Salem, NH).

Bowling on Wednesday at 3:00 PM. The H-W "Open-To-All" bowling party is held every Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 PM at Park Place Lanes (16 Rockingham Rd. Windham, NH). We bowl for fun & exercise never following the rules of the game. After our fun bowling, some of us go out for a meal.

Rail Trail on Sunday. The Windham Rail Trail is a former railroad right-of-way that has been converted to a beautiful scenic walkway for running, walking, biking and horseback riding. Also in winter time, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. It leads thru a forest of trees with ponds and granite walled areas along the path. A number of people have been going to breakfast at the South Side Diner (127 Rockingham Rd. Derry, NH) at 8:30 AM.