

City offers tools to manage home energy use and costs

The City of Milford through Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) implemented a new service called Energy Depot®, a set of outline tools and resources to help their customers better understand and manage their home energy use and costs. Energy Depot is a one-stop resource for energy information and its available free to all municipal service customers in Delaware.

The rising awareness of energy cost and the environment have increased the demand for home energy audits and the other energy information. DMEC's member utilities wanted to provide their customers with educational resources to help conserve energy. Working together through DEMEC enabled the cities to purchase the online energy software in a cost-effective manner.

Municipal utility customers can immediately begin to use Energy Depot:

- Receive a personalized energy profile with an estimate of their costs for each home energy system/appliance
- Learn specific things they can do to reduce their energy use and how much they can save
- Complete a do-it-yourself home energy audit and receive their report online
- Quickly estimate the annual energy use and cost of home energy systems and appliances with the Energy Calculator
- Compare their existing heating and cooling system, or water heater, to a range of new systems, or compare two new systems to each other. Determine how soon they can pay for their new system through energy savings
- Use the Energy Library to answer their energy questions
- Get answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding home energy use
- And more....

To get started with Energy Depot, customers can visit the city's website at www.cityofmilford.com .