



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

OCTOBER 2016

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Water Construction Update
- Decorative Lighting Safety Tips
- Project Share

CONTACT INFORMATION



Have you changed any of your contact information in the last year? If so, please call SMU at 580.5800 during normal business hours Monday-Friday from 8am to 5pm to make sure we have the correct information associated with your account.

Water Construction Update

Phase 2 of construction at the SMU water plant renovation is continuing. The outside walls are complete, the roof is nearly finished, and windows, piping, and equipment are being installed. Preparations are also being made inside including lots of electrical work. One of the new wells is in service and construction continues on the other to replace a couple existing wells to improve efficiency. The construction project will continue through the winter and completion is still on track for Spring of next year.



Throughout the construction process, the water still meets all regulatory standards, even though it is not the same quality customers have come to expect as it is different in terms of hardness, color, taste, and smell.

If you have questions or concerns during this time, please call us directly at 580-WATR (9287) or email us at smuwater@smunet.net.

Decorative Lighting Safety Tips

The holidays are just around the corner and many times decorating involves lights! Switching to LED or "light-emitting diode" lights is beneficial as they are more energy efficient, but there are also some important safety tips to keep in mind:

- When shopping for lights, make sure they are UL-listed.
- Make sure you are using lights for the correct rating. For example, if they are rated for indoor use only, don't use them outdoors as the weather can affect them resulting in electric shock or fire hazards.
- Inspect lights for signs of damage before use each year.
- Always unplug lights before making repairs like changing bulbs or fuses.
- Before connecting light strands end-to-end, check how many it is safe to connect together.
- Be careful not to overload extension cords and power strips.
- Occasionally check the lighting wires while in use to make sure they aren't warm to the touch.
- Always turn out the lights and decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.



Project Share

Project Share is a plan created by your municipal utility to assist needy households in paying their wintertime energy bills.

You can help by adding a regular contribution to your monthly utility and/or communication payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs.

Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee Project Share to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently.

So please, add to your utility or communication payment each month-Project Share. It's a simple way to share some warmth with those who need it. Just fill out the form below and return it to Spencer Municipal Utilities.

I would like to help a neighbor in need with a tax-deductible contribution to Project Share!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

Utility acct # _____

Communication acct # _____

I will contribute \$ _____ per month to Project Share. I understand this amount will be billed through my account (number(s) provided above).

I have enclosed a \$ _____ donation to Project Share.

I would like the amount I am billed each month rounded up to the next whole dollar and contributed to Project Share through my account (number(s) provided above).



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Project Share

Project Share is a program SMU has in place to help those in need with their wintertime energy bills. If you haven't signed up yet, and would like to, there are several easy ways to participate with a one-time gift, a monthly gift or by rounding up on your utility and/or communication bill. The money collected is distributed to those in need, right here in Spencer through Upper Des Moines Opportunity. If you'd like to participate, you can fill out the form in this newsletter, or you can fill out the form online at www.smunet.net under the "Project Share" page.



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