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orange city, iowa



mark your
calendars



Sinterklaas Day

Don't miss Sinterklaas Day on December 6! Join us at the Windmill Park downtown Orange City at 3 PM where we will welcome Sinterklaas and his faithful helper, Piet. Join in the parade to the Town Hall. Other activities this year include a coloring contest as well as a wooden shoe decoration contest. Sinterklaas and Piet can't wait to see you!



Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Radio Play

The SchoolHouse Company
Date: Dec. 18-20, 7pm
Location: Northwestern's
Black Box Theatre
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



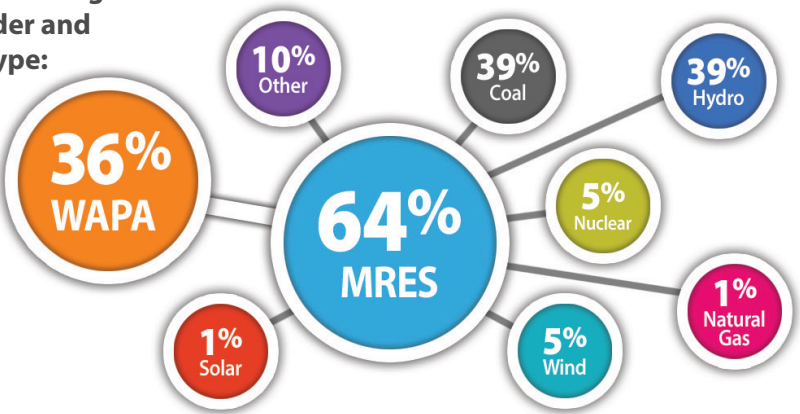
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how we use what we use

Orange City Municipal Utilities purchases power from a wide variety of resources. A large share of the electricity used by our customers (36 percent) is generated by the hydroelectric dams on the Missouri River. Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) operates the dams and contracts with Orange City to provide us with an annual set allocation of power from this renewable resource.

The remaining 64 percent of the power used by Orange City's businesses and residents is provided by Missouri River Energy Services (MRES), a joint action agency serving 61 municipal electric utilities in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota. Most of the power provided by MRES is generated at Laramie River Station, a coal-fired plant near Wheatland, Wyoming. MRES also obtains power from a nuclear facility in Wisconsin, and wind towers in North Dakota and Minnesota. When necessary, MRES purchases additional power from the energy market. The breakdown of our power averages 39% hydro, 5% wind, <1% solar, <1% natural gas, 5% nuclear, 39% coal, and purchases from others at 10%. Our total for renewable is at about 45%.

breakout of usage by provider and energy type:



The Red Rock Hydroelectric Project, currently under construction on the Des Moines River near Pella, will be operational in 2018, making the MRES power portfolio even more diverse.

The Bright Energy Solutions program, offered by Orange City Municipal Utilities and MRES, encourages customers to save energy, especially during peak usage times. The program has been successful in reducing the need for additional power supply resources, which helps MRES and its members keep rates as low as possible.



music in the dead of winter

They're from China! It's the OC Arts Council's final of four acclaimed international ensembles coming with the assistance of Arts Midwest. Shanren combines original modern styles with traditional music from the mountains of SW China, creating a fresh sound... and have earned praise at major festivals in China, Indonesia, Japan, Australia, Canada, & Spain. They'll do workshops, coffee house shows, and a public concert at Unity's Knight Center. Mark your calendars: the concert has been changed from Jan. 17 to Friday, Jan. 16.



Improv with NWC's Black V Workshop for middle-schoolers
Date: Dec. 3, 10, 17
Registration required
Location: Northwestern's DeWitt Theatre
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
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The City Offices will be closed on November 27th and 28th
For non-emergencies during that time, the OC Police Department may be contacted at 707-4251
For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000



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keep your sidewalks clear

Property owners are encouraged to keep their walkways cleared this winter, especially when you are out of town. When removing snow, never push or blow snow from the property, sidewalk, or driveway into the street. Property owners are responsible for keeping their public sidewalks clear of snow and ice within 24 hours of accumulation. The City inspects uncleared sidewalks on a complaint basis, and property owners are notified of violations and given 24 hours to clear their sidewalks. If sidewalks remain uncleared upon re-inspection, the City will clear the snow and ice at the owner's expense. To report an uncleared sidewalk, please call 707-4885 and provide the address of the property.

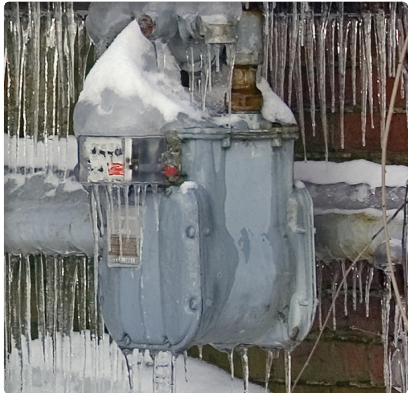
please keep meters clear

When the snow piles high, we know it can be a challenge to keep the driveway, sidewalks and stairs clear. But OCMU asks you to keep one other area free of snow and ice - your gas meter and the path to it.

Heavy or hard-packed snow and ice on your gas meter may present a safety hazard. Heavy, deep snow and ice can limit ventilation and affect the regulator on your gas meter.

Please use these guidelines for helping OCMU staff access and accurately read and service your home's meter:

- ✓ Keep meters easy to reach. OCMU's meter readers need access each month and quick access in an emergency can be critical for your safety.
- ✓ Remove snow and ice from your meter; never let it get completely covered. Do not shovel snow up against your meter.
- ✓ NEVER kick or hit the gas meter or its piping to break away snow or ice. Use a broom to gently sweep it away.



2014-2015 beyond onstage series continues

Jan. 31. Contra Tiempo from Los Angeles presents an emotionally charged & humorous dance theatre, "Full Still Hungry". Opening night at the Ford Amphitheater in LA was sold out!

The Des Moines Metro Opera brings Cinderella on Apr. 11 – hilarious characters set to Rossini's finest music. The season concludes with Harlem Quartet on Apr. 20, whose recent album with Chick Corea & Gary Burton was a '13 multi-Grammy Award winner.

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