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orange city, iowa



rebates to electric and natural gas customers

Orange City Municipal Utilities offers many energy rebates to electric and natural gas customers. The rebate program has been updated for 2021. Below is a sample of some of the rebates offered through the City utilities.

Energy Star Appliances:

- Smart Thermostat - \$25
- Dehumidifier - \$25
- Clothes Washer - \$25
- LED Bulb - \$1.50 - \$4

Additional Rebates:

- Natural Gas Furnace - \$350
- Central A/C - \$200-\$400
- Geothermal Heat Pump - \$200/ton
- Heat Pump or A/C Tune-up - \$30
- ChargePoint Electric Vehicle Charger - \$500

Visit: [orangecityiowa.com/city/city-services/municipal-utility-rebates/](https://www.orangecityiowa.com/city/city-services/municipal-utility-rebates/) for additional information and a rebate application.



Winter Parking

Be advised! From Oct. 15 - April 1, the City of Orange City does not permit on-street parking between 2:00 am – 6:00 am.



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orange city sees continued growth in community construction

Over \$15 million was invested in construction projects in the Orange City community throughout 2020, an increase from \$12 million in 2019.

Projects included the creation of 77 residential units, 13 of which are new, single-family homes. The 77 housing units represented \$10,369,887 in residential construction. Other construction, including commercial, industrial and other projects, totaled \$4,749,400 in investment.

Major projects in 2020 included development of the Puddlejumper Trail 10th addition, Industrie Centrum 7th addition, Hillcrest Apartments phase 2, the Northwestern College Welcome Center, and the MOC-Floyd Valley School District transportation facility.

Recent year history of new construction investment in Orange City:

- 2020: \$15,119,287
- 2019: \$12,247,439
- 2018: \$11,830,048

high school seniors eligible for \$1,000 scholarships

Parents of high school seniors -- Is your child planning to attend a college or technical college and interested in a line of study related to the electric industry? Missouri River Energy Services and Orange City Municipal Utilities are offering two types of scholarship opportunities:

\$1,000 scholarships for 2-year or 4-year undergraduate studies in mathematics, science, electrical engineering or other engineering programs, electrical technician, etc.

\$1,000 scholarships for 1-year studies to become a Power Lineworker at an eligible technical college in the upper Midwest region.



Scholarship applications for students graduating in 2021 are available from your high school guidance counselor or available at www.mrenergy.com. Check out this opportunity now! Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15.

winter reading program - reading is snow much fun!

Reading is SNOW Much Fun, and we here at the library want to make it even more so! From February 1 to March 13, we will be hosting our annual Winter Reading Program! Sign up on our READsquared app or pick up a paper log at the library.





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(Not valid on out of county memberships)

share your story

Have you moved to Orange City in the past few years?

We would love to hear why you chose our vibrant community to call home! Use the QR code or follow the link to share your story!



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finding solutions for growing water demands

While the memories of the summer of 2020 fade into the past, it is hard to forget the lack of rain and sustained drought over these months. This dry weather proved to be difficult for the City water system to keep up with the increased demand of summer consumption and our growing community. Fortunately, City staff was able to meet our daily demands by maximizing the wellfields, treatment plant, and storage facilities. Many customers assisted by reducing their irrigation usage.

This summer identified areas for improvement in our water system, and City staff and administration have since been working with a consulting engineer to determine solutions to meet the growing water demands of our community. This study has shown that the City's supply (wells) and storage (water tower) should both be expanded to increase capacity. As we work to finalize the details of how to provide additional supply and storage, we must also consider how to fund these significant improvements. At the last few City Council meetings, the Council has considered a rate study performed by an outside agency. This study proposed a 20% rate increase for 2021 and a 15% increase for 2022 to provide the necessary funds to meet the capital improvement needs and to keep up with the increasing expenses in our water utility. The rate adjustments also include a summer usage rate that is slightly higher than winter water use. The last rate increase occurred in 2014.

what you can't smell can hurt you

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a poisonous yet odorless gas produced when carbon based fuels such as coal, oil, gasoline, propane, wood, and natural gas are incompletely burned. A constant supply of fresh air is essential for the complete combustion of any fuel. If there is not enough oxygen, CO is produced. CO then seeks oxygen in the lungs, depriving the cells in your body of needed oxygen. The early stages of CO poisoning include dizziness, flu-like symptoms, fatigue, and a throbbing headache.

You would be wise to suspect CO poisoning if you fell ill or if all the members of your family feel ill at the same time.

Any fuel burning furnace, water heater, fireplace, stove, or space heater can produce CO, especially if any of these situations exist: leaking or blocked flues and chimneys, plugged dryer vents, prolonged downdraft in a chimney or vent stack, dirty gas stove burners, cracked heat exchanger chamber, poor house ventilation, and loose vents on furnaces, water heaters, and boilers.

Never use gas ovens and ranges for heat, or operate camp stoves, propane grills, or charcoal grills inside. Have your furnace, other gas appliances, and your chimney inspected. Purchase CO detectors for your home and make sure your CO detectors meet Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards. Place the CO detectors near your furnace and sleeping areas.

If you suspect CO poisoning, or if you have a CO detector and the alarm sounds, leave your home immediately. If you or a family member is ill, obtain medical attention. Call Orange City Utilities at 712-707-5000 from another location, or during business hours, call your heating dealer so they can make any necessary repairs. Never stay in a building where you suspect leaking CO.

