

THE MPPD MINUTE



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2024 FREE Youth Energy Leadership Camp

Each year McCook Public Power District accepts applications from area high school students to attend the NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp. This year's camp will be held at Camp Comeca in Cozad, NE. This camp offers educational and recreational experiences. Through workshops campers learn the legislative process, electric power generation, and careers in the rural electric program. The campers will also take a tour of NPPD's Gerald Gentleman Power Station near North Platte and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Generating Station at Lake McConaughy. Along with the educational experiences there will also be swimming, sports activities, a talent show, and dancing.

High school students who are currently in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade and whose home and/or farm is served by McCook Public Power District are eligible to attend camp. Students who are interested in attending camp need to fill out the Youth Energy Leadership Camp form and return to MPPD no later than May 1st. Forms can be picked up at the MPPD office or visit our website at <https://www.mppdonline.com> to download a form. For questions or more information please contact Becky Siebrandt at 308-345-2500.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

A well-designed landscape can add beauty to your home and reduce home heating and cooling costs. Plant deciduous trees with high, spreading crowns to the south of your home to block sunlight in the summer and reduce the need for air conditioning. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the winter, allowing sunlight to warm your home.

Plant evergreen trees and shrubs with low crowns to block winter winds. Dense evergreen trees and shrubs planted to the north and northwest are the most common type of windbreak and can help lower energy used for home heating.

Source: [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov)



A DIVERSE FUEL MIX IS A SLAM DUNK FOR RELIABLE ELECTRICITY

Just like a basketball team depends on players with different skillsets, we depend on a variety of fuels to generate the electricity that powers life 24/7. Renewable energy sources like wind and solar are key players in our fuel portfolio, but the sun doesn't always shine and the wind doesn't always blow. A diverse team of fuels ensures we have electricity whenever we need it.

Source: 2022 EIA national utility data
Approximately 3% of electricity is generated from other sources.

