



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## Energy-Wise Tip ~ EnergyGuide Labels!!

Have you been shopping for a refrigerator or washer lately? If so, you probably noticed many of the appliances in the store have a bright yellow and black label on them. While you may know this “EnergyGuide Label” provides an idea of what it will cost to operate the appliance, most people are not aware of how to gain the most value from the information it contains.

First of all, it is worth noting that appliance energy labels have been around for quite a while. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued the Energy Labeling Rule in 1979 pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. The rule requires energy labeling for major home appliances and other consumer products to help consumers compare competing models. It also prohibits retailers from removing the labels or rendering them illegible. In addition, retailers, are directed to post label information on their websites and in paper catalogs from which consumers order products.

When it was first published, the rule applied to eight product categories: refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, dishwashers, water heaters,

clothes washers, room air conditioners and furnaces. Over time, the FTC expanded the rule to include central air conditioners, heat pumps, plumbing products, lighting products, ceiling fans and televisions. Clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, humidifiers, ovens and ranges are still exempt from labeling.

EnergyGuide labels contain three key product disclosures: Estimated annual energy cost; a product's energy consumption or energy efficiency rating as determined from U.S. Department of Energy test procedures; and a comparability range displaying the highest and lowest energy costs or efficiency ratings for all similar models.

While there are four particular formats for EnergyGuide labels, all four present the following:

1. The manufacturer, model and size of the appliance it is attached to.
2. Cost to run the appliance for a year, based on its electric use in an “average” household and the national average cost of energy.
3. A cost range to compare the energy use of different models with similar features.

4. An estimate of how much electricity the appliance uses in a year based on typical use.

5. If you see the ENERGY STAR® logo on the label, too, it means the appliance met certain quality, energy efficiency, environmental and warranty criteria to be considered better than average.

What if you cannot find the EnergyGuide label on the appliance — look inside or on the back of the appliance, the label might be there. You can also check the retailer's or manufacturer's websites to see the EnergyGuide for a particular appliance.

Though shopping for the right appliance can be difficult when considering all the features, product reviews and prices, the EnergyGuide label can at least reduce some of the questions you might have about energy usage. For more ideas on saving energy while running your home, along with possible EnergyWiseSM energy efficiency financial incentives, contact your local utility.

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**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**

March 1st  
March 15th

**HOURS AT CAC  
(September 1st—  
May 31st)**

Mon-Thu—5:30  
am-10 pm  
Fri—5:30 am—9  
pm  
Sat—8 am-8 pm  
Sun—1 pm - 8 pm



## Department News ~

### Library News ~



Wayne Public Library has received the paper copies of 2015 Income Tax forms. We have the forms and instruction booklets for 1040; 1040A and 1040EZ. We also direct patrons to the IRS government website. Other forms may be printed for 10 cents a page. Library staff are not permitted to provide any tax advice, including helping patrons decide which forms are needed.

The display case at the entrance of the Library/Senior Center is open to non-profit groups, community organizations and civic groups to promote their mission. Individuals who would like display a hobby or collection are also welcome to display their treasures. Contact Rite McLean at the Library if you are interested in reserving a spot during the months ahead.

The Library monthly Book Club is always welcoming new members. Join us for our discussion on March 29, of John Grisham's *Sycamore Row*. We meet at 6:30 pm, the last Tuesday of each month in the Senior Center.

In recognition of Women's History month, the Library will be presenting a series of short programs on little known women in history (past and current). The presentations will be held at the Senior Center at 11:30 am on March 7, 14, and 21. First up is Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani activist who won the Nobel Peace Prize. The public is welcome and invited to remain for the noon meal. To make a meal reservation, call the Senior Center at 375-1460 by noon of the previous Friday.

The annual Friends of the Library Book sale is scheduled April 14-15-16 at the city auditorium. Now is a good time to weed out your gently used books and recycle them while helping the Friends raise money to support library activities. Donated

books and DVDs can be brought to the Library during open hours.

- Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 19th at 10:30 a.m.—bring your baskets & cameras!!
- March 2nd Read Across America Day! - In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, The Cat in the Hat will be visiting several area schools all week long!
- Storytime continues every Thursday evening 6:30 thru March 24th.
- Mother Goose is on the Loose Wednesday morning's; toddler time continues at 10:30 through April 20th then picks up again this summer.

Local Nebraska author, Teri Lukken, will share her stories and be on hand to sign copies of her two new children's books at the Wayne Public Library, Saturday morning, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.

Teri describes herself as a wife, mother of two, and a grandmother of two. She says she has always loved reading, especially to children. The love of books inspired her to fulfill a dream of publishing her own children's books. Lukken's books are "I Love Papa and Papa Loves Me" and "Look Up Look Up."

"Any type of disease is hard to deal with, not only for the person affected, but for the whole family. My Father had ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease. It truly affected all of our family. My daughters loved their Papa and were very close to him. After he passed, I knew I had to write a book as a tribute to him and to help others, especially children, deal with a close one having a debilitating disease," Lukken remarked.

medications for proper disposal. In Wayne, both Shopko and U-Save pharmacies participate in this program.

**What is the Nebraska MEDS program?** Nebraska MEDS is a coalition of several agencies and organizations coordinated by the Nebraska Pharmacists Association. Currently, it is paid for by grant funds from several of the coalition partners.

**How does it work?** The process is really simple and convenient. Take your leftover medications to the pharmacy in the original bottle or container they came in. The pharmacist will then determine what medications you are returning. If they are acceptable non-controlled substances, the pharmacist will place them in a container to be shipped to an approved incinerator for disposal. If you have controlled substances, the pharmacist will give you a special post-

*I Love Papa and Papa Loves Me*, for ages 4-10, expresses to children that even though someone has a sickness or disease, they are the same person, (with the same heart and soul) that you have always loved. "Papa and I pick up sticks in his yard. In the summer time, Papa and I wash his car till it is perfectly spotless. We sing and dance and get silly! But then, one day, my Papa fell down. And his legs and arms didn't work well anymore." This book teaches children they can help others that are not able to do certain activities or are bound to a wheelchair. Wheelchairs can be intimidating to children, or even to adults, so knowing Papa is the same person as he always was and can be pushed in his wheelchair to dance or go special places helps make others feel more comfortable.

"Look up! Look up!" is for ages 2-7. From helicopters, to clouds, to lady bugs, to mommies reading, let the simple things in life get your child's attention with this rhyming, guessing, phrase catching, fun book that also teaches children colors and shapes.

Ms. Lukken was Ponca Carnegie Library's director for 14 years and she is now office manager at Aitken Family Dentistry. According to Lukken, "I write poetry and short stories in my spare time when I'm not busy with scrapbook, crochet, and puzzle projects. I love living in Ponca where the life is good and the simple things mean the most."

Youth Services Librarian Julie Osnes stated, "This book signing will be an opportunity for the community to support a local author and perhaps purchase signed copies of Teri's books. We hope to see a big crowd on Saturday.

#### WISE WORDS

*"The success combination in business is: Do what you do better...and: do more of what you do..."*

—David Joseph Schwartz

## Green Notes ~ Leftovers!!

**Leftovers – what do you do with them?** Not leftover food, but leftover medications. Likely, there are unused, expired, and unneeded medications in your home. These should be disposed of properly to reduce the chance of accidental poisoning of children or pets and potential contamination of surface or groundwater.

**Properly Disposing of Leftover Medications — DO NOT flush medications down the toilet or place them in the trash!** At one time, these were recommended disposal methods. However, there is a much better method.

**Take leftover medications back to the pharmacy!** Thanks to the Nebraska MEDS program, over 275 participating pharmacies in nearly 300 communities across Nebraska can now take back most

age-paid envelope. Place the medications in the envelope, seal it, and drop it in the mailbox where it will be sent to the approved incinerator for disposal.

**What does it cost?** The process is free because of grant funding.

**For more information about the Nebraska MEDS program:** Talk to your local pharmacist—Call [800-222-1222](tel:800-222-1222) Visit the website: [leftovermeds.com](http://leftovermeds.com). **Help protect the environment, people, and pets by properly disposing of leftover medications. It's easy to do.**

For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit [www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam](http://www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam).

