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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ The Squanderer Who stole Energy



Every Fru in Frugalville liked saving Christmas kilowatts...But the Squanderer, who lived up north, truly DID NOT!

The Squanderer hated saving energy the whole Christmas season! Please don't ask why because no one knows the reason. It could be that he hated energy efficient LED lamps, That the Frus had used to decorate their camps. But I think that the most likely reason was based, On his hate of efficiency, so he'd fritter and waste!

He winced as he thought of all Fru girls and Fru boys, As they would rush to unwrap their energy-saving toys! He grimaced when reflecting of Frus sitting down to their feast. And they'd feast and they'd feast, only leaving the least! Starting on Fru-pudding, Fru crinkles, and rare Fru-roast-beast, Which must be roasted in a crockpot, since it consumes energy the least!

But, whatever the reason, the holiday LEDS or his energy lust, He was driven to ensure the Frus an efficiency bust! "Tomorrow is Christmas! It's practically here!" "I'll make them waste energy!" He said without shedding a tear. For, tomorrow, he knew, come early next morning, He'd have their meters spinning without even a warning.

And the more the Squanderer thought of the Frus' Christmas-Songs The more the Squanderer thought, "I must cause the Frus more energy wrongs!" "I know just what to do!" the Squanderer laughed while feeling so smug, So he made a quick Santa hat, coat, and whitened his unshaven mug. Then he chuckled and clucked, "What a energy wasting trick! "With this coat, hat and beard, I'll look just like Saint Nick!"

So late that night, he jumped into his gas-guzzling Hummer, While all the Frus laid in bed, most

deep in a slumber. He sped down Mount Waste, half-air bound, with reckless abandon, Applying the brakes when only focused on landing. "This is my first stop!", the old Squanderer Claus hissed. And he scaled up the roof with empty bags in his fist.

All the windows were dark. (Since Frus don't waste energy) Quiet snow filled the air. The Frus were all dreaming of energy savings without even a care. "I'll steal their setback thermostats, their LEDs, their insulation, I'll take their ENERGY STAR® television, so they can't watch 'Face the Nation!'" He opened every door and every window to cold, mountain air, He turned on every light in every empty room, though no one was there!

He slid up and down every chimney, through shadows he'd lurk. Hey! If Santa could do it, then so could this jerk. Then he snook and snatched, with a smirk most unpleasant, Taking all efficiency items before his assent. He snatched water heater blankets, new furnace filters too! He even stole the Frus' new insulated shoes!

He stopped at the ENERGY STAR® icebox. He took the Frus' feast! He took the Fru-pudding! Fru crinkles! He took the Fru roast beast! To waste more energy, he'd leave the fridge door open. That surely would have the little Fru faces a moping! To finally leave their stomachs in knots, The Squanderer took the fiber optic tree that used only 10 watts!

As he snuck back up the chimney, he left open the damper, Once outside, he disabled the heat pumps by tamper. He raced out of Frugalville without even a warning. For dawn was coming, it was a bright Christmas morning. Four thousand feet up! Up the side of Mount Waste,

In his gas-guzzling Hummer, he sped in great haste!

But as morning arrove, Frugalville's sounds weren't so sad! Rather it sounded quite happy and joyous; quite grateful and glad! It couldn't be so! He left the Frus in deficiency! He had taken all the items associated with Christmas and efficiency! He stared down at Frugalville. The Squanderer strained his eyes. Then he shuttered! What he saw was a shocking surprise!

Every Fru down in Frugalville, wrapped in blankets and coats, Without any energy efficient items, the Frus were singing out notes! He hadn't stopped Christmas, nor efficiency, nor happiness. They came! Somehow or other, they came just the same! "Maybe Christmas and energy efficiency," he thought, "don't come only from a store." "Maybe Christmas and efficiency...mean a little bit more!"

And at that minute his meanness lifted; he didn't feel quite so tight, He whizzed back downhill with his load through the bright morning light. And he brought back the presents and the ENERGY STAR® stuff! And the food for the feast, for which there was more than enough! He closed all the windows and doors, he sealed up each crack. He fixed all the heat pumps and sweated each Fru's back.

And he... ..HE HIMSELF, to say not the least! Used a crockpot to cook the Fru roast beast! Your local utility, in partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, wish you and your family a joyous and energy efficient holiday season! For energy-saving ideas for your home, business, or farming operation, contact your local utility,

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 3rd
January 17th

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

City Hall office
Hours are:
7:30 a.m.
until 4:30 p.m.

RESIDENTIAL WINTER SEWER AVERAGING REMINDER

From November 15th until February 15th, the water usage for that time period is what will be used for averaging your sewer usage for one year — Use water wisely during this time!!

NOTICE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year's Day Holiday and Monday, January 16th for the Martin Luther King Holiday



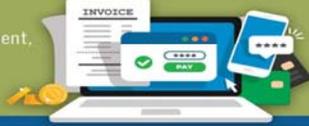
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WISE WORDS

“Originality is the fine art of remembering what you hear, but forgetting where you heard it.”

~Laurence J. Peter

Library ~

- * **WE WILL BE CLOSED** December 31st and January 1st-2nd in observance of the New Year Holiday.
- * **WE WILL BE CLOSED** January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- * **A new club is beginning at the Library in January:** become a member of our **Spice Club!** Every month a new take-and-make kit will be available, including one spice sample, recipes and tips for using the spice, and suggested cookbooks for using the spice that are available for checkout in our collection. Our first round of spice packets will be available Friday, January 6th. You must sign up to request a Spice Club take-and-make; supplies are limited. Stop by the circulation desk or give us a call to get signed up! A community potluck based around all of our spices for the year will be planned in 2024! This month's spice is Turmeric.
- * **Toddler Time is back!** Hang out with Miss Kim **Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.** in the Library for stories, music, dancing, busy bags, and more. Meet other parents and kids in the area, and learn about the

various services and reading programs our Library offers.

- * **Join us for after-school story times on Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m.!** We will continue to read intermediate stories together. Coloring supplies will also be available over the hour.
- * **A new book club will be starting in January! Join in on Reads and Reels: A movie book club!** Each month, join us in watching a film and reading the literature it is based on. This club will have two meetings per month: one showing the film, and the other discussing the film's literature. **Join us on Tuesday, January 3rd, in the conference room for a showing of the film *The Devil Wears Prada* at 6:00 p.m. (1 hr 49 mins). Join us on Wednesday, January 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room to discuss the book, *The Devil Wears Prada* by Lauren Weisberger.**
- * **Book Club will be returning for discussion on Tuesday, January 31st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library conference room. This month's discussion book will be *The Last***

Bookshop in London: A Novel of WWII by Madeline Martin.

- * **The 2022 Adult Year Long Reading Roadtrip Challenge and the Youth Winter Reading Challenge will end in January.** Make sure to log all of your reading for either challenge by January 3rd. Prize winners will be announced and contacted on January 4th. Good luck and congrats to all of our readers!
- * **The 2023 Adult Year Long Genre Reading Challenge will begin on January 3rd! Dive into different genres throughout the year.** Earn prize tickets by reading books and completing bonus challenges Log via our paper log booklets. Book kits fitting each genre theme will be available for checkout each month. Stop by the circulation desk for more information or to get signed up.

**WAYNE
RECYCLING &
TRASH
CENTER (RTC)
HOURS**

Monday & Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Tuesday
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday
8:00 a.m.—Noon

Or by appointment
Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday

Green Notes ~ Ready for a Green New Year?



Start your new year off right by cleaning out what you no longer need or want. Wayne has so many options to donate or resell stuff at thrift stores like Micah's Closet, Thrift Warehouse, and Bubba's Baggage. See the full list of where to take odds and ends on our website at www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam, which includes items like prescription medicines, eyeglasses, books, plastic bags, inkjet cartridges, and more.

You can always recycle for **free** at the Wayne Recycling & Trash Center (RTC), located at 110 Windom Street and open Mon and Fri, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Tue 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and Sat, 8:00 a.m. – noon. The

station accepts glass, cardboard, tin cans, plastics bottles (no plastic bags or Styrofoam), strings of lights, and scrap metal, and has recycling drop offs for Wayne Boy Scout Troop #174 of aluminum cans, newspapers, magazines, and mixed paper.

Use the City's Brush Pile. Bring your Christmas tree free of any decorations or tinsel to the City's brush pile at 1810 Industrial Road.

Green Team Meeting January 10: We invite you to attend our Green Team meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon in the conference room of the SNBuilding at 1010 Main Street in Wayne (with the exception of no meetings in June, August, and December).

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying, or securing financing for any housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and the presence of children.

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, contact HUD 1-800-669-9777 or your local Fair Housing representative:

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