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Area Utility Customers Offered Cash Reward for Recycling Dehumidifiers and Window Air Conditioners

HOLLAND, MI., Oct. 4, 2011 – Holland, Grand Haven and Zeeland electrical utilities are partnering with the Louis Padnos Iron & Metal Company to collect old working window air conditioners and dehumidifiers on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. The two drop-off locations are: Black River Recycling at 11531 Chicago Drive in Holland or the County Parking Lot across from the Ottawa County Courthouse on Franklin Street in Grand Haven.

Residential electric utility customers of the Grand Haven Board of Light & Power, Holland Board of Public Works, Zeeland Board of Public Works and Consumers Energy are eligible to participate and will receive \$15 for each qualifying appliance.

This recycling program is designed to help customers reduce their energy usage and save money. The event also ensures proper recycling to prevent units from being disposed in landfills.

Window air conditioners and dehumidifiers are problematic because they contain Freon. They are often not accepted for recycling, or a fee is charged, because of the specialized handling required to properly remove and dispose of the Freon in the units. No fee will be charged the day of the event. A certified technician from Padnos will remove the Freon, and then the rest of the unit will be recycled by the company.

Operation of each unit will be tested at time of drop off. The maximum is two air conditioning units and two dehumidifiers for a total of \$60 per customer account. Customers will fill out a rebate form during the event. Rebate checks will be sent by mail within 3-4 weeks after the event.

To learn more about this event, visit www.hollandbpw.com or call 616.355.1658.

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