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# Holland BPW Provides Kits for Customers to Monitor Energy Use

HOLLAND, MI, January 20, 2012 – Holland Board of Public Works (HBPW) has teamed up with Herrick District Library to help homeowners reduce their electric bill. Twenty-two *Energy Smart* Electricity Home Monitoring Kits have been developed and donated by the Holland Board of Public Works as part of its EarthCare® lifestyle program.

The Home Monitoring Kit consists of an easy-to-use plug-in wattmeter that shows real-time usage of an appliance. Using just a few simple steps, a customer can learn what individual appliances are costing. Then better determine how to use the electricity more efficiently in their home. *The monitor displays energy usage in kilowatts, dollars and CO2 emissions.* The kit contains:

- One Wattmeter
- A set of both simple and technical instructions
- Information on easy ways to lower your electric bill

The kits are made possible by the Energy Optimization Charge collected from electric utility bills each month in accordance with Michigan Public Act 295, directing electric providers to establish energy-efficiency programs for electric customers. For more information about the Energy Smart program, email [energysmart@hollandbpw.com](mailto:energysmart@hollandbpw.com).

Kits are available through the library loan system, located at both the Main Library and North Side Branch.

**About Holland BPW** Established in 1893, the Holland Board of Public Works is a community-owned enterprise providing utility services to the Holland area. We are committed to improving the economic and environmental quality of the community in partnership with our customers, providing reliable services at the lowest rates achievable through innovation, efficiency, and professional operations. We provide electric generation and distribution, water and wastewater treatment to the City of Holland and selected areas.

For more information on the power, water, broadband and wastewater treatment services provided by the Holland Board of Public Works, please visit our web site at [www.hollandbpw.com](http://www.hollandbpw.com)

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