

Entergy Mississippi helping customers stay cool and save money

JACKSON, Miss. – As summer approaches and temperatures continue to rise, air conditioners will start running full blast and lead to an increase in electricity usage. However, staying cool and comfortable does not have to come at the cost of high energy bills. By making a few simple changes around your home, you can improve its energy efficiency and beat the heat while keeping costs down. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, home heating and cooling costs can make up more than 52% of an average customer’s electric bill.

In some cases, poor insulation, air leaks and inefficient HVAC systems can lead to even greater energy costs each year. To keep your home cool without significantly raising the thermostat and save money on your bill at the same time, try these low-to-no-costs tips.

Improving energy efficiency with low-to-no-cost tips

●Change air filters. Air filters on some air conditioning units require monthly cleaning or replacing.

inside and outside temperatures, the lower your energy usage and bill will be.

●Buy a programmable thermostat. A programmable thermostat can help manage costs, is controllable, and can help monitor usage.

●Use fans to cool off. Ceiling fans, box fans and oscillating fans use very little electricity to circulate the air. Make sure ceiling fans are rotating in the right direction – counter-clockwise during summer – to push cooler air down into the room. Be sure to turn all fans off in unused rooms.

●Close blinds, shades and curtains to keep the sun out and the cool air in. Also, close air conditioning vents

in rooms that are not in use.

●Seal cracks and holes around doors, windows and ductwork. Weather stripping and caulk will help keep the cold air in and the hot air out.

●Use the myAdvisor tool. The usage and cost tool can compare usage history by month, day and hour.

By following these simple steps, you can stay cool and comfortable all summer long while keeping your bills under control. We also offer free comprehensive residential energy audits and rebates to help reduce the upfront cost of installing energy-efficient equipment.

Exploring resources through Bill Toolkit

To ensure customers have quick access to energy efficiency, bill management and financial assistance resources, Entergy offers an online platform called Bill Toolkit. The platform consolidates helpful resources for customers interested in exploring ways to lower their electric use and costs

and learn more about different payment options the company offers. It also provides information on our energy efficiency programs and incentives and rebates associated with these programs.

Tracking energy use through myAdvisor

Entergy customers can set electric usage alerts and monitor how much energy they use each day through bill management tools like myAdvisor, which is available through their myEntergy account online. Tracking usage over time can help customers identify trends that contribute to higher usage and budget their monthly expenses. With the myAdvisor dashboard, customers have access to not only usage and cost details, but also bill history and projections, analyzer tools and more. On the Entergy mobile app this information can be found by tapping the “usage” tab.

Managing bills through payment and assistance op-

tions Entergy offers several flexible payment options so customers can choose when, where and how they receive their bills.

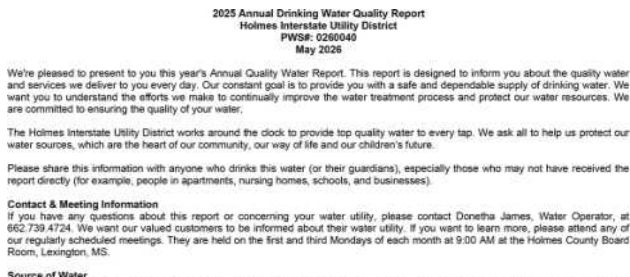
●Pick-A-Date allows customers to pay their bills when it works best for them.

●Level Billing allows customers to “level out” seasonal energy use fluctuations, making their bills more consistent every month.

●PaperFREE billing allows customers to get their bills emailed as soon as they post and instant access to two years of billing history.

●AutoPay allows customers to avoid late fees, writing checks and paying for postage by having bills automatically deduct from their bank accounts.

We also offer flexible payment options such as deferred payment arrangements or payment extensions. Customers can find out if they qualify for these options through our mobile app or myEntergy online.



We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

The Holmes Interstate Utility District works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask all to help us protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

Please share this information with anyone who drinks this water (or their guardians), especially those who may not have received the report directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses).

Contact & Meeting Information If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Donetha James, Water Operator, at 662.739.4724. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 9:00 AM at the Holmes County Board Room, Lexington, MS.

Source of Water Our water source is from wells drawing from the Meridian Upper Wilcox Aquifer. The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identify potential sources of contamination. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water system and is available for viewing upon request. The wells for the Holmes Interstate Utility District have received moderate susceptibility ranking to contamination.

Period Covered by Report We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. This report is based on results of our monitoring period of January 1st to December 31st, 2025. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2025, the table reflects the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

As water travels over the surface of land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials and can pick up substances or contaminants from the presence of animals or from human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a monthly basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. In addition to the contaminants listed in the table, we tested for additional chemicals for which the state and EPA have set standards. We found no detectable levels of those chemicals.

Violations Our system received a Public Notice Rule Violation for failure to deliver notification of a drinking water violation to our customers within the required time. The notice has been delivered and our system has been returned to compliance.

Lead Educational Statement Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and your children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact our water system. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure are available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Our system has completed the Lead Service Line Inventory, and no lead lines were found. The methods used to make that determination were visual inspections, water operator knowledge and archived records. This inventory report is available for viewing at our office upon request.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man-made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1.800.426.4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1.800.426.4791.

TEST RESULTS table with columns: Contaminant, Violation Y/N, Date Collected, Level Detected, Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/AQL, Unit Measurement, MCLG, MCL, Likely Source of Contamination

* Most recent sample. No sample required for 2025. Sodium: EPA recommends that drinking water sodium not exceed 20 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Excess sodium from salt in the diet increases the risk of high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.

Terms and Abbreviations In the table you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L): one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L): one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

RAA: Running Annual Average

A copy of the CCR report for the Holmes Interstate Utility District is available upon request and may be obtained from the Holmes County Board of Supervisor’s Administrative Office, 408 Court Square, Lexington, MS 39095, between the hours of 8am to 5pm

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ACROSS

- 1) Baron Cohen's movie Kazakh
6) Spanish finger food
10) Maddux in Cooperstown
14) Singer with the album "25"
15) Birthstone for many Libras
16) Steak order
17) Guardians of the Tower of London
19) Major Spanish river
20) With suspicion, as a look
21) Houseguest's place to sack out
23) S&L conveniences
25) Parenthetical words
26) Scorpion attacks
30) Gun enclosure
33) "Gay" capital
34) Off-the-wall shot
35) Eustachian tube site
38) Sign over a theater door
39) __ fours (small cakes)

DOWN

- 1) Cake with a kick
2) Keatsian works
3) Need a bath badly
4) Italian auto, informally
5) Like almost all high school students
6) Family emblem
7) Go __ (lose it)
8) Links benchmarks
9) __-ran
10) Mechanic's gun contents
11) TV antenna of old
12) Got it wrong
13) Crystal-lined rock
18) Bits of legislation
22) Many a rural business
24) Level of importance
26) Flouted the limit
27) Danny DeVito sitcom
28) Tablecloth fabric
29) Barclays Center player
31) Author of "Battle Cry"
32) Turn to compost
34) Hand over, as land
36) Spiny succulent
37) Brie covering
39) Office-seeker, informally
40) Main chip, for short
42) Clio or Erato
43) Massachusetts college
45) "It's about time!"
46) Wile E. Coyote's supplier
47) Kid-lit elephant
48) President who once lived in Indonesia
50) Aquarium beauty
52) Margin of victory, perhaps
53) Green-__ (jealous)
55) Depend (on)
56) Hollywood VIP
57) "The Simpsons" bus driver
58) "The Untouchables" role
61) __ Luis Obispo

IN A STEW

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