



# City of Kimball

## High Points



JULY 2017

### Low-Cost, No-Cost Summer Energy Saving Tips

After a cool, wet spring, summer temperatures are finally here. The City of Kimball offers some low cost/no cost steps customers can take to keep their electric costs down as much as possible during the summer months.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration the typical U.S. family spends more than \$1,300 a year on home utility bills. The City of Kimball is continually mindful of keeping power costs as low as possible. Homeowners can take several low-cost or no-cost steps to save energy to lower their utility bills this summer, such as:

- Set your thermostat comfortably higher in the summer. Consider installing a programmable thermostat, which automatically lowers the temperature when you are not at home or are sleeping;
- Consider using a ceiling fan, which can allow you to raise your thermostat setting about four degrees with impacting comfort;
- Use LED lights when possible as they are more efficient than regular incandescent bulbs and give off much less heat;
- Use a power strip for home electronic devices such as televisions and DVD players, and turn off the power strip when not in use (TVs and DVD players in standby mode still use power);
- Turning off your computer/monitor when not in use;
- Eliminating air leaks throughout your house such as gaps between doors, window frames, baseboards, and fireplace dampers;
- Minimize direct sunlight heating your home by closing curtains during the day;
- Insulate and seal air ducts – air loss through ducts accounts for about 30 percent of a cooling system's energy consumption.

The City of Kimball, in partnership with our wholesale power supplier, the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, strives to provide residents with economical, reliable electricity. For more information on being efficient with the electricity you use, go to

[www.nmppenergy.org/energysmart/residential](http://www.nmppenergy.org/energysmart/residential).

Be **ENERGY**smart in your home.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Kimball County residents are invited to participate in a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event at Clean Harbors on July 22, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clean Harbors is located 5 miles south of Kimball on Highway 71. Household hazardous waste means products that are flammable, corrosive, reactive, and/or toxic.

The Kimball Recycle Center encourages Kimball residents to go through your kitchens, bathrooms, workshops and garages to collect old and unused materials to dispose of. Materials should be in their original containers or properly labeled and in tightly sealed containers. Containers should be packed into sturdy cardboard boxes so they remain upright while transporting. Please separate paint, pesticides and household cleaners from each other. **DO NOT** mix chemicals or place them in garbage bags.

Household items such as batteries, electronics and appliances **WILL NOT** be accepted as part of this event.

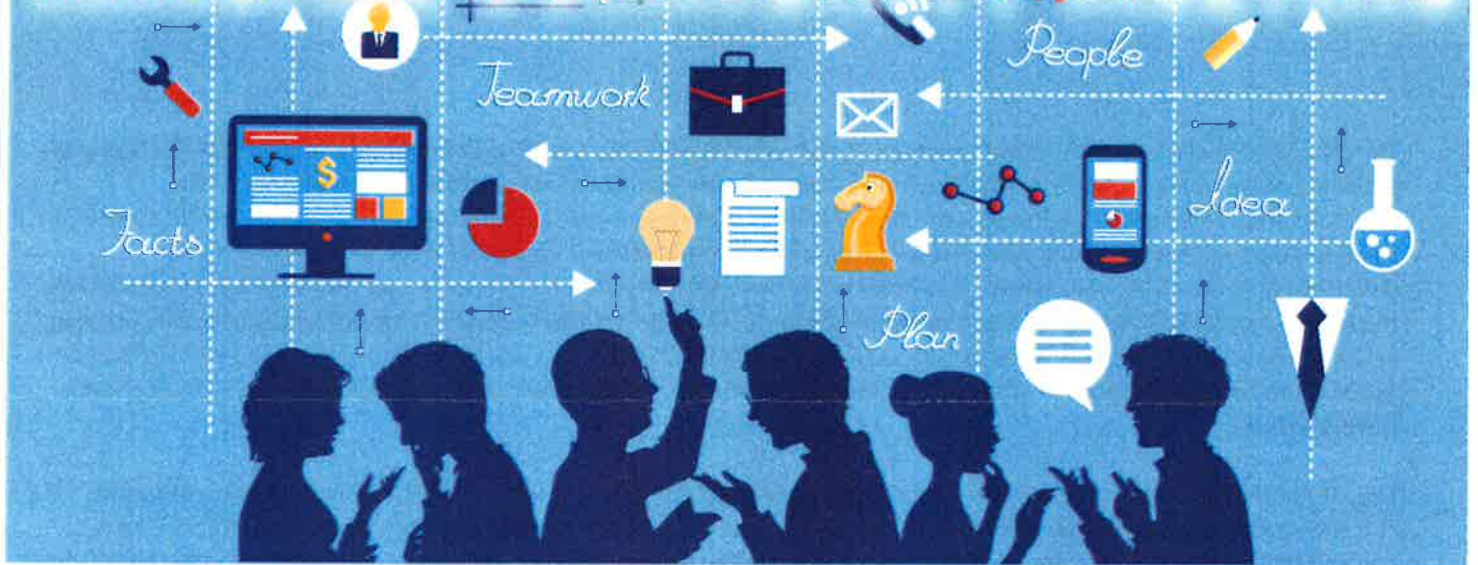
Materials that **WILL** be accepted include: drain cleaners, oven cleaners, metal polish, photo chemicals, floor cleaners, arts and crafts supplies, dry cleaning fluids, radiator cleaners, rust preventatives, wood preservatives, wood strippers, wood stains, oil-based paint, paint thinner, solvents, sealants, cesspool cleaners, pesticides, rodent killers, pool chemicals, muriatic acid, antifreeze, herbicides, insect sprays, brake fluid, transmission fluid, engine/radiator flushes, old chemistry sets, creosote, moth balls, bleaches, ammonia.

Large quantities of unknown materials **WILL NOT** be accepted. Small quantities may be field-tested and accepted at Clean Harbors staff's discretion. Radioactive and unstable waste, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, gas cylinders, explosives, gun powder, flares, and ammunition **WILL NOT** be accepted. Substances regulated by the Drug Enforcement Agency, medical or biologically infectious waste materials **WILL NOT** be accepted. Clean Harbors staff will be sorting materials and will inform you if there are any additional substances that **WILL NOT** be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact the Kimball Recycle Center at 308-235-3202 or email [kkb@embarqmail.com](mailto:kkb@embarqmail.com).

The City of Kimball and Nebraska Department of Economic Development Department will be conducting two strategic planning meetings next month, August 10<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> at the Kimball Event Center. A separate flyer explaining the purpose is enclosed.

# KIMBALL COMMUNITY MEETING



## Strategic Planning Meeting

*Please attend one of the following dates:*

**August 10 @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm**

**Light Dinner Provided @ Event Center Meadowlark Room**

**August 31 @ 11:30am - 1:00pm**

**Lunch Provided @ Event Center Meadowlark Room**

Join the City of Kimball and the State of Nebraska Economic Development staff as we work through some important visioning for our community. Your input is needed in order to identify priorities for a strategic plan for the betterment of Kimball. This information will be used in collaboration with the City becoming a Leadership Certified Community. The better the attendance, the better idea of what the entire community needs. We welcome ages 14 and up to participate in this community meeting.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." --Margaret Mead

"Someone is sitting in the shade today, because someone planted a tree a long time ago." --Warren Buffet



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