



COMMUNITY CONNECT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Community Stakeholder,

Across Northern Indiana, supporting our customers and communities is a shared responsibility that extends far beyond any single team. Approximately 3,000 NIPSCO employees work every day—both on the front lines and behind the scenes—to help power and empower the communities we serve. From public affairs, economic development and customer care to engineering, operations, construction, operations and countless other functions, these employees are your neighbors, friends and fellow community members. And together, we are committed to delivering safe, reliable energy while connecting customers with resources, supporting economic growth, helping families manage energy use and ensuring our communities have the services and support they need to thrive today and into the future.

Our public affairs and economic development team gets to witness firsthand how collaboration across NIPSCO helps strengthen the communities we serve.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the communities we call home. Thank you for allowing us to play a role in powering your lives, supporting our neighbors and helping build a stronger future for northern Indiana.

Sincerely,
Rick Calinski
Director, Public Affairs and
Economic Development



Corporate Citizenship

NIPSCO Announces 2026 Environmental Action Grant Recipients

Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (NIPSCO) and the NiSource Charitable Foundation have selected 25 local nonprofit organizations to receive 2026 Environmental Action Grants. Each grant—up to \$5,000—supports community-based environmental restoration and education projects across northern Indiana.

Recipients were chosen through a competitive application and review process. During the program's 11 years in Indiana, NIPSCO has awarded more than \$824,000 to nearly 200 environmental projects.

This year's grants continue NIPSCO's commitment to supporting innovative, community-driven efforts that strengthen local ecosystems and expand environmental education.

Monarch Pollinator Projects Across Northern Indiana

NIPSCO is proud to support Monarch Joint Venture and expand monarch and pollinator habitat across its service territory with restoration efforts at Karwick Park in Michigan City (LaPorte County), the Anthony Wayne Scouting Reservation (Steuben County), the Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area (Newton County), and the Hobart Marsh right-of-way (Lake County). These initiatives strengthen local ecosystems, enhance biodiversity, and advance NIPSCO's long-term commitment to environmental stewardship.

2025 Corporate Citizenship Report

Visit [NIPSCO.com/GivesBack](https://www.nipSCO.com/GivesBack) to explore the company's ongoing community impact and view the latest **Corporate Citizenship Report, which highlights employee-led volunteerism, grant programs and partnerships that strengthen communities across northern Indiana.** [NIPSCO/community](https://www.nipSCO.com/community)



NIPSCO partners with local organizations

NIPSCO partnered with local organizations to support Merrillville residents recovering from recent tornado damage, delivering essential supplies, meals, and cleanup assistance to community members. Through hands-on volunteer efforts, teams helped clear debris and restore impacted neighborhoods, demonstrating a strong commitment to community resilience. This work was made possible through regional partner collaboration and a \$25,000 contribution from NIPSCO and the NiSource Charitable Foundation. Careful planning, coordination, and resource mobilization ensured an efficient and meaningful response to support families during recovery.

Prepare for Higher Energy Use

As summer temperatures rise across northern Indiana and customers rely more on electricity to cool their homes, NIPSCO is taking proactive steps to help customers understand how higher summer energy use can affect their electric bills and what they can do to manage usage and costs during the cooling season. NIPSCO encourages customers to take simple steps to manage electricity use during hot weather, including:

- Setting thermostats a few degrees higher at night and when away from home while also considering using a Wi-Fi thermostat to save energy.
- Keeping heat-producing items like lamps and TVs away from thermostats helps prevent false temperature readings, which can cause your A/C system to run longer than necessary and use more energy.
- Sealing cracks or openings with weather stripping or caulk helps keep cool air inside and block warm air from entering your home, improving comfort and reducing the amount of energy your cooling system needs to use.
- Plugging electronics into a power strip. That way, you can turn them all off at the outlet, so you aren't draining energy.
- Scanning your home and unplug dormant electronics and chargers. Even when not in use, many devices still draw power.
- Using ceiling fans to circulate air and turning them off when rooms are unoccupied. Running ceiling fans counterclockwise creates a cooling breeze.
- Closing blinds or curtains to reduce heat from sunlight entering your home.
- Monitor pool pumps, heaters and other equipment, which may run longer than needed and increase electricity use.

Helping Customers Stay Safe

Utility scams often involve individuals impersonating utility workers to gain access to homes, collect fraudulent payments or obtain personal information. NIPSCO is encouraging customers to remain vigilant and remember these important tips:

- **CHECK IDENTIFICATION**
- **KNOW THE SIGNS**
- **BE CAUTIOUS OF UNPLANNED VISITS**
- **PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION**

NIPSCO encourages customers to stay informed and learn how to identify imposters. For additional information, visit [NIPSCO.com/scams](https://www.nipSCO.com/scams), where customers can find examples of common scams and steps to report suspicious activity.



**Community Emergency?
Call 1-800-4NIPSCO**

