



Energy audits a good way to help your home

Is your home as energy efficient as it could be? Are there ways to improve?

A home is the biggest purchase most of us will ever make, and naturally it needs regular maintenance. An energy audit is a great way to understand your home as a system.

Energy audits are essentially home inspections that focus on energy efficiency and combustion safety. Certified energy raters perform a variety of tests, identifying ways that

you can increase energy efficiency, improve home comfort and save money.

The certified energy rater will also help protect your dwelling from some of the unwelcome byproducts of energy consumption, making it a safer and more comfortable place to live.

Typical tests in an energy audit will check how much air is entering and escaping your home, whether your ductwork has leaks, and current and potential health and safety issues. Energy raters will also check the type,

condition and energy consumption rates of your energy-using devices.

The results should provide a complete picture of your home, how it operates, and what you can do to become more energy efficient.

If you're interested in getting an energy audit for your home, check out RESNET HERS Raters in Nebraska or BPI Energy Rater Locator to find a certified energy rater. More details are available at hersindex.com or bpi.org.

New recipients for OPPD's Greener Together Program



A project that will improve bike trails and walkability in a heavily traveled area and another that will put solar panels on a local food hub are the new recipients of funding from OPPD's Greener Together Program.

The program is designed to help customers in OPPD's 13-county service territory collaborate with

others to support environmental projects. The projects focus on making a positive, long-term impact on a community's sustainability.

Members of Greener Together recently voted to provide funding to Florence Futures and No More Empty Pots. Florence Futures received \$59,430, and No More

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SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETINGS

All-committee meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 19 (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, Sept. 21, 5 p.m. (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). Hearing-impaired call 531-226-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Agendas posted and meetings viewable on oppd.com/BoardMeeting.

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Greener Together (From front)

Empty Pots received \$85,103.

No More Empty Pots plans to install solar panels on the group's food hub at 30th and Willit Streets. Reinvesting the energy savings will help support community programs.

Florence Futures' plans call for improvements to long-neglected bus shelters, installation of bike infrastructure and additional steps to make the area more walkable. The project includes a portion of 30th Street beginning at Miller Park and

ending at Florence.

The program has raised \$313,512 so far. It awarded \$130,000 in its first round of funding after it started in 2022 and \$144,000 in the latest round.

OPPD employees lend a hand on Public Power Day of Giving

OPPD employees embraced the power of community in June for Public Power Day of Giving.

On June 16, several employees spent time working to make a difference through volunteering. Some framed a house with Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, while others packaged food at Food Bank for the Heartland, and still other restocked clothing at Heartland Hope Mission.

Their participation reflects OPPD's core values: We have a passion to serve, we honor our community and we care about each other.



Engineers have integral roles at OPPD

Drive anywhere in eastern Nebraska and you'll see miles of power lines stretching over cornfields, past buildings, alongside busy highways.

Taking all that power for granted is easy. But someone has to en-

sure that every pole stands strong and straight, that substations work properly, that OPPD generates power reliably and efficiently.

That's why OPPD hires engineers – a lot of engineers – from all sorts of

disciplines, including some you might not expect.

There are electrical engineers to design, test and oversee electrical equipment. But the OPPD also employs civil engineers, industrial

engineers, mechanical engineers, and chemical engineers, to name a few.

OPPD has no shortage of work, either, given the unprecedented demand for electricity expected over the next decade. Old power lines need to be replaced. Existing plants must be maintained, kept in compliance with federal rules, and run as efficiently as possible. New generation is coming, whether it's from solar or wind or battery storage or natural gas.

Engineers' work, usually behind the scenes, helps OPPD fulfill its mission to provide reliable, affordable and environmentally sensitive electricity.

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