

## Energy Conservation Week coming



**Photo/DAN PELTON ENERGY CONSERVATION WEEK: The Town of Orangeville has taken a shine, so to speak, to Energy Conservation Week, which was proclaimed at Town Hall by Mayor Rob Adams. Flanking are fellow conservation advocates Rob Strang of the provincial green party (left) and Ken Manwell. At front are (left to right): Theresa Sauren, Amy Proctor-Long and Hiedi Murray.**

Orangeville Mayor Rob Adams has proclaimed the week of May 25-31 as Energy Conservation Week in Orangeville.

The Orangeville Sustainability Action Team, in co-operation with Orangeville Hydro and Reduce the Juice, is planning a number of events to recognize the week and to promote energy conservation.

Activities on Monday, May 26 - Electrical Impact Day - will focus on providing knowledge to Ontario's institutions, such as schools, government buildings, and libraries, on how to reduce electricity consumption. Reduce the Juice and Orangeville Hydro will be visiting Princess Elizabeth School, and teaching students about energy conservation.

The students will engage in an "Electricity Impact Exercise" by reducing as much juice as they can and calculating their impact in kilowatt savings.

Tuesday, May 27 will be Tieless Tuesday, designed to educate businesses across Ontario on how to conserve energy in the workplace by turning thermostats up two degrees and promoting a casual summer dress code. Local organizations that are participating in this initiative are Orangeville Hydro, the Greater Dufferin Chamber of Commerce, the County of Dufferin and the Town of Orangeville.

Wednesday, May 28, will be Save the Watt Wednesday.

It's designed to provide individual Ontarians with tips and tricks on how to save energy at home during peak summer demand.

That day, the Online Orangeville Energy Challenge will be launched. Residents can go to [www.orangeville.ca](http://www.orangeville.ca) and compare their natural gas and electricity usage to town averages, separated by type of dwelling, to see if they are using more or less electricity than the average resident.

Tips and ideas to help conserve energy will be provided.

Thursday, May 28 will be Count Every Kilowatt Day. Orangeville's Sustainability Action Team encourages residents to be conscious of the electricity they are using for the entire day on Thursday.

Residents should try to reduce their usage at least three ways on this day.

For example, they can hang their clothes outdoors on a clothesline, run their dishwasher after 10 p.m. to reduce the strain on the electricity grid, and raise their thermostat by two degrees, to reduce the use of their air conditioners.

Friday, May 29 will be reserved for Success Stories.

The Sustainability Action Team will showcase success stories of energy conservation, showing examples from the municipal, commercial, and residential sectors.

Highlighted will be the Town of Orangeville buildings, as well as the Orangeville Hydro building.

Energy Conservation Week is a province-wide initiative coordinated by the Ontario Power Authority and supported by the Ministry of Energy, the Independent Electricity System Operator, the Electricity Distributors Association and Ontario's local distribution companies, including Orangeville Hydro.