



celebrating women's HISTORY MONTH

BGE honors Women's History Month and we celebrate our distinguished BGE women employees who continue to shape our communities and help create a brighter future for all. Read their stories at BGENow.com.



Shameka Wilson
The first woman in BGE history to serve as gas controller



Kat McKitish
Section Engineer in Electric Distribution Engineering and Standards

Giving students the ENERGY to learn

Energy to Learn, BGE's virtual learning lessons, is back with brand new interactive activities available for elementary school students. This online STEM learning program includes nearly 30 lessons that will keep students engaged in concepts focused on electricity, natural gas, energy efficiency and more!

BGE created the program to supplement existing at-home and hybrid learning with activities that align with Maryland State STEM Standards of Practice. Activities range from energy word searches and quizzes to simpler coloring pages and matching games. While all activities are available online now, BGE encourages teachers and parents to share these activities with their students throughout the semester at a pace that works with their class schedule. Get started at SafetyCentral.BGE.COM.



High usage alerts

Spending more time at home could be increasing your energy bill. Get notified if your bill is trending higher than normal and receive customized tips to reduce your use. Saving energy and money couldn't be easier with BGE's High Usage Alerts. Learn more at BGE.COM/Notify.

Reclaim your space and get a \$50 reward

Make some space and some cash when you schedule an appliance recycling pick-up. We'll haul it away for you and even give you a \$50 reward! Plus, with our no-contact pickup option at no additional cost, recycling your old, working appliances is easy and safe. Recycle an old, working A/C unit or dehumidifier at the same time and get an extra \$25. To schedule a pickup, visit [BGE.COM/SENRecycle](https://www.bge.com/SENRecycle) or call **866.898.1901**.



Help make electric safety a priority

While BGE takes every measure to prevent problems and reduce risks for every customer, there are inherent dangers associated with electricity. You can help reduce those dangers by following good electric safety practices. The Maryland High Voltage Line Act (HVLA) requires you and your equipment to stay at least ten feet away from power lines. Whether you are doing the job yourself or using a contractor, the HVLA still applies and it must be followed.



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SAFETY TIPS:

- › Ensure children play away from overhead lines, Avoid flying kites, model airplanes or other toys near lines. If a toy gets caught in a power line, do not try to remove it. Instead, call BGE immediately at **800.685.0123**.
- › Don't place swimming or wading pools under or near power lines.
- › Don't ever climb utility poles, towers or trees that are close to power lines.
- › Don't build playhouses, tree forts or platforms in trees with power lines in or near them.
- › Avoid overhead electrical wires when placing, moving or using ladders. Always carry ladders horizontally, not vertically. Be aware that even wooden ladders can conduct electricity.
- › If you're a boater, be sure to know how much overhead space your boat requires and check the clearances listed on nautical charts as you approach power lines.
- › Avoid structural modifications and additions to buildings and structures (e.g. decks, porches, pools, etc.) if they will be in close proximity to overhead wires. Contact BGE at **800.685.0123** with questions or to obtain guidance.

Electrical wires? Telephone wires? Cable? Don't guess! Always assume all lines are energized and always call BGE before starting any work within 10 feet of overhead lines.



Behind on your energy bills?

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