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**LAKE AREA ENERGY FAIR PROVIDES INFORMATION ON HOME
WEATHERIZATION AND MANAGING WINTER HEATING BILLS**
Free Event Open to Public, Prizes and Demonstrations Planned

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company, in partnership with several local community organizations, will present the 4th Annual Lake Area Energy Fair to provide residents with helpful information on home weatherization and managing winter heating bills.

The free event, held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. CST on Sat., November 7, at the Calumet Township Trustee Multi-Purpose Center, located at 1900 W. 41st St., Gary, Ind., is designed to provide the public with the tools, resources and information they need to learn how to become better energy users during the winter heating season and save money. The fair will consist of weatherization demonstrations, high-efficiency light bulb giveaways, free information handouts, kid's activities, and prize drawings. It will also focus on different areas of interest that include:

- Educating consumers on how to use energy wisely and read their utility bill.
- Demonstrating when, where, and how to insulate homes.
- Providing customers with information on how to apply for energy assistance, budget plans and other bill payment options.
- Highlighting ways customers can participate in energy efficiency programs offered by NIPSCO.

This year's event is presented by NIPSCO, Calumet Township Trustee, Northwest Indiana Community Action, Metro Corps Inc., City of Gary, Town of Merrillville, Healthy East Chicago and North Township Trustee.

Additional participants in the event will include the American Association of Blacks in Energy, Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Menards and the Gary Fire Dept.

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