



Town of Clarenville has registered for the Take Charge Challenge that is sponsored by NL Power and NL Hydro. The challenge is for municipalities to reduce their energy consumption over a three month period that began November 1st through to January 31st. The municipality that reduces their consumption by the highest percentage compared to the same period last year, will win a \$10,000 energy efficient upgrade/retrofit to a municipal building.

Ways in which residents can Take Charge are:

- ⌘ Set back thermostats by 5°C at night or when you are away from home.
- ⌘ Use task lighting - higher wattage lights for tasks such as reading and lower wattage for general lighting such as watching television.
- ⌘ Use kitchen and bathroom fans sparingly. Ventilation fans can extract all of your home's heat in 2 to 3 hours.
- ⌘ Set the dishwasher to energy or water saver mode and air dry dishes instead of heat drying.
- ⌘ Set the temperature inside your refrigerator to the mid-level setting, usually 4°C.
- ⌘ Wash and rinse laundry in cold water.
- ⌘ Light up with LED lights this Christmas.



To help build energy awareness SIFE Clarenville, College of the North Atlantic and the Town of Clarenville are sponsoring an Energy and Environment Art Contest for students in grades 4-6 during the month of January. Details of contest will be sent out to the area schools and posted on the Town of Clarenville website.

For lots of great tips on how to cut energy cost, please check out the Take Charge NL website at www.takechargenl.ca.