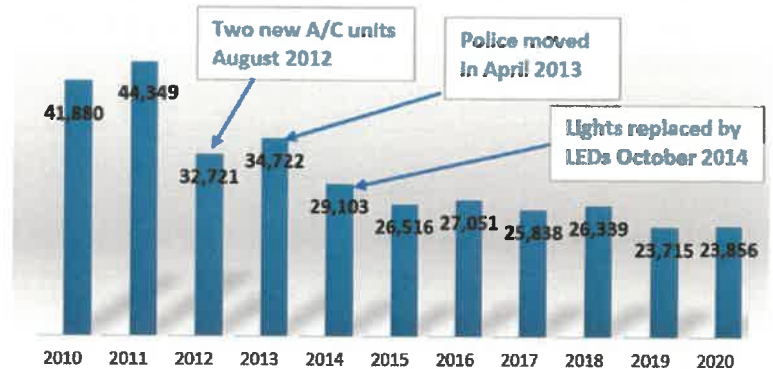


ENERGY EFFICIENCY CAN SAVE YOU MONEY!!



The City of Cresco tries to save your tax dollars by using energy efficiently, and we encourage residents to do the same. For example, in 2012, we replaced two of the three old air conditioners at City Hall with newer, more efficient models, and it reduced our annual electricity consumption by 25%. Of course, the savings may be different in other circumstances.

Cresco City Hall Annual Electric kWh



Based on the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (2021 IECC), we recommend the following for residential construction in our area:

- Insulate ceilings to R-60
- Insulate wood frame walls to R-20+5 or R-13+10
- Insulate basement walls to R-15+19 or R-13+5
- Insulate under slabs and basement floors
- Use Energy Star windows and appliances
- Use LED lighting
- Choose a programmable thermostat
- Ask your HVAC contractor about efficient heating and cooling options
 - Natural gas furnace: 95 AFUE or better
 - A/C: SEER 16 (EER 13) or better; air-source heat pump (9HSPF)
 - Geothermal heat pump: 18 EER, 4 COP
- Use only Energy Star water heaters
- Water: Use WaterSense-labeled faucets; select dual-flush or pressure-assisted toilets

An energy efficient home is more comfortable and saves you money!

We also recommend that you have your home tested for radon, which is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

Remember that sump pumps and downspouts may NOT empty into the sanitary sewer ... unnecessarily treating "outdoor" water wastes huge amounts of energy at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.