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mc² Continues to Power Ronald McDonald House Charities Homes Away From Home

We at mc² are happy to announce that our Green Power supply agreement with Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana (RMHC-CNI) has been extended through 2020. mc² has been the electricity supplier for the charity's five area houses since 2012. These homes away from home, located near some of Chicago's top hospitals, offer private sleep rooms, home-cooked meals and a sense of community to families while their child receives treatment nearby.



mc² has long supported RMHC, providing more than \$200,000 in energy cost savings and organizing employee volunteer efforts to raise funds and awareness. [Click here](#) to read the full story.

Brighten Up This Holiday Season With Energy Efficient Lights

The first step toward reducing your energy bill this holiday season is to understand how your holiday decorations contribute to higher energy costs. The extravagance, size, and even the bulb choice of your light display can impact your energy consumption. Making the switch to LED lights can help you lower your electricity costs.



Although the initial cost of LED lights is slightly higher than traditional light strings, in the long run they will save you money. LED lights

use 70%–90% less energy and can last up to 15 times longer¹. In fact, non-LED lights are becoming harder to find as energy efficiency trends shift.

Here are some of the newer trends in holiday lights:

- **Laser Lights** can be placed in the ground to project a display, typically against the side of a house or a tree.
- **Solar-Powered Lights** are becoming widely available in most stores. You don't have to worry about plugging them in!
- **App-Enabled LED Lights** connect to your smartphone and offer a variety of features, including voice control to turn them on and off, change colors and more.

¹https://www.energystar.gov/sites/default/files/asset/document/purchasing_checklist_revised.pdf

