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XCEL ENERGY TO CONVERT BURNSVILLE STREET LIGHTS TO LED

Beginning in mid- to late-March, Burnsville residents may begin noticing some changes to the street lights in their neighborhood. Xcel Energy will begin converting many of the City's old "high pressure sodium" streetlights into new, more efficient LEDs.

In 2012, Xcel Energy conducted a pilot program to test LED (light emitting diodes) streetlights. The results indicated that these LEDs are of the same quality and reliability as previous-technology lights. The company began replacing the traditional cobra head and similar street lights in their Minnesota service area with LEDs in 2016.

According to Xcel Energy, the new LED lights will have a more efficient light pattern, reducing glare and focusing light directly on the area to be lit (typically corners and mid-block locations). These new lights are also meant to reduce "spillage" of excess light into neighboring yards and windows.

Xcel Energy intends to have streetlights in Burnsville converted to LEDs by the end of March 2018. This change-out will not impact any local neighborhood decorative street lights.

View the attached "Information Sheet" for more information or visit www.xcelenergy.com/LEDStreetLighting.

(Xcel Energy Information Sheet Below)