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Remember to download and distribute the current **Heating Season Guidelines** and the **Fact Sheet on Interruptible Gas Accounts**, found on DEM's website. To keep energy costs down, please ensure that your agency's facility operators in dual-fuel buildings are fully ready to switch to fuel oil; test dates are December 4, 2012 for National Grid locations and to be announced for Con Edison locations, and participation is mandatory. Also, be sure to let facility operators know the City's heating guidelines – heat should be set no higher than 68 degrees during the cold weather months.

Spotlight on: Jackie Robinson Recreation Center Lighting Upgrade

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation's Jackie Robinson Recreational Center recently completed a lighting upgrade. Located within Jackie Robinson Park in Manhattan, NY, the center offers a wide array of recreational and educational activities for the community including aerobic and computer classes, senior socials, and a basketball clinic.

Between 1894 and 1899, the City acquired the land as part of a nationwide effort to provide children with organized play areas in cities. The park, which was originally called Colonial Park, turned into a playground in 1911. In the 1930s, the Department of Parks and Recreation took advantage of the Works Progress Administration by improving and expanding the park's facilities to include basketball and volleyball courses, roller skating areas, a wading pool, and an additional playground. In 1978, Colonial Park was renamed after Brooklyn Dodger Jackie Robinson, the first African American baseball player in the major leagues.



On March 1, 2012, the Jackie Robinson Recreation Center underwent a \$90,000 lighting upgrade funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). In addition to replacing inefficient T-12 light bulbs with energy-efficient T-8 light bulbs, occupancy sensors, which further conserve energy by automatically shutting off lights when rooms are empty, were also added throughout the facility.

The project will save a total of \$12,036 annually in energy savings, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30 metric tons per year.