

# COLDEST WINTER IN YEARS



*Efficient Reliability*

## **HEATING DEGREE DAYS**

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|---------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| December 2017 | <b>628</b> | <b>(20% increase over 2016)</b> |
| December 2016 | <b>523</b> |                                 |
| December 2015 | <b>301</b> |                                 |
| December 2014 | <b>509</b> |                                 |

**See back for explanation of Degree Days**



# Heating and cooling degree days are used by Huntsville Utilities and their customers to compare the temperature of the current month to those of previous years.

**Here's how it works:** The average 24-hour temperature is subtracted from a base temperature value of 65° to establish that day's degree day total. If, for example, today's average temperature is forty, then 25 degree days will be added to the monthly total.

The degree days total measured in December 2017 was 20% higher than those recorded in 2016 and more than twice those recorded in 2015.

Degree day totals are unrelated to utility rates but almost always correlate with energy usage. ***Huntsville Utilities is pleased to report that rates in our area continue to remain well below the national and state averages.***

For more information regarding degree days, visit Huntsville Utilities' YouTube channel.



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