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3 TIPS TO HELP YOU SAVE ENERGY & MONEY

Want a lower electric bill this spring? Start with these energy tips from Sawnee EMC's Energy Services Team to make your home more energy efficient.

1. Look around your home for no-cost ways to be efficient. Close the curtains in the summer and open them in the winter. Turn off your computers overnight. Also, turn off video game consoles when they are not in use.
2. Look for small steps you can take and do-it-yourself. Caulk around drafty windows. Check the attic for the correct amount of insulation. Switch to LED light bulbs. Plant a deciduous tree on the sunny side of your house; in a few years the leaves will cool your home against the sun in summer, then fall off to warm it in the winter. If you have a major appliance—like a refrigerator, washing machine or dryer—that is more than 10 years old, do not keep making repairs. Instead, invest in a newer model that will likely pay for itself with energy savings in a few years. Before buying any appliance, look for the Energy Star label and learn to read it and compare products.
3. Learn about Sawnee's energy-saving opportunities offered in our 2017 Demand Side Management Program. We offer advice, rebates and home energy checkups, as well. Find out more at www.sawnee.com/energy.

Questions? Contact Sawnee EMC's Energy Services staff at 770-887-2363 or marketing@sawnee.com.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

I was so naive as a kid I used to sneak behind the barn and do nothing."

— Johnny Carson

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LINEWORKERS LIGHT UP OUR LIVES

Every year, we take the time to thank our extraordinary lineworkers who dedicate themselves to keeping the lights on. Approximately, 120 Sawnee EMC lineworkers maintain over 10,800 miles of distribution line in Sawnee EMC's service territory.

We depend on our entire staff to keep the co-op running smoothly, but this year on April 10th, we want to honor all lineworkers who help keep our lives a little bit brighter and safer each and every day. These individuals repair damaged lines and maintain critical infrastructure. They are there to get the lights back on, regardless of the time – day or night, weekday or weekend.

Perhaps you have seen them raising their bucket trucks in the howling winds and torrential rains, or in freezing and icy conditions. They work around the clock until electricity is restored to every Sawnee EMC member.

We hope you will join us in thanking the many lineworkers — both locally and around the country — who light up our lives, by using **#ThankALineman** on social media to show your support. Thank you.

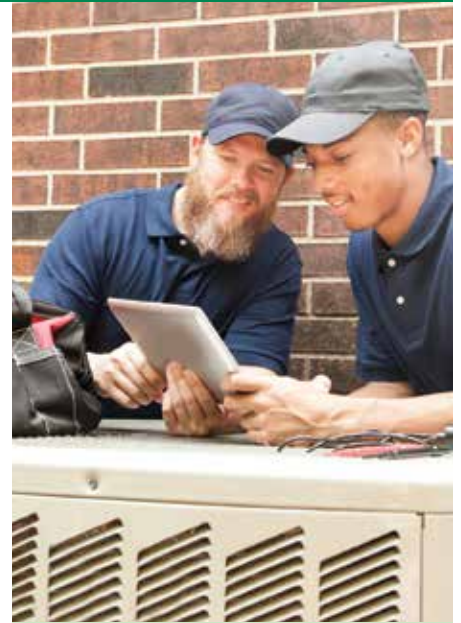
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Is Your Air Conditioner Ready for Summer?

Don't wait until you get a surprise on your summer electric bill, or when you come home to a house that isn't cool... make sure now that your AC unit will be ready when you need it. Below are a few ways to keep your system running as efficiently as possible this summer:

- **Make sure you have a HVAC professional service your system regularly.** Be sure to request that they clean the condensing coils, as well.
- **Operate the cooling equipment wisely.** To get the most out of your AC unit, operate it on a conservative temperature setting. We recommend keeping your thermostat on 78 degrees during the summer months. You should set it at an even higher temperature when you are away from home.
- **Allow for the airflow around the outdoor unit.** Provide at least two (2) feet of clearance on all sides, and five (5) feet at the top of the unit, for proper ventilation.
- **Change the filters regularly; once per month during peak usage.** Dirty filters can restrict the airflow through your system, reduce efficiency and lead to other problems, such as shortening the life of your unit.
- **Do not close off areas of your home unless there is a "return vent" in that space.** The system must be able to circulate air completely.
- **Make sure your cooling equipment is the right size for the area.** Units that are too large can cycle "on" and "off" and sometimes do not run long enough to remove moisture from the air, resulting in high humidity levels inside the home, which can affect your comfort.

By following these simple tips, you can help improve the overall efficiency of your AC system and lower your energy usage this summer. For additional information on how to make your home more energy efficient, visit our Energy Center at www.sawnee.com/energy or call one of our energy experts at 770-887-2363.



Sawnee EMC AC Tune-Up Rebate

If you have your AC tuned up in 2017, send us the invoice! You may qualify for our rebate of up to half of your cost, or a maximum of \$20, per unit. Send your invoice to marketing@sawnee.com, fax it to 678-513-8106 or mail it to Sawnee EMC, Attn: Energy Services Department, 543 Atlanta Highway, Cumming, GA 30040.

Can You Dig it? You Must Call 811 to Find Out!

If you are planning to dig, be sure to call 811 at least 48 hours in advance so that the underground utilities in your area can be marked. Even if you are “almost positive” that there are no underground lines in the area where you will be digging, you are still required to call. Remember, the call and locate are **FREE**, and it is the law in Georgia!

Be safe, not sorry. Before you begin digging, call 811 for your own safety, and to prevent damage and utility outages. A few examples of homeowner digging projects may include landscaping, fence installation, planting trees, or anchoring supports for decks and swing sets.

Always call 811 before you dig. Allow up to 48 hours for utilities to be located. Respect and protect the marks and then excavate carefully.

For more information or to make an eRequest, visit www.georgia811.com.



Here's WATTS Cookin' Swedish Pancakes

Ingredients:

4 eggs 5 tbsp. sugar
1 cup flour 2 cups milk

Instructions:

Preheat nonstick skillet on medium high heat. Mix all ingredients by blender or electric mixer. Pour in skillet, just covering the bottom surface. When batter bubbles and looks firm, check for browning with a spatula and flip over. Cook on other side for an additional minute. You can place large pancake on dinner plate, add berries inside and roll up. Top with powdered sugar or whipped crème.



👉 Thanks to Wendy May Lum for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to marketing@sawnee.com.