



# THE SAWNEE HIGHLINER

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## *We've Got \$36 and It Could Have YOUR NAME On It*

Enroll in the Sawnee Smart Savers\* program and earn up to \$36 for participating.

All you need is central AC and a Wi-Fi connected thermostat from one of these providers:



Once enrolled, we'll adjust your Wi-Fi connected thermostat during times of high energy usage during the summer. It's just a few degrees, but you'll earn a \$12 credit, per enrolled thermostat, on each of your July, August and September billing statements for participating!

Here's how to get started:

### 1. CHECK it out!

Get more info & see if you qualify at [enrollmythermostat.com/sawnee](http://enrollmythermostat.com/sawnee).

### 2. CONFIRM your eligibility!

Find out if your existing Wi-Fi connected thermostat is on the list—or purchase and install a qualifying thermostat.

### 3. CLOSE the deal!

You're ready to activate and enroll your Wi-Fi connected thermostat in the Sawnee Smart Savers\* program.

Questions? Please contact a member of Sawnee EMC's Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363 or via email at [marketing@sawnee.com](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).

\*Certain limitations apply and this offer is subject to change.

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### QUOTABLE QUOTE

**The secret of getting ahead is getting started. "**

**— Mark Twain**

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# You Are More Than a Customer, You're Our Member



As a cooperative, Sawnee EMC has a different "view of the world." While our priority has always been providing reliable and safe electric energy, there is another equally important part of this equation. Who we serve is not just a "customer"; they are a "member" of the co-op and without them, we would not exist.

In 1938, Sawnee EMC was founded to fulfill a vital need in our communities, which otherwise would not have been met. Concerned local leaders came together to organize this electric co-op and take electricity to areas where there was none.

At that time, those people involved understood Sawnee EMC was different, because they knew someone who had helped create us. For some people, our founding and its circumstances is a distant memory, long forgotten. Over time, people in the community may have come to think of us as simply an energy provider. However, we are

much more. We are a co-op focused on our membership and are constantly evolving to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

Since our inception, we have sought feedback and engagement from you and others. We strive to find new ways to help you use energy more efficiently. We're always looking to explore options that will help you

manage your energy use wisely such as our rebate and incentive program, interactive app, access to online energy data and more. In short, we are always seeking to keep pace with the changing energy environment, evolving technology and shifting member needs.

While the times may have changed, our mission and focus have not. Working together, we can accomplish great things for our community now and in the future.



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# 5 WAYS TO SPRING INTO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Spring is a perfect time to make improvements around your home. Here are five (5) quick tips that could save you both energy and money.



**1 Seal the cracks and gaps around your home.** Spring is a great time to clean or pressure wash your home, but it is also a good time to add weather-stripping and caulk around leaky windowpanes. Consider visiting [www.togetherwesave.com](http://www.togetherwesave.com) to complete the Home Energy Adventure to find out how efficient your home currently is, as well as, how you can improve your home's energy efficiency.



**2 Change filters regularly.** Furnace and air conditioner filters need to be changed monthly; this can really help lower monthly energy

bills. Dirty filters can restrict air flow and reduce the overall efficiency of your cooling system and make it work harder on hot summer days.



**3 Clean the refrigerator inside and out.** Now is a good time to throw out the leftover fruit cake from the holidays, and check the temperature settings on your refrigerator. Ideally, a refrigerator's temperature should be between 37 and 40 degrees for maximum operating efficiency.



**4 Think sun block.** By pulling the shades on your windows this

spring and summer, you could save about \$35 a year. Your local hardware or do-it-yourself stores has lots of inexpensive window coverings. Best of all, by blocking out the sun, your house will stay cooler and more comfortable.



**5 Turn up the thermostat.** Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you begin cooling your home. Sawnee EMC's energy experts agree that setting your thermostat to 78 degrees is the most efficient temperature to operate your HVAC units on in the summer. Every degree you raise the temperature, saves you more money.

You can learn more ways to save energy by visiting Sawnee EMC's Energy Solutions Center at [www.sawnee.com](http://www.sawnee.com). Contact our Energy Services Department at 770-887-2363 or via email at [marketing@sawnee.com](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com) if you have any questions.





## LINEWORKERS Light Up Our Lives

Lineworkers serve on the frontlines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 8, 2019, Sawnee EMC will honor the men and women who work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on.

We are proud to recognize the approximate 120 Sawnee EMC lineworkers for the services they perform around the clock to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety.

"Lineworkers are the first responders of our electric cooperative, and they're always ready to get the job done, day or night," said Michael Goodroe, President and CEO of Sawnee EMC. "Whether they're restoring power after a storm or maintaining critical infrastructure, lineworkers are a key part of everything we do."

Sawnee EMC is proud to honor its lineworkers that maintain the over 11,350 miles of distribution lines in our service territory.

Sawnee EMC invites you to take a moment and thank a lineworker for the job they do. On April 8th, or anytime during the month of April, use **#ThankALineman** on social media to show your support for the men and women who light our lives.

## Here's WATTS Cookin' Party Dip

### Ingredients:

1 cup apricot preserves  
1 cup pineapple preserves  
¼ cup horseradish

1 tsp. dry mustard  
Pepper, to taste  
1 pkg. cream cheese

### Instructions:

Combine the first five (5) ingredients and pour over the block of cream cheese. Serve with crackers.



👉 Thanks to Joanne Wakeford 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](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).