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THERE'S A LOT TO GAIN FROM BEING TRUE

We'd rather
keep old customers
than get new ones.

So hurry up
and become an
old customer.

Get rewarded for being true. True Natural Gas does not use gimmicks or sign-up tricks like some natural gas marketers. True believes that their long-term, loyal customers are their most valuable customers...and they want to prove it to you.

The True Rewards program is a "Thank You" to loyal customers, in the form of bill credits. The savings are automatic; the longer you stay, the more you save! Stay long enough, and your monthly service charge could be as low as \$3.45 a month. That's an extra \$30 a year in real SAVINGS!

To be eligible for True Rewards, you simply need to be a True Natural Gas customer and pay your bills on time. Then, after 12 months of incident-free payments, True will reduce your monthly customer service charge by 50 cents per month. Every 12 months after that, they will take an additional 50 cents off until the maximum discount has been reached; as long as you remain a True customer in good standing.

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Note: Sawnee EMC is not a certified natural gas marketer in the state of Georgia, but actively promotes the natural gas services of True Natural Gas as a value-added service to its members.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

Be kind whenever
possible. It is always
possible."

— Dalai Lama

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GETTING A HANDLE ON HUMIDITY

What's the cure for a damp living space? For many homeowners, it's a dehumidifier.

Dehumidifiers can be out-of-sight, out-of-mind appliances, requiring little to no attention until their collection bucket needs emptying. Many users will even connect a hose to the unit for continuous drainage and the appliance virtually disappears.

Our Energy Services professionals often find members are surprised to learn a dehumidifier can cost \$50 or more a month to operate. Depending on the size of the appliance and operating time, dehumidifiers could be a sizable part of your electric bill.

A dehumidifier is just one part of a successful moisture control strategy. Consider these additional steps if you are encountering a damp basement or other area:

- Stop moisture from entering the structure. Start by correcting outside drainage problems. If gutters channel water next to your home's foundation, add extensions to drain water away from the house. Make sure the soil next to the foundation slopes away from the house to carry away rainwater.
- Waterproof basement walls and floors. A coat of vapor barrier paint may keep invading water in check.

- Eliminate guesswork by using a hygrometer to measure relative humidity in the problem area. You can find electronic hygrometers starting at \$10 to \$15. Ideally, indoor humidity should be 50 percent or less.
- Run the dehumidifier on lower settings first so the unit will cycle instead of operating continuously. Increase the setting as needed until mold and mildew disappear.
- Delay installing a hose for continuous drainage of the dehumidifier, so you will first get a feel for the amount of water being removed as you empty the drain bucket.

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



You Have the **POWER** with Prepaid Billing

Prepaid billing is as simple as it sounds... participating members pay for electricity before they use it. Their payment credits their account, and the credit decreases as they use electricity. Think of prepaid billing the same as paying for gasoline, groceries or a prepaid phone. You pay for the product before you use it; however, you can pay as little or as much as you want, when you want. Payments can be small amounts every few days or large amounts allowing you not to worry about it for a long period of time. When your supply is low, you simply purchase more.

Now let's transfer that analogy to a Sawnee prepaid billing account. With traditional billing, you get a bill after you have used the electricity. Sometimes it comes as a shock. "How could I possibly have used so much electricity?" Prepaid billing is designed to ease, and hopefully eliminate, bill shock.

No late fees, deposits or reconnect fees.

Unlike traditional residential billing methods, our prepaid billing does not require an account deposit. Moreover, prepaid billing accounts are not financially penalized for disconnects and reconnects.

Take control, enjoy the convenience.

The process is simple. After you make your initial payment of at least \$40, you put as much money as you want in your Sawnee EMC prepaid account, and we supply you with electricity. As you use power, your account balance goes down. When the funds run out, the electricity does, too. You can buy more power by adding money to your account at any time of the day or night by going to www.sawnee.com, using our 24-hour automated phone service, or by visiting our 24-hour kiosks at our headquarters. Your power will be restored and you won't be charged a reconnection fee.

Monitor what you use and spend.

You can track your power use and monitor your account balance online using SmartHub or by downloading the Sawnee EMC app for your smart phone or tablet from the iTunes App Store or from Google Play. By monitoring your energy use and adjusting your energy usage habits, you can reduce the amount of electricity you use each day and save money on your energy bill.



Ready to learn more? Visit our prepaid billing website at www.sawnee.com/prepay for additional information, including "Frequently Asked Questions." If you decide that prepaid billing is right for you, contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363.

Stay COOL While Cooking This Summer

The heat and humidity of another Georgia summer is here, but there are still ways for you to stay cool without breaking the bank. Try saving energy with these five (5) simple tips for cooking great meals this summer.

- 1** Cook outdoors to reduce the heat in the house and the additional load on your air conditioner. Remember, your AC is usually the largest user of electricity during the summer.
- 2** Toaster ovens and slow cookers get the job done, while using less energy than conventional stove tops or ovens, especially when preparing smaller meals.
- 3** By cooking in glass or ceramic ovenware, you can turn the temperature down by 25 degrees and cook in the same amount of time as you would with metal pots or pans.

4 Avoid thawing food in the microwave. It is more energy efficient to thaw in the refrigerator. It helps the refrigerator stay cool and is safer than thawing food on the countertop or in the sink.

5 When cooking on the stove, always use a lid whenever possible. It reduces cooking time and the amount of steam that is released inside the house.

Looking for more information on how you can save energy this summer? Be sure to visit Sawnee's Energy Solutions Center online at www.sawnee.com. This site is full of helpful energy-saving tips and information. For additional questions, contact a member of our Energy Services Department at (770) 887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.com.

Here's WATTS Cookin' BLT Salad on a Stick

Ingredients:

1 pkg bacon, cooked, not crispy

1 pint of multi colored cherry tomatoes

1 head of Bibb lettuce (also known as Boston or butter)

1 red onion, cut in chunks

1 avocado

1 clove garlic

¼ cup olive oil

½ cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves

Juice from 1 lime (or more if desired)

Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

Thread the skewers with the bacon, lettuce, tomato and onion. Puree the avocado, basil, garlic, lime juice, olive oil in a blender or food processor. Drizzle the dressing over the skewers, or keep it on the side for dipping. NOTE: For a thinner dressing, add water until desired consistency.



👉 Thanks to Robin Fuller 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.