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Sawnee EMC Announces **\$8 MILLION RETIREMENT OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL**

Sawnee EMC will soon be refunding approximately \$8 million to over 105,000 active and former Sawnee members through a general retirement of patronage capital. This patronage capital retirement is for all customers who received electric service from Sawnee EMC at any time during 2003.

As outlined in Sawnee's Bylaws, patronage capital is an allocation of the revenue received in excess of operating costs and expenses each year; those funds are then assigned to each member of record for that particular year.

Active members of Sawnee EMC, who received service at any time during 2003, will receive their allocated portion of this patronage capital retirement in the form of a



"credit" on their March 2021 electric bill. These active members will soon receive a letter, which provides details about this general retirement, including the amount of their refund, as well as a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs).

Former members who no longer have an active account with Sawnee EMC, and who have a valid forwarding address, will be mailed a check to their last known address on or around April 5, 2021. It is important that former Sawnee EMC members notify Sawnee of their new mailing address when they discontinue electric service.

This helps to ensure that these members receive their future patronage capital retirements.

In addition to the general retirement of patronage capital, it is important to remember that Sawnee EMC also

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

**Perseverance is failing
19 times and succeeding
the 20th."**

— Julie Andrews

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PATRONAGE CAPITAL

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retires patronage capital to the estates of deceased members. In the past 12 months, approximately 330 such retirements were made, totaling approximately \$409,264. If you know of someone who is deceased, and they once were a Sawnee member, please remind the executor of their estate to contact our Customer Service Center at (770) 887-2363, by text at (678) 999-8124, or via email at customerservice@sawnee.com to learn about claiming their patronage capital.

Sawnee EMC is committed to supporting the principles that make the "cooperative" business structure a success. Over the previous five (5) years, Sawnee EMC has retired over \$60 million to active and former members through general retirements of patronage capital.

If you have any questions about this patronage capital retirement, please contact our Customer Service Department at (770) 887-2363 or via email at customerservice@sawnee.com. For more information, a list of FAQ's or to watch our short informational video visit www.sawnee.com/patcap.



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ANNOUNCING 2021 RESIDENTIAL ENERGY REBATES

PLEASE NOTE...The rebates contained herein only apply for work completed in 2021. Please be sure to visit www.sawnee.com/rebates for additional information and limitations on 2021 energy related rebates and incentives.

Anytime is a good time to get more energy efficient, but it is even better when a Sawnee EMC rebate can help pay for it. Below is information about the energy rebate programs available to residential accounts for 2021.

INSULATION UPGRADE:

Increase your attic insulation to an R-49 level or greater and receive ½ of the cost, up to \$200. The home must be at least five (5) years old.

SECOND REFRIGERATOR / FREEZER TURN IN:

Replace your second refrigerator or freezer, which must be working and at least 10 years old, with an Energy Star model and receive a rebate of \$30, plus free removal of the old unit. This rebate **does not** apply to the replacement of the main kitchen refrigerator.

ELECTRIC HYBRID WATER HEATER:

Replace an existing standard water heater with a heat pump water heater and receive a \$100 rebate.

NEW HVAC UNIT:

Replace an existing HVAC unit with a new 17 SEER unit. Please note, the yellow ENERGY GUIDE label located on the outdoor unit must clearly state 17 SEER or greater. Recipients must also agree to participate in one of Sawnee's Load Management programs in order to receive the rebate. Rebate is \$50 per ton.

DUCT SEALING:

Receive a rebate of ½ of the cost, up to \$100, for sealing all accessible HVAC ductwork with mastic.

HVAC TUNE UP:

Receive a rebate of ½ of the cost, up to \$20, for each outside HVAC unit, when you have a "tune up" performed by a licensed HVAC technician. **Tune ups for "gas furnaces only" do not qualify.**

VARIABLE SPEED POOL PUMP:

Replace a conventional swimming pool pump with a variable speed pump and receive ½ of the cost, up to \$100 per pump.

RADIANT BARRIER ROOF DECKING:

Receive a rebate for ½ of total cost, up to \$100, for the installation of a barrier roof sheathing to a home newly constructed in 2021. Rebate does not apply to "roll out" or "paint on" radiant barrier.

NEW FOR 2021 – LEVEL 2 CHARGER REBATE:

Receive a one-time \$250 rebate for installing a Level 2 electric vehicle charger. Must participate in one of Sawnee EMC's Time of Use rates for the required one (1) year minimum period.

Are you a commercial member? If so, please be sure to visit us online at sawnee.com for a list of rebates that your business may be eligible for. Questions? Contact a member of Sawnee EMC's Energy Services staff at 770-887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.com if you have any questions about rebate eligibility.

TIPS FOR PURCHASING NEW APPLIANCES

When shopping for new appliances, there are two price tags you should consider:

1. Purchase price of the appliance (think of this as a down payment)

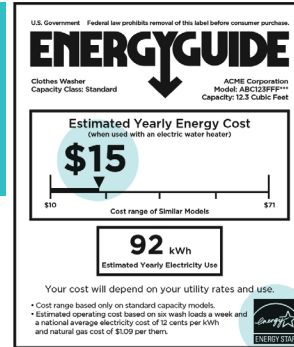


2. Cost to operate the appliance over its lifetime (how much energy the appliance uses)



That second price is just as important as the purchase price because you'll be paying for the appliance's energy use for the next 10 to 20 years.

Source: Department of Energy



- **Look for the ENERGY STAR® label.** ENERGY STAR-qualified products exceed the federal minimum standards for efficiency and quality.
- **Carefully review the EnergyGuide label on the appliance.** The label provides information about how much energy an appliance uses compared to similar models.
- **Once you choose your make and model, compare prices.** Keep in mind, many retailers will match a lower price offered by competitors.
- **Recycle or sell your old appliance.** Ask the retailer if they'll pick up your old appliance, or you can sell it yourself. Either option is better than the landfill!

Here's WATTS Cookin'

Overnight Cinnamon Baked French Toast

Ingredients:

1 loaf bread (Challah works well)
8 eggs
2 cups milk
½ cup heavy cream
¾ cup sugar

2 tsp. vanilla
½ cup flour
½ cup brown sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. salt
1 stick cold butter, cubed

Instructions:

The night before, grease a 9 x 13 pan. Tear bread into chunks and place in pan. Mix eggs, milk, cream, sugar and vanilla. Pour mixture evenly over the bread. Cover and refrigerate overnight. In a separate bowl, mix the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt. Cut in the butter until the crumb topping is combined. Store this in fridge overnight. In the morning, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sprinkle crumb topping over soaked bread. Bake for 45 minutes or more until set. This is a sweet casserole and is best served warm. Can add syrup or powdered sugar if desired.



👉 Thanks to Kristy Hickey 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.