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Sawnee EMC Announces **DECREASE** in WPCA

We are proud to announce the Board of Directors approved a retail rate decrease effective on energy bills being sent for this month (January 2021) through March 2021.

This rate reduction will occur in Rate Schedule "R", Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause (WPCA), a billing component included in most Sawnee EMC rate schedules. This action will affect all Sawnee EMC residential accounts and most commercial accounts. The Board of Directors and staff of Sawnee EMC understands the economic hardships many members have experienced during the pandemic and that some continue to be impacted.

The WPCA will be reduced from December's value of \$0.0250/kWh to

\$0.010/kWh for all applicable energy billed under this rate for January 2021 through March 2021.



This change will result in savings of approximately \$22.50 for every 1,500 kWh of energy billed in this time period.

It is important to note, the actual amount of the rate reduction for each member during this period will vary and is dependent on the level of energy used each month by each account.

The WPCA reduction is part of Sawnee EMC's ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response plan and further supports the efforts made earlier in 2020 such

"We are very glad that we can have this adjustment for our members and to strategically lower the WPCA for three months."

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

— Benjamin Franklin

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Here's to a **BRIGHT** 2021!

Another holiday season has come and gone and most of us are now ready for a fresh start in one way or another. Here's an idea... let's all make a New Year's resolution to be more energy efficient. To give you a head start, Sawnee has compiled a list of simple things you can do to make your home or business more energy efficient.



LIGHTING

This is perhaps the easiest way to increase energy efficiency. It can be as simple as changing a commonly used light bulb.

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Upgrade to LEDs. They come in a wide variety and are more affordable than ever. They are far more efficient than traditional incandescent bulbs and last much longer.

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For outdoor lighting, use photo-cell units, which automatically turn on when it gets dark.

Motion sensor lighting is another great option. A combined motion sensor and photocell unit is the best of both worlds.



HEATING AND COOLING

Avoiding air leaks can go a long way in keeping your home comfortable, especially as we find ourselves in the coldest months of the year.

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Having proper insulation in the attic, crawl space and other areas can help significantly. Plus, Sawnee EMC offers a rebate for certain attic insulation upgrades.

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Windows are frequent culprits of pesky air leaks, so seal them with caulk or weather stripping.

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Check, clean or change your HVAC filters once a month, or as needed.



WATER HEATING

A hot shower or bath on a cold day is one of life's simple pleasures; but be sure you are using hot water wisely.

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It's to your energy advantage to wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.

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Washing clothes in cold water using cold-water detergent is a great way to save energy.

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When the time comes to replace your water heater, choose an ENERGY STAR qualified unit. This advice can also apply to a wide range of other appliances and electronics.

Keep in mind, this list is just the tip of the iceberg. Visit sawnee.com/energy for more tips and advice on ways to get the most out of energy. Happy New Year to you and yours!

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Let the sunshine in! For additional warmth, open drapes over windows that receive sunlight during the day. Close them at night, which can reduce heat loss from a warm room up to 10%.

Source: energy.gov



WPCA Decrease

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as a delayed base rate increase, the institution of system wide six (6) month payment plan for past due amounts, a \$10 million Special Retirement of Patronage Capital and the waiving of late fees and disconnections for a period of time.

For additional information or questions regarding WPCA or any aspect of your Sawnee EMC account, please contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, via email at customerservice@sawnee.com, text 678-999-8124 or visit our website at sawnee.com.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Creamy Chicken and Mushroom Soup

Ingredients:

<i>2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil</i>	<i>2 stalks celery, sliced</i>
<i>1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts</i>	<i>Kosher salt</i>
<i>1 large onion, diced</i>	<i>Freshly ground black pepper</i>
<i>2 cloves garlic, minced</i>	<i>2 1/2 c. low-sodium chicken broth</i>
<i>1 lb. cremini mushrooms, sliced</i>	<i>3/4 c. heavy cream</i>
<i>2 large carrots, peeled and sliced into coins</i>	

Instructions:

In a large stockpot over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add chicken and cook until golden, 4 minutes per side, then transfer to a cutting board and cut into small pieces. Reduce heat to medium and add remaining table-spoon oil, onion, garlic, mushrooms, carrots, and celery. Season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender and golden, 8 to 10 minutes. Add broth and bring to a simmer. Stir in heavy cream and chicken and continue cooking until thickened, 15 minutes.



👉 Thanks to Bill Shetler 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.