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5 LOW-COST WAYS TO BEAT THE HEAT

The temperatures are getting warmer, and as such, electric bills tend to go up as air conditioners operate longer hours. Since air conditioners account for approximately 45% of a typical electric bill, start using these low-cost ways to keep your energy usage as low as possible this summer.



- 1. ADJUST THE THERMOSTAT.** If your family is heading out for the day, set your thermostat three to five degrees higher than usual. Remember, experts recommend an air conditioner setting of 78 degrees when the home is occupied.
- 2. BIGGER IS NOT ALWAYS BETTER.** An air conditioner functions by removing heat and humidity from the air. While an oversized unit can cool rooms quickly, it can only remove a portion of the humidity, leaving the room with a damp and clammy feeling. Be sure to consult your HVAC professional about correctly sizing your HVAC system.
- 3. SOFTEN OR BLOCK THOSE RAYS.** Close curtains and lower blinds on the sunny side of your home. To avoid blocking the view, consider adding an outdoor awning or applying reflective window film.
- 4. MAKE SURE "OFF" IS REALLY "OFF".** Each of the appliances and electronic devices you have around your home use energy – and generate heat – as long as they are attached to a power source. Plug nearby gadgets into a single power strip that can be turned "off" with one switch.
- 5. FEEL THE BREEZE.** When you are home, use ceiling fans to create a "wind chill" effect. Combining fans with air conditioning allows you to set your thermostat higher, while still feeling cool.

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

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

A child of five would understand this. Send someone to fetch a child of five. "

— Groucho Marx

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APPOINTMENT OF SAWNEE EMC'S

2018 Director Nominating Committees

Effective June 8, 2018, the Board of Directors of Sawnee EMC appointed nine (9) members total to serve on the three (3) 2018 Committees on Nominations ("Committee") for the directorate districts in which the term of the incumbent director is expiring. It is the function of these Committees to consider candidate(s) for the office of director for District #1 (Birmingham); District #4 (Dougherty); and District #6 (Matt), as outlined in the Corporation's Bylaws.

Below are the names of the three (3) Sawnee members appointed to serve on each of the three (3) Committees. Interested SEMC members should contact the members of the Committee for the district in which they reside, if they wish for the Committee to consider them as a candidate for the office of director in 2018:

DISTRICT #1 – BIRMINGHAM:	Mr. Chris Brigham P.O. Box 1524 Canton, GA 30169-1524 (404) 580-8140	Mr. Rob Nealey 286 Randy Ln. Canton, GA 30115-6991 (678) 393-9744	Mrs. Wralene Pritchard 1942 Avery Rd. Canton, GA 30115-2700 (770) 479-4154
DISTRICT #4 – DOUGHERTY:	Mr. Dan Anderson 560 Oak Forest Dr. Dawsonville, GA 30534-8922 (706) 265-9016	Mr. Wayne Garrett 5008 Gillespie Rd. Gainesville, GA 30506-2517 (770) 532-3618	Ms. Edna Mize 263 Woodland Cir. Dawsonville, GA 30534-7245 (706) 216-6313
DISTRICT #6 – MATT:	Mr. Chris Woodall 5020 Arbor Creek Ct. Cumming, GA 30040-4161 (678) 491-0806	Mrs. Shannon Harrington 6420 Manor Estates Dr. Cumming, GA 30028-5926 (770) 715-4448	Mr. Christopher Matz 2745 Astoria Ave. Cumming, GA 30040-5360 (404) 387-8556

The Committees will meet at the Sawnee EMC Headquarters in Cumming, GA as outlined below:

DIRECTORATE DISTRICT	COMMITTEE MEETING DATE	TIME
District #1 (Birmingham)	July 25, 2018 (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.
District #4 (Dougherty)	July 25, 2018 (Wednesday)	2:00 p.m.
District #6 (Matt)	July 26, 2018 (Thursday)	10:00 a.m.

If you are a Sawnee EMC member assigned to one of these three (3) directorate districts and have an interest in seeking the office of director in 2018, you are encouraged to review the director candidate information available online at www.sawnee.com/elections, or request a director candidate information packet from the Office of the President and CEO of Sawnee EMC (770)-887-2363.

Qualified individuals, who wish to seek the office of director outside of the Committee process, may do so by utilizing the petition process. Petitions from potential candidates must be submitted to Sawnee EMC no later than the thirty-fifth (35th) day before each directorate district meeting. **These deadlines are as follows:**

DIRECTORATE DISTRICT	PETITION DEADLINE DATE	TIME
District #1 (Birmingham)	July 31, 2018 (Tuesday)	5:00 p.m.
District #4 (Dougherty)	August 1, 2018 (Wednesday)	5:00 p.m.
District #6 (Matt)	August 2, 2018 (Thursday)	5:00 p.m.

Note: A petition form is available upon request via U.S. Mail, or online at www.sawnee.com/elections

If you have a question about Sawnee EMC's 2018 director election process, the Committee on Nominations, or the petition process, please feel free to contact the Office of the Sawnee EMC President and CEO at (770) 887-2363.

SAWNEE ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES

2018 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Since 2006, the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation has awarded youth scholarships to outstanding local high school seniors (pictured below) seeking to further their education. The Foundation's Board of Directors recently approved the 2018 Youth Scholarship awards and selected the following 26 students to each receive a \$4,500 scholarship. Congratulations to this year's Youth Scholarship recipients.

Madison Ammon, West Forsyth High School

Katherine Archer, North Forsyth High School

Bianca Bill, Johns Creek High School

Theodore Campbell, IV, Sequoyah High School

Christine Carpenter, West Forsyth High School

Ryan Caviness, Lambert High School

Prerana Dewan, South Forsyth High School

Apoorva Dhanala, Northview High School

Alyssa Franklin, Lambert High School

Nathan Hillman, West Forsyth High School

Arjun Karanam, South Forsyth High School

Alexandra Kaye, Creekview High School

Kuang-Drew Li, Johns Creek High School

Katie Madden, South Forsyth High School

Madelyn Martin, Creekview High School

Alexis Matheson, Dawson County High School

Madison McKune, North Forsyth High School

Allison Mehler, West Forsyth High School

Srijita Nandy, Cambridge High School

Cullen Reed, Dawson County High School

Emmie Rose Scates, North Forsyth High School

Brian Shoffeitt, South Forsyth High School

Brooklyn Turner, Creekview High School

Tara Varadarajan, Alpharetta High School

Charlee Warren, South Forsyth High School

Kerrington Witherspoon, West Forsyth High School

Questions about this program or the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation can be directed to Mrs. Cindy Badgett, Director of External Affairs, at (678) 455-1399 or via email at cindy.badgett@sawnee.com.



Sealing the Deal on Home Energy Efficiency



As a child, you probably heard the phrase, “close the door – are you trying to cool the whole neighborhood?” Well, the person that gave you that advice had a great point. It takes a lot of energy to condition the air in your home. So, when it “goes straight out the door,” the energy you paid for that cooling goes right along with it. The same concept applies to the more subtle air leaks you may have around your home. By weather-stripping your doors, operable windows, and other openings in outdoor walls, floors, and ceilings... you can keep your conditioned air inside, where it belongs.

Since the material needed to seal air leaks is rather inexpensive, it is one of the most cost-effective steps you can take to increase your home's energy efficiency. Proper weather-stripping not only prevents your conditioned air from getting out, it can also reduce noise, pollen, dust and insects from coming into your home. Installation is quick and easy, even if you're not an expert do-it-yourselfer.

To determine how much you need, simply add up the perimeters of all the windows and doors to be treated. Then, add about 10% to cover any unintended waste. Be sure to check the packaging, so you get strips of the appropriate depths and widths, as well as a product able to withstand the elements, friction and other types of wear and tear associated with each location.

Need additional information? Visit our Energy Center at www.sawnee.com/energy for additional tips and ways to save energy in your home.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Mango Yogurt Smoothie

Ingredients:

4 cups fresh mangoes, chopped 1 tsp. honey
1 cup plain yogurt Pinch of cardamom
1 cup skim milk

Instructions:

In a blender combine mango, yogurt, milk and honey. Blend until smooth.
Pour into glasses and sprinkle with cardamom.



👉 Thanks to Santosh Tariyal 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.