

# Keep Your Electric Bill COOL This Summer

Your summer electric bill doesn't have to make you hot under the collar. Here are some tips to keep your bill in check when the temperature rises.

Use your ceiling fans. While they don't replace your air conditioner, ceiling fans do move air, which creates "wind chill" and makes the room feel more comfortable. But remember... fans cool people, not rooms... so turn them OFF when you leave.

Consider raising the thermostat. During summer months, raising the thermostat will save energy. Experts recommend setting the air conditioner to 78 degrees or higher, which could mean considerable savings on your monthly

cooling bill. Also, set the temperature even higher when the home is going to be vacant; there is no sense in cooling an unoccupied home.

#### Regular maintenance is essential.

Sawnee EMC recommends that you have your HVAC system serviced annually by a certified HVAC technician. They will check the entire system to make sure it is operating efficiently. Remember, Sawnee EMC offers residential members an incentive of one-half of the cost, up to \$20 per system, to have a professional HVAC "tune up" performed on the outside HVAC system.

Keep the hot air outside. Keep doors and windows closed when the AC is on. Keep the shades and drapes closed to keep the sun's heat out.

For additional ways to save, please visit our Energy Solutions Center at **sawnee. com**.

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#### **QUOTABLE QUOTE**

The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places."

- Ernest Hemingway

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### **Appointment of Sawnee's 2020 Director Nominating Committees**

Effective June 5, 2020, the Board of Directors of Sawnee EMC appointed nine (9) members to serve on the three (3) Committees on Nominations ("Committee") for the directorate districts in which the term of the incumbent director is expiring. It is the function of each Committee to consider candidate(s) for the office of director for District #3 (Cumming); District #5 (Ducktown); and District #8 (Ocee), as outlined in the Corporation's Bylaws.

To the right are the names of the 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 2020:

The Committees are to meet as outlined below:

DIRECTORATE DISTRICT	COMMITTEE MEETING DATE	TIME
District #3 (Cumming)	July 22, 2020 (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.
District #5 (Ducktown)	July 22, 2020 (Wednesday)	2:00 p.m.
District #8 (Ocee)	July 23, 2020 (Thursday)	10:00 a.m.

If you are a Sawnee EMC member located in one of these three (3) directorate districts and have an interest in seeking the office of director in 2020, you are encouraged to review the director candidate information available online at <a href="mailto:sawnee.com/elections">sawnee.com/elections</a> or request a director candidate information packet from the office of Sawnee EMC's President and CEO.

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 #3 (Cumming)	July 28, 2020 (Tuesday)	5:00 p.m.
District #5 (Ducktown)	July 29, 2020 (Wednesday)	5:00 p.m.
District #8 (Ocee)	July 30, 2020 (Thursday)	5:00 p.m.

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

If you have a question about Sawnee EMC's 2020 director election process, the Committee on Nominations, or the petition process, please feel free to contact the office of Sawnee EMC's President and CEO at (770) 887-2363.

#### District #3 – CUMMING:

Mr. Travis Bridgeman 2495 Wanda Woods Rd. Cumming, GA 30041 (770) 887-6900

#### Mr. Jerry Henderson 3410 Sinclair Shores Rd. Cumming, GA 30041 (770) 480-1646

**Mr. Steve Pruitt** 3425 Holtzclaw Rd. Cumming, GA 30041 (770) 887-0923

#### District #5 - DUCKTOWN:

**Ms. Linda Shadburn** 3495 Hurt Bridge Rd. Cumming, GA 30028 (770) 889-1264

#### **Ms. Toni Smith** 4264 Aaron Sosebee Rd. Cumming, GA 30040 (770) 654-0411

Mr. Rex Tallant 2879 Canton Hwy. Cumming, GA 30040 (770) 851-3574

#### District #8 - OCEE:

**Mr. Kirven Brantley** 10518 Bent Tree Vw. Johns Creek, GA 30097 (404) 229-7698

**Ms. Cathy Marion** 120 Pro Ter. Duluth, GA 30097 (770) 232-9543

Ms. Carol McGrevin 10697 Bell Rd. Duluth, GA 30097 (770) 490-0971 THE SAWNEE HIGHLINER Volume 40 ● Issue 6

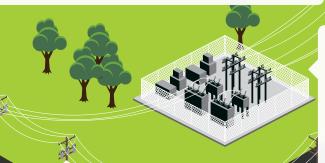
### **Powering Up After an Outage**

When the power goes out, we expect it to be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm or natural disaster causes widespread damage, extended outages may result. Our line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of consumers in the shortest time possible. Here's what's going on if you find yourself in the dark:



#### 1. High-Voltage Transmission Lines:

Transmission towers and cables that supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members) rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.



#### 2. Distribution Substation:

A substation can serve hundreds or thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself or if problems exist further down the line.

#### 3. Main Distribution Lines:

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of consumers in communities or housing developments.



If local outages persist, supply lines (also known as tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools and homes.



If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired. Always call to report an outage to help line crews isolate local issue.

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One thing that is certain in uncertain times – **OUR COMMITMENT** to you and the local communities we serve.





## Here's WATTS Cookin' Raspberry Coconut Layer Bars

Ingredients:

1 ¾ cups graham cracker crumbs

1/2 cup butter, melted

2 3/3 cups shredded coconut

1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

1 cup raspberry preserves

⅓ cup chopped walnuts, toasted

1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips

2 (1 ounce) squares white chocolate,

chopped

#### Instructions:

Combine graham cracker crumbs and butter in medium bowl. Spread evenly over bottom of  $13 \times 9$  inch baking pan; press in firmly. Sprinkle with coconut; pour condensed milk evenly over coconut. Bake in preheated 350 degree F oven for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned; cool for 15 minutes. Spread raspberry jam over coconut layer; chill for 3-4 hours or until firm. Sprinkle with nuts. Melt chocolate chips over low heat and drizzle over bars. Melt white chocolate squares and drizzle over bars. Chill. Cut into  $3 \times 1-1/2$  inch bars.

Thanks to Trish Cole 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.

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