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Sawnee EMC Announces Decrease in the WPCA for the Remainder of 2016

On October 20, 2016, Sawnee EMC's Board of Directors approved a retail rate reduction for the remainder of 2016. On average, each affected account will experience a decrease of approximately \$11.30 for every 1,500 kWh of energy used.

The rate reduction will occur in Sawnee's Rate Schedule "R", Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA) factor, which is a billing component for most retail rate schedules by which Sawnee bills the electric accounts that it serves.

This action will reduce the WPCA to \$0.00/kWh for energy billed for the remainder of 2016, which includes November and December.

Generally, this action affects all residential accounts and most commercial accounts served by Sawnee EMC. The net effect of this action is to lower the amount each affected member pays for electricity for the rest of the year.

"We are very glad that we can make this change for our members," states Michael Goodroe, President and CEO of Sawnee. "The Board of Directors and staff of Sawnee strive to keep costs and rates as low as possible for our members," he added.

Remember, the actual reduction for each account during this period will vary and is dependent on the level of usage each month.

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 or via email at customerservice@sawnee.com.

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*—Michael Goodroe,
President & CEO*

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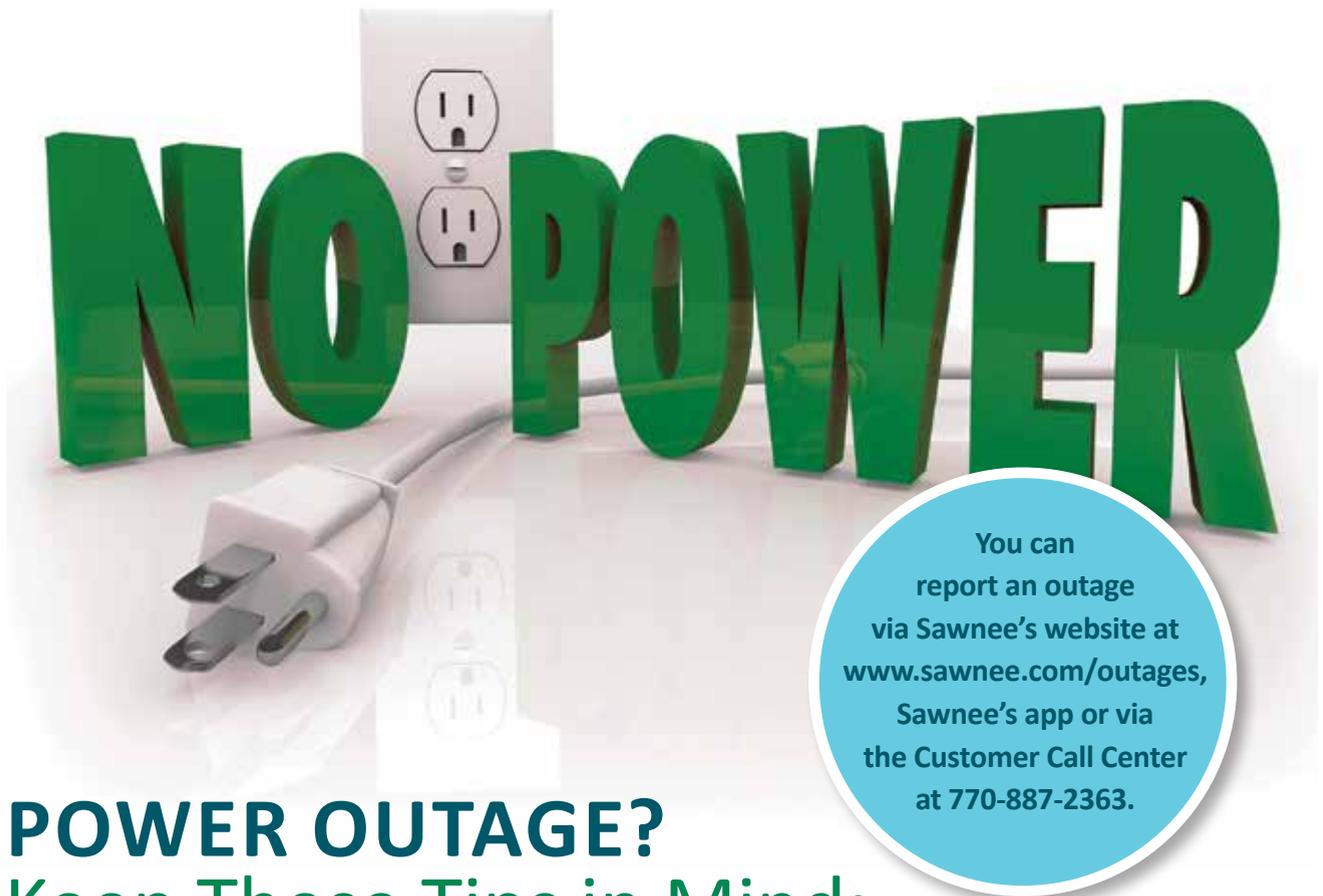


QUOTABLE QUOTE

Before anything else, preparation is the key to success."

~ Alexander Graham Bell

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You can report an outage via Sawnee's website at www.sawnee.com/outages, Sawnee's app or via the Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363.

POWER OUTAGE? Keep These Tips in Mind:

Nobody likes a power outage; especially the staff of Sawnee EMC. However, because of storms, trees, and squirrels... outages do sometimes occur. If you experience a power outage – no matter what time of day or night – you can rest assured that we will be working hard to get your power restored quickly.

Consider these items during a power outage:

- Should you experience an outage, you can report it online at www.sawnee.com/outages or via Sawnee EMC's app. App information is available at www.sawnee.com.
- If your power goes off, check to see if your neighbor's power is also off. If so, the problem is not just you and, in most cases, we should have it back on soon.

- If you are the only one without power, check to see if your home's main circuit breaker or outside disconnect has tripped.
- Turn off or unplug appliances and other electrical equipment so when power is restored, you can turn items back on one at a time and eliminate any sudden surges.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed during an outage. A closed refrigerator keeps food cold for about 4 hours, and a closed freezer keeps food frozen for about 48 hours.

You can count on the staff of Sawnee EMC to assist you should you experience a power outage. Find out how the power is restored to your home at www.sawnee.com/restoration.

Important Reminder!

Deadline for 2016 Energy Efficiency Rebates is Approaching

There is no better time than now to make energy efficiency upgrades to your home. Not only will you see an increase in comfort, but you should also see the savings on your energy bills. For all upgrades completed this year, the supporting documentation must be submitted to Sawnee no later than December 31, 2016 in order to be considered.

Below are the 2016 residential energy efficiency rebate programs:

ATTIC INSULATION UPGRADE – Increase your attic insulation to an R-49 level or greater and receive a rebate of half the cost, up to \$200.

ELECTRIC HYBRID WATER HEATER – Replace an existing water heater with a new energy saving hybrid (heat pump style) water heater and receive a \$100 rebate.

HVAC TUNE UP – Receive ½ of the cost up to \$20 per system when you have a standard HVAC “tune up” performed by a professional on your AC system. “Gas furnace only” tune ups do not qualify.

SECOND REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER TURN IN – Replace a second working refrigerator or freezer with an Energy Star model and receive a one-time rebate of \$30. The unit must be at least 10 years old. Rebate does not apply to replacing the main kitchen refrigerator.

DUCT SEALING – Receive ½ of the cost, up to a maximum of \$100, for sealing all accessible ductwork with mastic. Be sure to refer to the Energy Center at www.sawnee.com/rebates for a list of necessary criteria.

HEAT PUMP/AIR CONDITIONER – Receive a rebate of \$50 per ton for installing a new HVAC condensing unit with a rating of 17 SEER or higher, as stated on the unit’s yellow ENERGY GUIDE label. In order to receive this rebate, the member must agree to participate in Sawnee EMC’s Load Management Program.

VARIABLE SPEED POOL PUMP – Receive a rebate of half the cost up to \$100, per pump, for replacing a single speed pool pump with a variable speed pool pump.

For a complete list of criteria and guidelines for Sawnee EMC’s residential rebate program, please visit

www.sawnee.com/rebates.

For additional questions, please contact a member of our Energy Services Department at 770-887-2363 or or via email at marketing@sawnee.com.

▶ To apply for an energy efficiency rebate, please submit a copy of your invoice or supporting paperwork to Sawnee EMC’s Energy Services Department at marketing@sawnee.com, fax 678-513-8106 or mail a copy to:
**Sawnee EMC
Energy Services,
543 Atlanta Highway,
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The State of Georgia Needs Your Input on Broadband

The 2016 session of the Georgia General Assembly approved many resolutions. One that was overwhelmingly approved by both the Georgia Senate and the House was SR 876, which created the 2016 Joint High-Speed Broadband Communications Access for all Georgians Study Committee.

Yes, it has a long name, but the goal is very simple – to learn more from Georgians about their current access to broadband service and to learn how better access to internet service might improve economic growth and quality of life.

The Study Committee consists of five (5) Senators and five (5) Representatives from different geographical regions of the state. The Committee will be working with the Georgia Broadband Center, which is located within UGA's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, to gather key data and feedback.

Together, they are collecting as much information and opinions as possible from across the state, via a short online survey. They want input from as many Georgians as possible – homeowners, businesses, any Internet users – so that the Study Committee can have actual “user feedback” to consider as they evaluate potential solutions to bridge the digital divide that Georgians are dealing with.

You can learn more about this effort and participate in the online survey at <https://broadband.georgia.gov>. The survey will be open until December 1, 2016. Thank you.

Take the
Georgia Broadband
Survey at [https://
broadband.georgia.gov](https://broadband.georgia.gov)



Here's WATTS Cookin'

Fall Apple Crisp

Ingredients:

8-10 medium apples, peeled, cored and sliced	1 stick butter, cut up
1 cup of sugar	1 cup of brown sugar
Cinnamon, to taste	1 cup quick cooking oatmeal

Instructions:

Combine apples, sugar and cinnamon in bowl and set aside. In a separate bowl mix butter, brown sugar and oatmeal. Place apple mixture in a casserole dish that has been sprayed with cooking oil. Sprinkle oatmeal mixture on top of apples. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes until topping is browned and apple mixture is bubbly.



👉 Thanks to Sue Gray 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.