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Keep Your Home Warm and Cozy This Winter

With autumn comes colorful foliage, shorter days, and refreshingly cool temperatures. But, autumn's arrival also means that the cold temperatures of winter aren't far behind. Take time this month to prepare your home for the cooler months ahead. After all, the time to prevent potential heat loss is now, before the bitter cold weather gets here. Here are a few tips that will help keep your home feeling warm without turning up the heat.

For more ideas on how to manage your home's temperature and be energy efficient, be sure to visit our Energy Center at www.sawnee.com/energy.

ELIMINATE DRAFTY WINDOWS AND DOORS – In a typical home, there are many places for cold air to come in, and warm air to get out. Consider installing foam or weather stripping on the sides and bottom door sweeps of exterior doors to help prevent drafts.

REVERSE THOSE CEILING FANS - During the heating season, run the fan blades in a clockwise direction (when looking up at the fan) so as to pull air up. This will help push warmer air down from the ceiling without creating a wind chill effect.

CHANGE YOUR AIR FILTER – Clean, or replace your HVAC air filter(s) every month. Dirty filters restrict airflow and can increase energy demand.

GIVE YOUR INSULATION A BOOST – Much of the HVAC loss in your home happens in the attic, and attic insulation is one of the best ways to save energy. Sawnee EMC recommends an insulation level of R-49 and offers a rebate for taking this action. Certain limitations apply, visit www.sawnee.com/rebates for all details.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of Sawnee EMC's Energy Services Department at 770-887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.com.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

— Winston Churchill

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Reminder:

Deadline Approaching for 2017 Rebates & Incentives

There is no better time than now to make energy upgrades to your home or business. Not only will you see an increase in comfort, but you will also see a difference on your monthly energy usage. But please be aware that Sawnee EMC rebates are not retroactive; therefore, for all upgrades completed in 2017, the supporting documentation must be submitted no later than December 31, 2017.

Below are the 2017 residential energy efficiency programs that are supported:

Attic Insulation Upgrade – Increase your attic insulation to an R-49 level or greater and receive a rebate of ½ of 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.

2nd 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 ten (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 the 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’s Load Management Program.

Variable Speed Pool Pump – Receive a rebate of ½ of 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 participation criteria and program 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 via email at the email address noted on the right.

► To apply for a rebate, please submit a copy of your supporting documentation 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, Cumming, GA 30040.

POWER GO OUT? KEEP THESE TIPS IN MIND.

Nobody likes a power outage; especially us here at Sawnee EMC. However, due to storms, and 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 the staff at Sawnee is working hard to get the power restored quickly. Our crews focus on restoring service as quickly as possible. Consider these items during a power outage:

- Thanks to our AMI Meter system, we know immediately when your power is out. The meter automatically reports to Sawnee's Control Center that the power is off.
- If power goes off, check to see if your neighbors have power or not.
- If your location is the only one out of power, check to see if your home's main circuit breaker or outside disconnect has tripped.
- Remember, you may report an outage via Sawnee's website at www.sawnee.com/outages.
- Turn off and/or unplug appliances and 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 – an unopened refrigerator keeps food cool for about 4 hours, and an unopened freezer keeps food frozen for about 48 hours.

The staff of Sawnee EMC is ready to assist you during an outage. In addition to the items above, you can also contact Sawnee EMC's Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, or via text at 678-999-8124, if you should experience an outage.



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Bright News for the Holiday Season

The holiday season can be a festive time of year... with gifts, decorations, family visits, and lots of laughter. But, they can also bring extra energy usage from heating, holiday lights, extra cooking, and more. So, how can you make sure the holidays don't leave a surprise "gift" on your next electric bill?

Once of the most popular ways to save energy without dimming your holiday cheer is by switching to light-emitting diode (LED) holiday lights. These long-lasting and energy efficient lights have been on the rise in many different capacities around the home. Over the past few years, the prices have continued to drop, making these bulbs more cost-effective for decorative use.

They operate cooler and colors don't fade over time. Best of all, they use approximately 1/10 of the energy for the same amount of light. On an average month, LEDs use between 1 and 3 kWh of energy, compared to between 12 and 105 kWh for traditional lights. This translates into a savings of up to \$11 every year, because LEDs are more durable, lasting more than 4,000 hours while incandescent bulbs burn out by the 2,000 hour mark.

Don't forget, you can check your daily and hourly energy usage online at www.sawnee.com/ami or via your Smart Hub account management portal. Questions? Contact a member of our Energy Services Department at 770-887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.com.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Crockpot Potato Soup

Ingredients:

1 bag frozen hash brown potatoes 1 can cream of chicken soup
1 box chicken broth 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese

Instructions:

Place all ingredients in crockpot and cook on high for 2-3 hours or low for 4-5 hours. Serve with corn muffins.



👉 Thanks to Jo Ann Martin 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.