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## SLAYING ENERGY VAMPIRES

Did you know that you are sharing your home with “energy vampires”? Electronic devices that continue to suck electricity even when they are not being used. On average, these items can be responsible for up to 10% of the electricity used each month.

Sawnee EMC can help you drive a stake through the heart of these vampires, thus saving energy and money. One way to identify energy vampires is to look for devices with remote controls—TVs, DVRs, and audio equipment. Then target gaming consoles, computers, monitors, and printers, as well as chargers for cell phones, iPods, small DVD players, and laptops.

Chargers draw electric energy even when they’re not charging anything.

An easy way to seal the coffin on energy vampires is to plug components of your computer or home entertainment system into a power strip. With a single flip of a switch, you can completely cut their power.

Ready to see what your energy vampires are costing you? Visit our online Energy Vampire Slayer at [www.sawnee.com/vampires](http://www.sawnee.com/vampires) to see how these common items can affect your energy consumption.



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### QUOTABLE QUOTE

There are 3 kinds of people in this world – those who can count and those who can't.

— Unknown

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# 2018 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR AND YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Do you have a high school student in your home? If so, then we may have some good news for you. Sawnee EMC and the Sawnee Foundation are proud to offer two (2) unique programs available for deserving students residing in our service area.

## 2018 Washington Youth Tour

The Washington Youth Tour is an exciting educational opportunity available to high school children of Sawnee EMC members. This is a weeklong experience in our nation's Capital focusing on the creation and operation of electric cooperatives, our American history, and the U.S. Government. Interested students must be at least 16 years of age by June 1, 2018. The application deadline is 5 PM on February 9, 2018 and the event is occurring June 7-14, 2018. You can find additional information,

including an application form, at [www.sawnee.com/washington](http://www.sawnee.com/washington).

## Youth Scholarship Program

In the spring of 2018, the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation will be awarding scholarships to a select group of exceptional high school seniors residing in Sawnee EMC's service area. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 PM on January 12, 2018. Please visit [www.sawnee.com/scholarships](http://www.sawnee.com/scholarships) for additional information, requirements, and an application form. Students may also check with the Guidance Office at their high school.

For additional questions on either of these programs, please contact Cindy Badgett, Director of External Affairs, at 678-455-1399 or via email at [cindy.badgett@sawnee.com](mailto:cindy.badgett@sawnee.com).



# FIND THE HVAC FILTER THAT FITS THE BILL



It costs less than \$10 a month to improve the air quality inside your home or business. That's the cost of a good quality, pleated air filter for your HVAC system. Moreover, if you invest in a filter that can be re-used, your cost may be even less per year.

However, please beware of those "low cost blue filters". These air filters typically do not do a very good job of trapping pollutants like dust and pet dander; in fact, they only remove about 10% of the pollutants from the air. The remaining particles end up in your air system, where they can flow back into the room.

When shopping for an air filter, consider a pleated air filter that costs around \$10-\$15 or a re-usable filter that costs around \$60. These filters look like cloth on the outside and have pleats that contain fibers, which catch allergy causing smoke, mold and dust. At the same time, the pleated filter allows adequate airflow so your system can operate properly.

Remember to check your air filter every month and replace it, or clean it, when necessary to keep your air clean and your HVAC system in tip-top shape!

For additional information about air filters, please contact a member of Sawnee EMC's Energy Services Team at 770-887-2363 or via email at [marketing@sawnee.com](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).

# Attaching Signs to Utility Poles is **HAZARDOUS**



Although it seems innocent enough, placing signs and other items on SEMC poles can create a serious safety hazard. Nails, staples, or screws used to hang signs, and the signs themselves, pose a danger to Sawnee EMC's line workers who are often on or around poles when restoring power or performing routine maintenance to ensure system reliability.

Objects, such as birdhouses, also create dangerous obstacles when attached to SEMC poles. The nails and screws left behind can snag a workers' boots or puncture safety clothing, making line workers vulnerable to injury.

Please think twice before placing anything on a SEMC pole near your home or business. Thank you for your cooperation... and for being a member of Sawnee EMC.



## Here's WATTS Cookin' Sour Cream Chocolate Cake

### Ingredients:

3 oz. semi sweet chocolate

½ cup water

1 ½ cup sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp. Coca Cola

2 cups flour

½ tsp. salt

1 tsp. vanilla

1 cup sour cream

½ cup butter

### Instructions:

Melt chocolate with water. Mix flour with Coca Cola and salt. Cream butter and sugar and beat until fluffy. Add eggs, followed by chocolate mixture, to butter and sugar. Add flour and sour cream alternately. Add vanilla. Add batter to a 13x9 inch pan and bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees or until it tests done in the center with toothpick.

👉 Thanks to Nina Altman 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](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).