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Boone Electric Cooperative's Monthly Newsletter

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Unwrap Winter Energy Savings

The holidays are upon us! As you find yourself wrapped up in the holiday excitement, we remind you of a few ways to be energy efficient during this busy time of year.

Cooking efficiently

- **Be kind to your oven.** Every time you open the oven door to check on that dish, the temperature inside is reduced by as much as 25 degrees. This forces the oven to use more energy to get back to the proper cooking temperature. Keep the door closed as much as possible. Also, take advantage of residual heat and turn off the oven for the last five-to-10 minutes of baking time, another way to save energy use.
- **Give your burners some relief.** The metal reflectors under your stovetop burners should always be clean. If not, this will prevent your stove from working as effectively as it could.
- **Use the smaller appliances.** During the holidays, the main appliances used are the oven and stovetop. Try using your slow cooker, microwave, toaster oven or warming plate more often. Doing so will result in substantial energy savings.



Purchasing LED lights is one way to make your holiday more energy efficient.

Home efficiency

- **Take advantage of heat from the sun.** Open your curtains during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.
- **Find and seal all air leaks.** Check areas near pipes, gaps around chimneys, cracks near doors and windows and any unfinished places.
- **Maintain your heating system.** Schedule services for your heating system before it gets too cold to find out what maintenance you may need to keep your system operating efficiently.
- **Eliminate "vampire energy" waste.** Save power by unplugging any appliance or electronic device you aren't using. Smart power strips are a good way to control electronic equipment that is "off."

Efficient shopping

- **Purchase LED holiday lights.** A string of traditional lights uses 36 watts of power, but LED lights use only 5 watts and can last up to 10 times longer!
- **Buy Energy Star®-rated TVs and appliances.** These more-efficient items use a great deal less energy than the older versions.

Being energy efficient is usually not a top priority when celebrating the holidays, and most of us don't realize the lack of efficiency until the next energy bill comes. Prevent your post-holiday shock by thinking creatively and remembering all of these tips!

Save this Holiday with your Co-op Connections Card

The holiday season is the perfect time to pull your Co-op Connections Card out of your wallet for great savings.

Whether you are shopping locally or at any of the participating national brands, the Card can help you save money on gifts for every age group.



Visit www.BooneElectric.coop to see a complete list of the local and the national businesses that participate in the program.

Happy Shopping!

Energy Tip of the Month



To save energy this month, try lowering your water heater costs. Water heating accounts for as much as 14 to 25 percent of the energy you consume. Turn the water heater's temperature to the warm setting, which is around 120 degrees. This will save energy and help you save on your monthly bill.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

Office Closing:

Boone Electric Cooperative will be closed:

Wednesday and Thursday,
December 24 & 25 -- in celebration of the Christmas holiday.

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Save at the Pharmacy

Did you realize there is a pharmacy component to the Co-op Connections Card program?

Since Boone Electric enrolled in the program in 1997, member-owners have saved more than \$80,000 on prescription drug costs alone.

This plan is not insurance; it is a pharmacy discount offer. Simply present your card to the pharmacist. In many instances, the price is cheaper than the price offered by your insurance. There are no forms to fill out and no limit to the number of times you can use the card. Use your card to purchase prescriptions not covered by your insurance plan.

If you have questions about the program, please call Boone Electric at (573) 449-4181.



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Member Helping Member

For more than 30 years, Cooperative members have generously given their own money to assist low-income members who are struggling to pay their electric bills. That need for assistance hasn't diminished. As we head into the heating season, energy bills will rise as residents attempt to keep their homes comfortable.

C.A.S.H, which stands for Citizens Assisting Seniors & Handicapped, assists low-income elderly and low-income disabled members who have exhausted other resources.

H.E.L.P. stands for Heat, Energy & Light Program, and provides aid to low-income families with children in one-time, emergency situations.

Look for a contribution card included in this mailing. Make a one-time donation to one or both funds, or pledge contributions of \$1 or more each month to either or both of the funds. Return the contribution card with your monthly payment.

Boone Electric works with the Columbia/Boone County Departments of Public Health and Human Services to administer the program. Members must qualify with the Health Department, based on income level. Those who qualify receive a voucher to bring to the Cooperative showing the amount of funds to put toward their energy bill.

Thank you for helping your neighbors in a difficult time. Please call Boone Electric at (573) 449-4181 with any questions.

Exede® High-Speed Internet

Call Boone Electric Satellite Systems for the speed you need.

Did you know that Boone Electric Satellite Systems can help you solve the problem of high-speed internet? With Exede® Broadband, enjoy satellite-speed internet no matter where you live.

Look at the plans below, then call the Boone Electric Member Services Department at (573) 449-4181 for details. Signing up is easy and all technicians are local.

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All plans require 24-month commitment.
 One-time setup fee of \$149.99 plus tax.
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