



TRI-COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc.

" A Commitment to Service and Savings "



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Happy Holidays to One and All!



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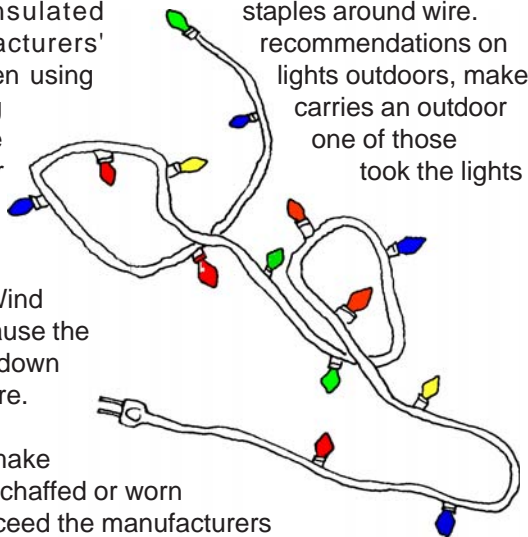
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Everyone at Tri-County Electric Cooperative would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For the past several years we have enjoyed receiving hundreds of colorful Christmas pictures from children hoping to receive something extra from Santa. Once again Santa has promised to deliver some toys for us to give away to the lucky kids whose names are drawn from our colorful collection of Member Information Bulletins. To participate in the drawing, simply have your kids or grandkids under the age of 12, color the above Santa and Christmas tree. Fill in the name and address section and return the bulletin to any one of our four offices. Winners will be randomly drawn on Thursday, January 25, 2007 from the entries received. Prizes to be given this year include the following:

A Portable Color TV with remote, CD Stereo Boom Box, four Monopoly Board Games, four Scrabble Board Games, and four Operation Board Games.

Holiday Safety Tips Keep the Season Festive and Fun!

Christmas Lighting is fun for the entire family but we need to exercise care when decking the halls. Inspect the light string for cracks and damage to the insulation. If you have any broken or burnt out bulbs they need to be replaced. Use extreme care when mounting the strings to prevent damaging the insulation when driving insulated staples around wire. Read the manufacturers' recommendations on use of lights. When using lights outdoors, make sure the light string rating carries an outdoor one of those took the lights down from last year, then a close inspection is going to be necessary. Wind and sunlight can cause the insulation to break down leaving exposed wire. Check wire closely around staples to make sure that it has not chafed or worn through. Never exceed the manufacturers recommendation on number of interconnected strands of lights. This will cause the fuse in the strand to blow. Never replace a blown fuse with anything except the proper size fuse for the strand. Wiring around the fuse link will cause overheating and could possibly result in a fire.



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Holiday Candles add a glow to the festivities but special care needs to be taken to avoid possible tragedy. Never leave burning candles unattended and use extreme caution when selecting or building Christmas decorations. Never construct ornamental decorations that could ignite if the candle is allowed to burn down to the base. Little Christmas elves that hug dinner candles are attractive but should never be left on the candle once lit. Candles burn down and will ignite combustible decorations if left unattended. Don't set yourself up for tragedy, avoid the use of candles around combustible materials. Also remember that the warm glow of a candle can attract inquisitive children, so stay alert and keep the holiday season safe.

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Holiday Closing

The TCEC business offices will be closed on December 25th and 26th for the Christmas holiday and January 1 2007 for New Years Day. Emergency service is available by contacting the telephone numbers listed to the right. We want to wish all of our members a **Happy Holiday** and if your plans include long trips to see family and friends, remember to buckle up and drive safely!

From The Cooperative Kitchen



This month's recipe was provided by Dee Larson from Southlake TX. She will receive a Texas Co-Op Power Cookbook, compliments of TCEC.



Creamy White Chili

... INGREDIENTS ...

- 1 - Pound of Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts, Cut into Cubes
- 1 - Medium Onion, Chopped
- 3 - Cloves of Garlic, Minced
- 1 - Tablespoon of Olive Oil
- 2 - 15.5 Ounce Cans Great Northern Beans, Rinsed & Drained
- 1 - 14.5 Ounce Can of Chicken Broth
- 1 - 4 Ounce Can Chopped Green Chillies
- 1 - Teaspoon of Ground Cumin
- 1 - Teaspoon Salt
- 1 - Teaspoon Dried Oregano
- 1/2 - Teaspoon of Pepper
- 1 - Cup Lite Sour Cream
- 1/2 - Cup Whipping Cream

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In a large saucepan saute chicken, onion and garlic in oil until chicken is no longer pink. Add beans, broth, chillies and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered for 30 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in sour cream and whipping cream. This recipe will make about 8 cups of chili, you can double the portions for hearty eaters.

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It Pays To Stay Informed!

Find your account number in our Member Information Bulletin and you will receive a \$20.00 credit on your electric bill. Simply contact one of the offices listed below and make them aware of your discovery.

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