



# TRI-COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc.

*" A Commitment to Service and Savings "*



For the past 68 years Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s mission has always been to provide reliable electricity at a reasonable, affordable price. We live and practice the Seven Cooperative Principles.

- Voluntary and open membership**
- Democratic member control**
- Members' economic participation**
- Autonomy and independence**
- Education, training, and information**
- Cooperation among cooperatives**
- Concern for community**

We do so because our members are special. Our Cooperative remains governed by its board of Directors, elected by its members. While we offer no gimmick rates, no special gotcha sign ups, our mission will remain different than our competition. We must meet our lenders requirements through loan covenants so we can borrow money to upgrade our system, meet our growth and provide reliability. While electric rates have been in the news lately, the latest contributor is the price of natural gas that provides fuel for 80% of the generation needed to provide electricity for the State of Texas. Our State is facing a responsibility to meet the upcoming growth and demand for more electricity. The environment is of most importance and we realize that, but the real fact is we need more power plants, diversification of other fuels other

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than natural gas. This also means more transmission lines to be built. We realize this is not a popular subject.

One of the advantages of being a member of a cooperative, when the cost of fuel to generate electricity

goes down, you will see the reduction flow through your power bill through the power cost recovery factor. Our rates remain competitive. A recent study showed Tri-County is 18% cheaper than its leading competitor on residential service.

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J u s t recently we experience heavy icing that caused s o m e outages. We want to thank you for being patient in restoring



service, for calling in and helping us locate the fault. During times like this we realize how special our members are for working through difficult times. My hat is off to our crews and customer service representatives for doing a good job. Our members are special. Let's keep in touch.

Craig Knight

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# Are Electrical Hazards Cooking in Your Kitchen?

From coffee makers to toasters, blenders to waffle irons, microwaves to ovens — today's modern kitchen sports more electrical appliances than ever before. These appliances, like other electrical devices in your home, need to be operated safely and conscientiously in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines. As an increasing number of electrical appliances in our homes become necessities, our home's power circuits will grow more overloaded. This puts you and your family at risk. To ensure you don't have a potential safety hazard brewing in your kitchen, the Leviton Institute urges you to follow these important safety tips:

1. Unplug kitchen appliances, like toasters and coffee makers, when you're not using them and never allow appliances like a stove or microwave to remain running when you leave home.
2. Never use a fork, knife or other metal object that conducts electricity to clean debris from "live" kitchen appliances such as toasters and toaster ovens. For routine cleaning, make sure these appliances are switched off and disconnected before you clean their internal parts.
3. Avoid using electricity near water and other liquids. Clean up all spillages in or around an electrical appliance after making sure the power supply has been disconnected. Never submerge an appliance or its electrical cord or plug in water or any other liquid.
4. Install a sufficient number of GFCI's in your kitchen. GFCI's are designed to prevent shock hazards by interrupting power if electrical current leaks from a damaged cord or appliance.
5. Always check your kitchen appliances for damaged cords or plugs before you use them. Contact with a faulty or frayed power cord or a broken appliance can cause electric shock. If an appliance malfunctions or appears to be damaged in any way, make sure the appliance is disconnected from the power outlet and have it repaired or replaced immediately.
6. Never let power cords or plugs dangle over the edge of counters or come in contact with hot surfaces. Dangling cords are a danger to small children and pets who might pull on them. Kitchen appliances should never be placed near a hot gas or electric burner.

Keep your kitchen safe for family and friends and start baking a memory that everyone will enjoy.

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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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# From The Cooperative Kitchen



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



## EASY PRALINE COOKIES

... INGREDIENTS ...

1 CUP BROWN SUGAR

1 TABLESPOON OF FLOUR

1/2 TEASPOON SALT

1 EGG WHITE, BEATEN STIFF

1 TEASPOON VANILLA

1 CUP CHOPPED PECANS

**ADD VANILLA TO EGG WHITE, BEATING STIFF. FOLD IN SUGAR AND OTHER INGREDIENTS. STIR IN PECANS. PLACE ON WELL-GREASED SHEET BY TEASPOONS. BAKE AT 350 DEGREES UNTIL LIGHTLY GOLDEN. REMOVE AND PLACE ON A WIRE RACK TO COOL.**

**HINT: USE THE EGG WHITES FROM RECIPES THAT YOU ONLY NEED THE EGG YOLKS. I FREEZE THE WHITES AND USE THEM LATER TO MAKE THIS RECIPE.**

**DEBBIE'S NIECE WON FIRST PLACE AT THE LOUISIANA STATE FAIR WITH THIS COOKIE RECIPE.**

ENJOY!

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