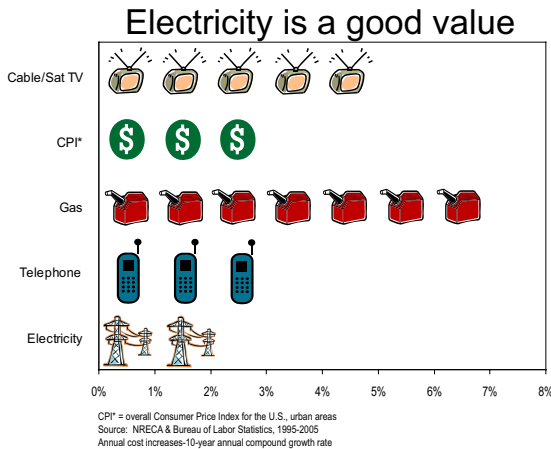




TRI-COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc.

" A Commitment to Service and Savings "

Electricity Remains A Good Value!



Believe it or not, the national cost of electricity today, when adjusted for inflation, is less than what it was in 1980. Very few commodities have remained such a good

value.

In our high-tech society, electric cooperatives focus on innovation and new technologies to improve service and reliability. Cooperatives promote energy efficiency and encourage conservation. As the demand for energy continues to rise and the costs of fuels increase, your electric cooperative is committed to providing safe and affordable electricity at the lowest possible cost, a value we can all fit into our budgets.

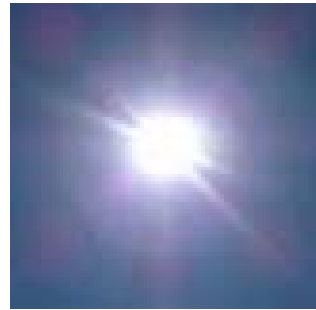
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Compared to other consumer products and services, electricity is a bargain. Take the time to sit down and reflect on the number of conveniences that make life better around your home.

Water is moved by pumps rather than buckets. You flip a switch to turn on a light rather than lighting a candle or oil lamp. The refrigerator keeps things from spoiling so you don't have to meet the ice man for scheduled deliveries. You can watch a movie from the comfort of your living room and surf the internet and do everything from shopping to paying bills on line. Your alarm clock wakes you in the morning and hot water is ready to use on a moments notice. Electricity and the many wonderful appliances that work with it, have made life better for everyone.

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Source: NRECA



The Hot TEXAS Summer Arrives on June 21, Will You Be Ready For The Heat?

During the hottest part of the day just about every homeowner experiences difficulty keeping the home cool. Landscaping and strategically placing trees and shrubs are one of the best ways to diffuse the hot summer sun before it enters your home. But a surprising amount of heat comes from inside your home.

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The biggest sources of internal heat gain are lights and appliances. Reducing their use will save electricity and keep your home cooler. In humid climates, moisture that is released by cooking, bathing, and other activities will also make it harder for air conditioners to cool your home. A drier home feels more comfortable.

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Here are some easy ways to keep cool in the summer:

- Replace standard incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs. The electricity used by standard bulbs produces 10 percent light and 90 percent heat. Also, compact fluorescent lights are cheaper to operate.
- Schedule heat-producing chores like baking or doing the laundry after the hottest part of the day.
- Use kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans to remove heat and moisture during and after cooking and bathing.
- When replacing appliances, buy those with the Energy Star® label. These appliances conserve energy and release less unwanted heat.
- If you are home during the day, use a room fan to create a cooling breeze.
- If you live in an area where evenings are cool, don't forget about the cheapest cooling method of all. Open your doors and windows, or run window fans. This will move cool evening air through your home for very little cost.

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JOIN THE FOUL WEATHER FRIEND TEAM

Storms or accidents can strike and inflict damage to our power distribution system, leaving our members in the dark. If you witness this damage in your neighborhood, remember to contact your Electric Cooperative. The information that you provide our customer service staff can reduce downtime by improving our response to the scene of the problem.

So please call us immediately when you see a problem. We prefer to receive calls from several people rather than everyone thinking someone else has probably reported the problem, when actually nobody has. With everyone working together as a team, the job gets done much faster.

Remember that only an experienced, professional utility crew should come into contact with a downed power line. Make sure that everyone stays clear until help arrives.

Please be a player in our FOUL WEATHER TEAM. Your participation helps our crews locate damage more quickly so your lights are back on sooner.

People working together is how Electric Cooperatives got their start and it's what keeps them working so effectively still today.

Without your assistance, our job would be considerably more difficult. Members working together keeps the Cooperative strong and improves the quality of life for everyone in our service area.

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It's a Team Effort and we need you on the team!

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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. **It pays to stay informed!**

From The Cooperative

Kitchen



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



SOUR CREAM FUDGE

••• INGREDIENTS •••

4 - CUPS OF SUGAR

1 - STICK OF BUTTER OR MARGARINE

1 - PINT OF SOUR CREAM

1 - 7 OZ. JAR OF MARSHMALLOW CREAM

2 - 8 OZ. WHITE CHOCOLATE PIECES

1 - TSP. VANILLA

MIX SUGAR, BUTTER AND SOUR CREAM IN A HEAVY SAUCE PAN. BRING MIXTURE TO A BOIL AND BOIL STEADY FOR FIVE MINUTES, STIRRING CONSTANTLY.

COMBINE REMAINING INGREDIENTS AND POUR BOILED MIXTURE OVER THE COMBINED REMAINING INGREDIENTS. BE CAREFUL, THE SUGAR SYRUP MIXTURE IS VERY HOT. STIR UNTIL WHITE CHOCOLATE IS MELTED.

POUR FINAL MIXTURE INTO A 9 X 11 LIGHTLY GREASED PAN.

PLACE IN REFRIGERATOR SO FUDGE WILL SET.



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