



TRI-COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc.

" A Commitment to Service and Savings "

Energy Efficiency Rebate Programs



Tri-County Electric Cooperative and its power supplier Brazos Electric Power Cooperative are proud to announce to our members the new "Energy Efficiency Rebate Program" (EERP). This program is designed to encourage cooperative members to select cost effective energy efficiency measures that will reduce power cost in their home and business. This program will offer rebates when members install more efficient lighting, electric heating and cooling equipment, attic insulation, low flow shower heads, low flow faucet aerators, water heater blankets for electric water heaters, hot water pipe insulation and commercial lighting upgrades.

HOME ENERGY AUDIT

Compact Fluorescent Lighting - Replace existing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lighting.

Qualified Rebate: \$1.25 per bulb.

Low Flow Shower Heads - Replace existing shower head with a new one having a flow rate under 2 gallons per minute.

Qualified Rebate: \$20.00 per shower head, electric water heating only.

Low Flow Faucet Aerators - Replace an existing faucet with a unit that has a low-flow rate of 1.5 gallons per minute in bathrooms and less than 2.2 gallons per minute in kitchens.

Qualified Rebate: \$10.00 per faucet, electric water heating only.

Water Heater Blanket - Install an insulating blanket on your existing electric water heater.

Qualified Rebate: \$15.00 per electric water heater.

Pipe Wrap - Insulate all exposed hot water pipes to reduce heat loss.

Qualified Rebate: \$10.00 per electric water heater.

Heating and Air Conditioning Tune-Up - An annual tune-up includes checking and correcting the unit's refrigerant charge, repairing leaks if required, cleaning and lubricating the blower unit, inspecting and cleaning of refrigerant coils, replacing filters, thermostat inspection, wiring inspection and duct work inspection.

Qualified Rebate: \$100.00 per unit, one inspection per 12 months.

ENERGY STAR RATED NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION

Energy Efficient New Home Construction - New homes earning an Energy Star Certificate are at least 15% more efficient than those built to the 2004 International Residential Code ("IRC"). Energy Star homes encourage the use of energy efficient lighting, appliances, high performance windows, controlled air infiltration, upgraded heating and air conditioning systems, tight duct work, high efficiency water heating and high efficiency building envelope standards.

Qualified Rebate: \$500.00, Energy Star certification certificate must be provided by builder for the residence applying for the rebate.

CEILING INSULATION UPGRADE

This rebate is available to members living in conventional single family homes using electric air conditioning and resistance electric heat. Homes with R-8 insulation or less must increase insulation to a minimum of R-38 to qualify for the rebate. A receipt from the contractor performing the upgrade must document existing insulation R-Value prior to upgrade and the resulting R-Value after the upgrade.

Qualified Rebate: \$275.00, per residence.

HIGH EFFICIENCY ELECTRIC HEAT PUMP

On January 1, 2006, heat pump manufacturers were required to achieve a minimum performance of 13 SEER for cooling and 7.7 HSPF for heating to market equipment inside the United States. Members are encouraged to purchase equipment with better performance to reduce kW demand and energy consumption. Members requesting a rebate must provide a purchase receipt from a licensed HVAC contractor showing the make and model numbers of the equipment installed. The equipment efficiency will be certified by the Air-Conditioning Heating and Refrigeration Institute, (ARI) and a copy of the certification must accompany the sales receipt.

14 SEER Heat Pump, Qualified Rebate: \$100.00

15+ SEER Heat Pump, Qualified Rebate: \$200.00

COMMERCIAL LIGHTING FIXTURE UPGRADES

A variety of high efficiency fixtures, ballasts and lamps exist in the market today producing the same output of lumens while consuming fewer watts of electricity. Replacing existing lighting with new high efficiency lighting will result in a reduction in the number of watts of electricity needed to operate the lighting.

Qualified Rebate: \$0.20 per watt saved per fixture.

It's Time to Fall Back and Don't Forget to Change the Battery in Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors!



Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors save lives; but, require periodic maintenance and testing. Do your part to keep the family safe and replace batteries and test units.

Daylight savings time will end on November 01, 2009 and as you change the time on all of your clocks, it's also a good time to remember to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. It's a good habit to get into when making that seasonal time change. You already have the step ladder out to reach that clock in the kitchen, so take a few extra minutes to replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide sensors. Once the new batteries are in, check the units out by pressing the test button. Make sure all family members recognize the sound of the alarm and discuss emergency exit plans with family members. Remember to include a meeting place outside the home so you know everyone is safe. If you have a combustion gas furnace, water heater or space heater, a carbon monoxide sensor should be used in your home. It will warn your family of dangerous levels of carbon monoxide should a heat exchanger burn through or an exhaust vent malfunction.

From The Cooperative Kitchen



This month's recipe was provided by Betty Townsend from Keller. She will receive a 60 Years of Home Cooking Cookbook, compliments of TCEC.



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CARROT SOUFFLE

... INGREDIENTS ...

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- 1 1/2 - Pounds of Carrots, Sliced
 - 3/4 - Cup of Butter or Margarine
 - 3 - Large Eggs
 - 1/4 - Cup of All Purpose Flour
 - 1/2 - Tablespoon of Baking Powder
 - 1 1/2 - Cups Sugar
 - 1/8 - Teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
- Sprinkle with Powdered Sugar for Final Topping

... Directions ...

Cook carrots in boiling water and cover for 15 minutes or until tender. Drain water and set to the side.

Position knife blade in food processor and add the carrots, butter and remaining ingredients. Mix with food processor until smooth, stopping once to scrape down sides of bowl.

Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 1 1/2 quart souffle or baking dish.

Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until set and lightly browned.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving. One batch of this recipe yields a serving for six.

Enjoy!

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

*Play It Safe
On Halloween
Night By
Following A
Few Simple
Rules That
Will Make
Halloween
Fun For
Everyone!*



- I. Wear costumes that are flame retardant.
- II. Make sure visibility is unrestricted by masks.
- III. Use high visibility colors or reflective tape.
- IV. Make sure that all trick-or-treaters have a good flashlight to carry with them.
- V. Watch out for animals; a dog fenced in a backyard can be dangerous; never climb fences or enter backyards without permission.
- VI. Remind kids that candy should not be eaten until each piece is inspected at home.

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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