



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

“Taking Care of Our Member-Owners”

Member Information Bulletin

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Your Co-op is Calling

From time to time, we may give you a call to inform you of system maintenance scheduled in your area.

Save our number so you never miss an update!

817-444-3201



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Considering a Portable Space Heater?

Small space heaters are meant to do exactly as their name says: heat a small space. However, many people use them to heat their entire home, which can really take a toll on energy bills. Whether you should use space heaters depends on your home's efficiency and energy needs. 8004918001

If you're trying to compensate for problems in your home, like inadequate insulation, drafty windows and exterior doors, or an inefficient heating system, space heaters are not a practical solution. Your best bet is to improve the overall efficiency of your home. Caulking and weather stripping around windows and exterior doors is a low-cost, easy way to save energy.

Perhaps your home is energy efficient but you're cold-natured. In this case, only use a space heater in small spaces that you're occupying and, if possible, try to shut off other rooms to contain the warmth. If you decide to use a space heater to heat a small

area in your home, make sure the heater is properly sized for the space; most heaters include a general sizing table.

Safety: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates more than 25,000 residential fires are associated with the use of space heaters every year. If you must use a space heater, purchase a newer model that includes the most current safety features and make sure it carries the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) label. Always keep children and pets away from space heaters. 80053815

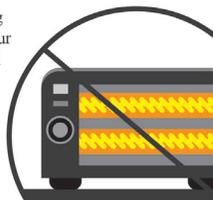
Consider alternative ways to stay warm like extra layers of clothing, UL-approved electric blankets, or area rugs.

We know it's cold out there, but remember in addition to safety concerns, space heaters can greatly increase your energy bills if used improperly. 800777571

TIPS TO DITCH THE SPACE HEATER

Space heaters are energy hogs, and older models can be extremely dangerous. This winter, ditch the space heater and try these alternative solutions to stay cozy.

- Use an electric blanket to keep warm during the night.
- Caulk and weatherstrip around all windows and doors to prevent heat loss.
- Consider adding insulation to your attic and around duct work.



Ham and Asparagus Skillet Pasta

Marilyn Coffman of Seymour



- 4 oz. uncooked pasta, rotini or your favorite
- ½ lb. fully cooked ham, cut bit-size
- ½ cup pecans or walnuts, chopped
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 2 tsp sage
- ½ tsp pepper
- 2 tbsp oil, olive or canola
- ½ lb. fresh asparagus, cut in ½-inch pieces
- 1 cup shredded cheddar or mozzarella cheese

Cook pasta according to package. Drain.

In a 10-inch iron skillet, sauté ham, nuts, green onion, sage and pepper in oil over medium heat until onion is tender. Add the asparagus and cook about 1 minute.

Mix in pasta and heat thoroughly. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Cover briefly to allow cheese to soften or melt. Serve in the same iron skillet.

Enjoy!

Wired in History

The Tri-County Electric Co-op board interviewed 10 candidates for superintendent and chose four as acceptable. A. W. Mills, the first choice, was approved by the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). He became the co-op's second General Manager and served until 1959.

From the Tri-County Electric Co-op minutes, January 5, 1942

Share your Favorite Recipe!

Please submit your favorite recipe and this form to the Communications Department.

The recipe submission is a free and voluntary service provided by Tri-County Electric Cooperative. As we have more than 98,300 member-owners, we may receive high volumes of submissions. Recipes must be submitted before the 20th of each month to be considered for the next Member Bulletin or issue of the *Texas Co-op Power* (i.e., January 20th for the April issue). We reserve the right to refuse any recipe. Please submit recipes through the postal service or email and not on the back of your payment stub. These stubs are processed automatically because we receive hundreds daily. 800837408

Name: _____

Town: _____

Recipe Name: _____

Email: Please include the above information with your recipe and send to pr@tcectexas.com

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Attn: Recipe Submission
200 Bailey Ranch Road
Aledo, Texas 76008

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