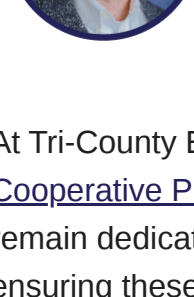




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May 2025



Cooperative Giving Update

Scott Spence | President & CEO

At Tri-County Electric Cooperative (TCEC), our commitment to the [Seven Cooperative Principles](#) sets us apart—particularly Concern for Community. We remain dedicated to engaging meaningfully with the members we serve, while ensuring these efforts are carried out without subsidization from the membership.

In August 2024, we launched Cooperative Giving, a program designed to support members facing financial hardship. This initiative allows members, employees, and community members to make voluntary contributions to assist local neighbors with their electric bill payments.

Donations to [Cooperative Giving](#) can be made in several ways:

- One-time contributions
- Recurring on-bill donations
- Participation in Round Up for Cooperative Giving, where members choose to round up their electric bill to the nearest dollar—for example, a \$100.50 bill becomes \$101.00, with the extra 50 cents donated to the fund

Importantly, Cooperative Giving is legally and financially separate from TCEC, ensuring that no funds from members' electric bills are used unless a member requests to donate. All funds are voluntary and come from generous individuals—employees, members, and businesses—who want to make a difference.

[Texas Neighborhood Services](#), a trusted local agency, will administer the program by ensuring all funding goes directly to paying the power bills of qualifying members in need. We anticipate that applications through Texas Neighborhood Services will open this June.

As of April 30, 2025, the Cooperative Giving program has raised a total of \$23,919.53:

- Employee Contributions: \$16,256.80
- Member Donations: \$1,160.00
- Round Up Contributions: \$121.72
- TCEC Board Members: \$300.00
- Fundraising Events: \$6,081.01

Currently, about 140 members are participating in the Round Up for Cooperative Giving or recurring donation programs, with many TCEC employees also donating a portion of their paychecks.

A 501(c)(3) application process has been completed to enhance the program's sustainability and impact. Once approved, this federal tax-exempt designation will make donations tax-deductible and allow even more of every dollar raised to go directly to helping members—rather than toward federal taxes.

Whether you choose to round up your bill, set up a recurring donation, or give a one-time gift, your support can help keep the power on for a neighbor in crisis. To learn more or make a donation, visit the [Cooperative Giving](#) webpage.

Every dollar, every cent, reflects the compassion and community spirit of members and employees. TCEC extends sincere thanks to all who have contributed. Together, we're lighting the way forward for neighbors in need.

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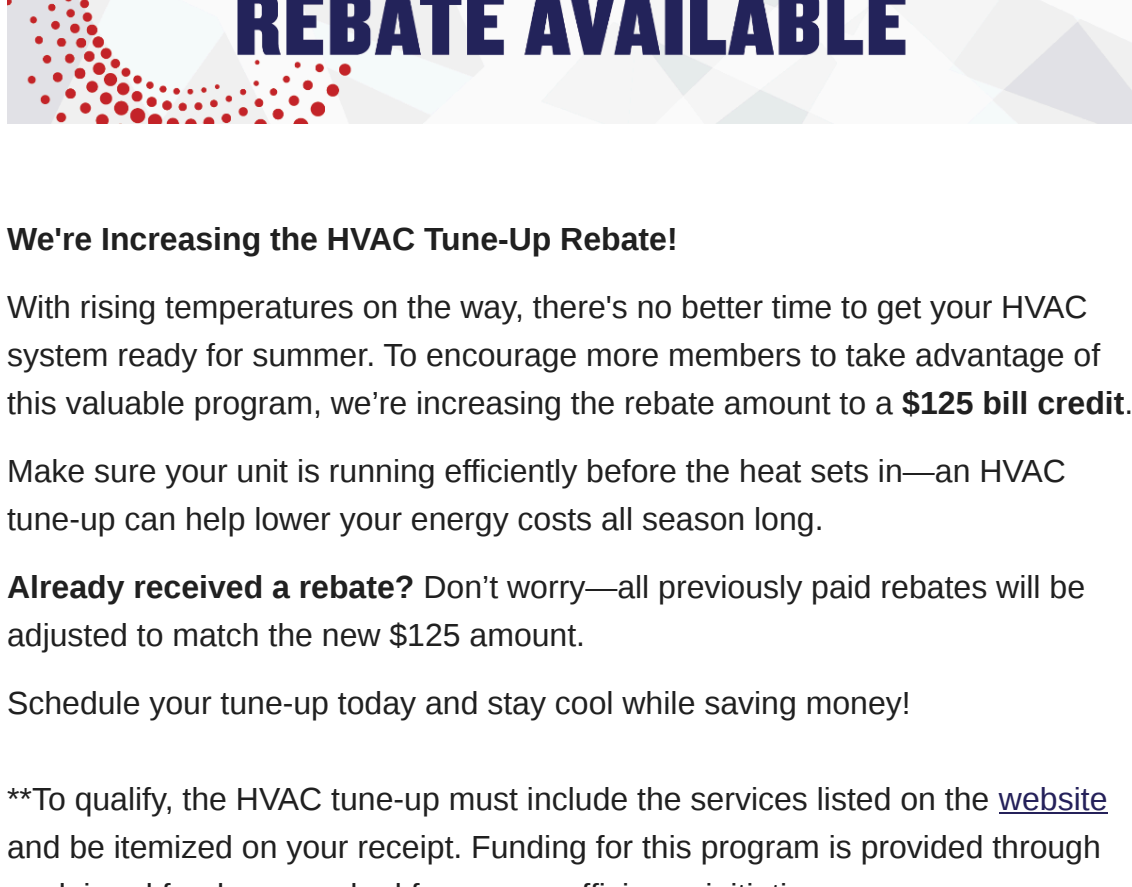
COOPERATIVE GIVING Round Up: Small Change, Big Impact

Round Up gives Tri-County members the opportunity to round up their monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar, with the spare change going directly to help local families in need.

On average, this amounts to just 50 cents a month—or about \$6 a year—but when our community comes together, those small contributions can make a big difference.

Want to do more? You can also add a fixed monthly donation to your Round Up contribution to offer even greater support to neighbors facing tough times.

[More Information about Round Up](#)

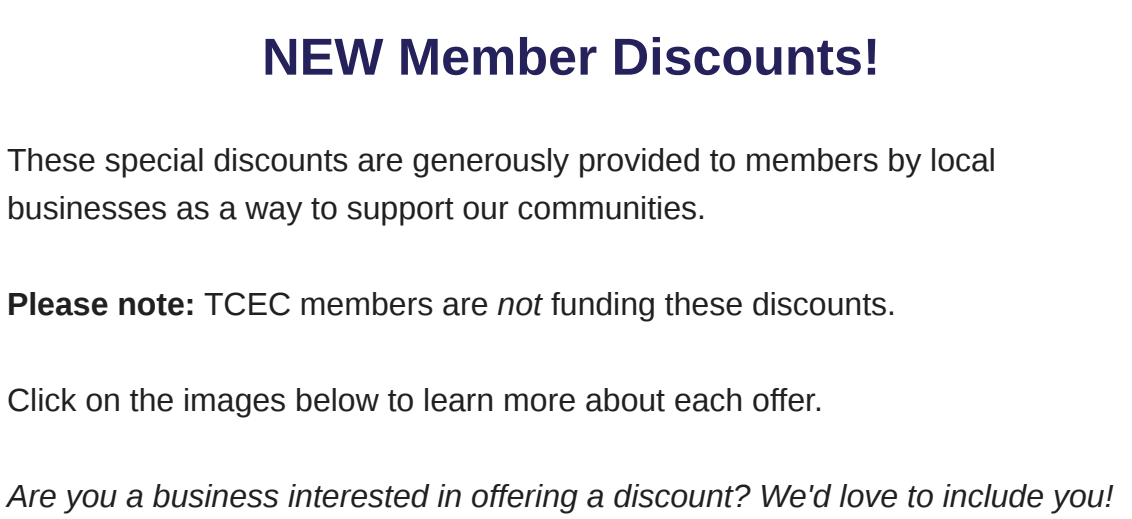


Thank You to the Parker County Retired School Personnel

Tri-County Electric Cooperative extends our sincere thanks to the volunteers in the [Parker County Retired School Personnel](#) for their time spent supporting the TCEC Scholarship Program.

These dedicated educators served as an impartial, third-party committee—carefully reviewing applications and selecting a group of scholarship recipients from across the cooperative's service area. All selected students live with parents or legal guardians who are not part of TCEC's executive leadership.

This year, the program was expanded, awarding 50 scholarships valued at \$5,000 each—funded entirely through unclaimed capital credit funds. Scholarship recipients will be notified this week.



We're Increasing the HVAC Tune-Up Rebate!

With rising temperatures on the way, there's no better time to get your HVAC system ready for summer. To encourage more members to take advantage of this valuable program, we're increasing the rebate amount to a **\$125 bill credit**.

Make sure your unit is running efficiently before the heat sets in—an HVAC tune-up can help lower your energy costs all season long.

Already received a rebate? Don't worry—all previously paid rebates will be adjusted to match the new \$125 amount.

Schedule your tune-up today and stay cool while saving money!

****To qualify**, the HVAC tune-up must include the services listed on the [website](#) and be itemized on your receipt. Funding for this program is provided through unclaimed funds earmarked for energy efficiency initiatives.

[Click Here for Rebates](#)

Looking to Save This Spring and Summer?

Check out the Department of Energy's website for easy tips on how to cut your energy use and lower your bills—while staying cool!

[Spring and Summer Energy-Saving Tips](#)



Energy Usage Tracker

Track your energy usage during the summer months with the MyTriCountyTX mobile app or web portal.

Interactive graphs show your power consumption alongside outdoor temperatures—helping you clearly see how temperature affects your home's energy usage.

[Learn More](#)

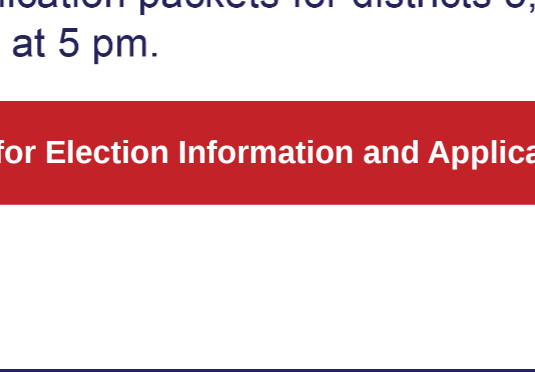
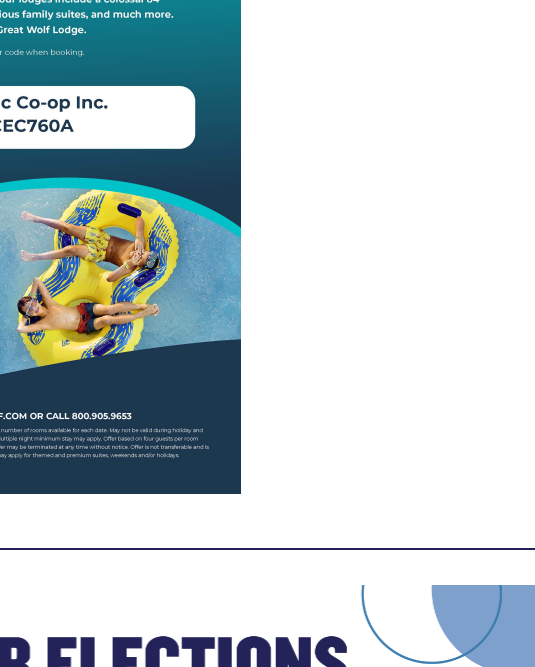
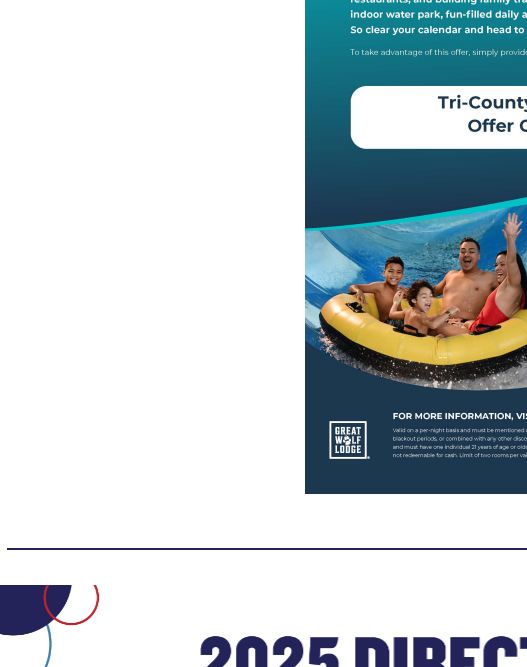
NEW Member Discounts!

These special discounts are generously provided to members by local businesses as a way to support our communities.

Please note: TCEC members are *not* funding these discounts.

Click on the images below to learn more about each offer.

Are you a business interested in offering a discount? We'd love to include you! Simply reply to this email and let us know.



2025 DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Candidate application packets for districts 5, 7, and 9 are due by May 16 at 5 pm.

[Click Here for Election Information and Application Packet](#)

Brazos Hardship Fund

If you or someone you know is struggling to pay their electric bill, this program could help.

The **Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund**, funded by Brazos Electric Cooperative, assists low-income residential cooperative members with monthly bill credits to help offset additional charges from Winter Storm Uri (Brazos Rider). Monthly credit amounts vary based on energy usage.

Click below to review eligibility requirements and apply.

[View Eligibility Requirements and Application](#)



NOT GETTING OUTAGE ALERTS?

Register Today!

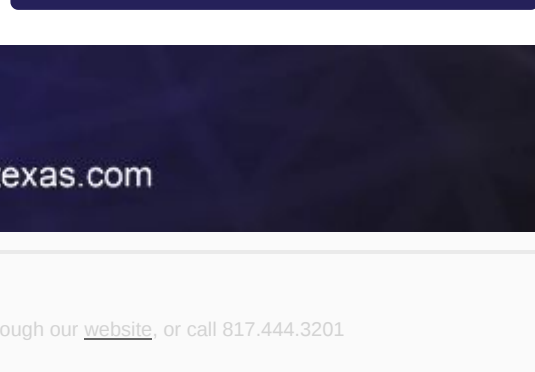
Receive a text notification within minutes of a power outage. This notification means your meter has already reported the outage—no action is needed from you.

Learn more at [tcectexas.com/outage-texting](#)

Interactive Outage Map

This tool provides a visual overview of outages across TCEC's service area.

[View Outage Map](#)



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[Cooperative Giving](#)

[Outage Center](#)

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