



Member Information Bulletin

December 2020



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Look for your account number in the Co-op News section for a chance to claim a \$20 bill credit!

Winter Checklist

Check and winterize heating equipment:

- ▶ Clean or replace furnace filters monthly during winter. 800727150
- ▶ Consider programming your thermostat to lower temperatures during the night or while you're away.
- ▶ Make sure attics and flooring, especially above unheated spaces such as crawlspaces and garages, are properly insulated.
- ▶ Consider replacing incandescent lightbulbs with energy efficient LEDs.

Add Energy Efficiency to your Christmas Menu

It takes a lot of energy to cook all day and host a house full of company for Christmas. So while you're making your grocery list this holiday season, start a list of ways you and your family can cut down on energy use.

Lower the thermostat. If you're cooking all day, your kitchen will get really warm. Some of that heat will spread throughout the house. So there's no need to keep the thermostat at its usual setting. 800818317

Don't turn on your oven until it's full. Cook several dishes at once. If their recommended cooking temps are within 25 degrees of each other in either direction, everything will cook as it should.

Identify dishes that you can cook in the microwave, which heats food faster than the oven and uses about one-third the electricity.

Run your dishwasher only when it's full. Using the dishwasher saves more energy and water than hand-washing. 800758804

Cool leftovers on the counter before putting them into the refrigerator. That will keep the fridge from having to work so hard to cool off hot food.

Cherry Bark

Sue Moore of Paradise



20 oz white baking chips
1 cup crushed hard cherry candies, divided

Line a 15 x 10 x 1-inch pan with foil.

In a double boiler, melt baking chips until smooth. Stir in 2/3 cups crushed candies.

Spread onto prepared pan. Sprinkle with remaining candies. Cool. Refrigerate until set, about an hour. Break into pieces.

Enjoy!

Wired in History:

The Tri-County Electric Co-op board, upon learning of the death of former Speaker of the U.S. House Sam Rayburn of Bonham, passed a resolution stating, in part: "Sam Rayburn was the person most responsible for making the Rural Electrification Administration a reality." They donated \$10 to the Rayburn Library Foundation.

From the Tri-County Electric Co-op minutes, December 13, 1961

Recipe Submission Form

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 94,000 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., December 20th for the February 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. 800745595

Name: _____

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Recipe Name: _____

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

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Aledo, Texas 76008

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