

Member Information Bulletin

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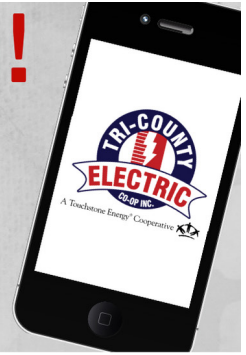


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Six Tips for Summer Savings

Just as you can cut back on driving to save fuel, you also can limit the amount of electricity you use at home. Here are six ways to reduce your energy consumption this summer:

- 1. Close the blinds.** The less sun that shines into your home during the heat of the day, the cooler it will remain – saving your air conditioning system from working harder. 800756839
- 2. Run large appliances after dark.** Most people run the dishwasher, washing machine and clothes dryer during the day, so demand for electricity soars. Doing chores, particularly ones that produce heat, at night helps lower your electric cooperative's overall peak use, which helps keep costs low for all members. Consider air-drying your laundry when possible.
- 3. Turn off lights and unplug electronics.** By simply unplugging computers, TVs and phone chargers when not in use, you keep your appliances from using power when they shouldn't.
- 4. Install LEDs.** Replace incandescent lightbulbs with LEDs, which use less energy, last longer and emit less heat.
- 5. Shop smart.** If you're replacing any of your home's appliances this summer, choose Energy Star-rated models. They're guaranteed to be more energy efficient than appliances that don't qualify for the label.
- 6. Install a programmable thermostat.** Replace your old manual thermostat with a smart model with automatic settings that can change indoor temperatures at strategic times of the day. If you come and go on a regular basis, you can program your thermostat to raise the temperature when you're not home and lower the temperature again just before you return. 800648887

**More energy-savings tips available
at tcectexas.com/energy-efficiency**

Bonus Tip:

Schedule an AC system tuneup.

A licensed technician will check the levels of refrigerant and determine whether any parts are wearing out or running inefficiently. A well-maintained system will operate more efficiently.

Corpus Christi Dip

Suzanne Cloud of Keller



- 1 lb. hot Jimmy Dean sausage
- 16 oz. (2, 8 oz. packages) cream cheese
- 16 oz. can of hot Rotel

In a pan, brown the sausage. Once the sausage is browned, do not drain. Add the cream cheese and entire can of Rotel, do not drain.

Stir frequently on low heat.

Serve with tortilla chips.

Enjoy!

Wired in History:

A letter to the Tri-County Electric Co-op board from Charles A. Dunlap, president of the Azle Civic League, thanked the co-op for its "generous donation toward the purchase of a fire truck for Azle" and noted, "It may interest you to know we have organized a fire department" and inviting the directors to view the truck at the Sinclair Service Station, "hoping, of course, you will never have occasion to see the truck except on display." 83806001

From the Tri-County Electric Co-op minutes, July 12, 1948

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 95,800 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., July 20th for the September 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. 800772794

Name: _____

Town: _____

Recipe Name: _____

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

Online:
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Postal service: Please detach and submit this form with your recipe and mail to

Tri-County Electric Cooperative
Attn: Recipe Submission
200 Bailey Ranch Road
Aledo, Texas 76008

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