State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)
Municipally Owned Utility (MOU) or Electric Cooperative (Co-op)
SB-924 Energy Efficiency Report
Data Entry Form

MOU or Co-op:	South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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1) Is your MOU or Co-op hereby reporting on energy efficiency as required by SB-924, PURA Sections 39.9051 and 39.9052? [X] Yes [ ] No

South Plains Electric Co-op, Inc had more than 500,000 MWH in 2005.

2) Energy Efficiency Goals: Please tell us about the goals that your MOU or Co-op has related to energy efficiency:

Instructions: Provide a brief description of your MOU or Co-op's energy efficiency goals for the previous calendar year. Examples may include information about energy efficiency for MOU or Co-op customers or utility facilities. Supplemental information may be provided at your option on any long-term energy efficiency goals that your MOU or Co-op might have. Please use a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

We have had a load control program for our Irrigation members since 1980. They can sign up for a cheaper rate if they are willing to be controlled (turned off) during peak hours. We also give energy efficient rates for heat pumps, both electric and dual fuel. Being such a large irrigation Cooperative, we are committed to saving energy as well as helping find ways for the farmers to save water. We also gave away free CFC light bulbs to reduce demand.

3) Your MOU or Co-op's Energy Efficiency Programs:

Instructions: Input information as applicable; add fields as necessary. For the previous calendar year, please list energy efficiency programs and provide applicable estimated achieved savings – energy and/or demand, or other program performance metric (for example participation.) Add additional lines as needed.

Energy Efficiency Program	Estimated Energy Savings or	Estimated Demand Savings or	Other Program Performance Metric
Irrigation Load Control Program	$787,688		52,261 HP
Brazos Demand Reduction Program – CFL light bulb give-always	$ 26,280		292,000 kWh
Totals	$813,968		

4) Program Materials / Additional Information

Instructions: Public information about your energy efficiency programs (brochures, website information, etc.) may be attached and provided with this form. **Attached on Page 2**

5) Please submit this form to SECO at: SB924.Reporting@cpa.state.tx.us

Item 4) Program Materials from previous page: (All are attached)

1. A Guide To Energy Efficiency
2. Energy Saver Chart Helping Conservation in the Home
3. Commercial Energy Savings Guide
4. 101 Easy Ways To Save Energy & Money
5. Home Energy Savings Guide
6. Copy of our Customized Web Page Online -

   Savings for our 191 Members Visiting This Site was $43,910.

7. Energy Tips Web Page – From the energy tips link on the left of the web page, you get all of the resources listed on our website.
8. We have 8 online educational videos on our website about energy efficiency.
9. The 2 Banner Ads that take you to the "Together We Serve" Website.
10. Ads in our local Cowboy Symposium Program in September of each year, as well as Ads in our Red Raider Sports Magazine.
11. Ads, Articles & Information published in the Texas Co-op Power Magazine.

See the Savings in a Whole New Light

Energy Saving Lamps

A GUIDE TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

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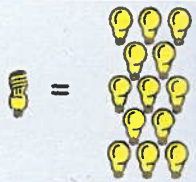
Fact:

Compact Fluorescent Lamps use far less electricity, helping increase home security so you can leave the lights on and **still save on your electric bill!**

Fact:

Compact Fluorescent Lamps last far longer than ordinary bulbs...
no replacing for 9 years!

* based on a 23 watt compact fluorescent lamp (100 watt incandescent equivalent)
* based on 3 hours usage per day



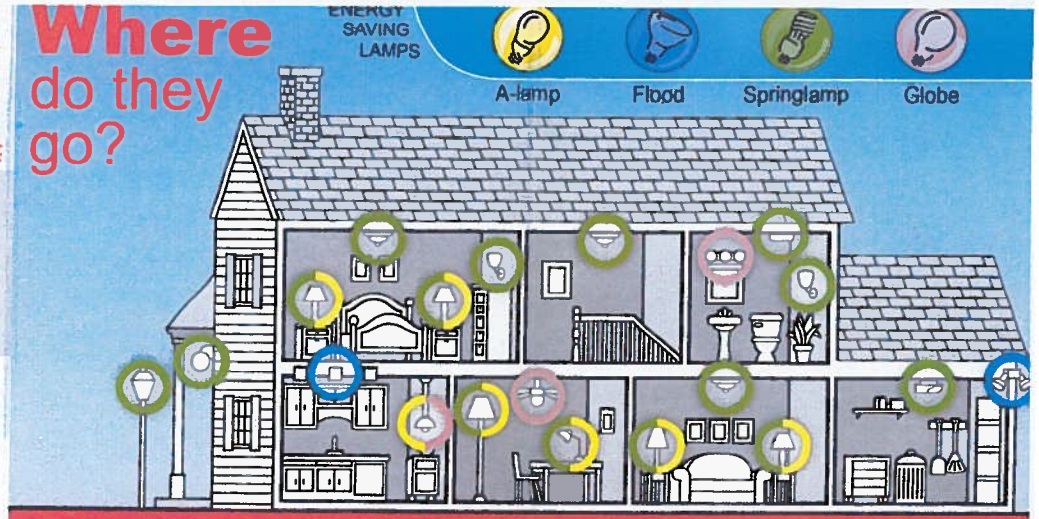
Fact:

Compact Fluorescent Lamps produce low heat, so it takes less energy to cool your home.
You save on air conditioning too!

Conclusion:

You'll be amazed how fast real energy savings add up every time you open your electric bill. **Compact Fluorescent Lamps do make a difference!**

Where do they go?



An Energy Saving Lamp for every use, energy savings in every room!

Fact is, there's a DuraBright Energy Saving Lamp for just about every place you need a bulb, from the smallest table lamp to big outdoor floodlights. The chart on the back shows how much energy each could save over the life of the bulb. And when you add them up throughout your home, the savings over time are truly impressive.

Now consider this:

Because Energy Saving Lamps last 6 to 10 times longer than ordinary incandescent bulbs, the 20 lamps shown here equal at least 120 ordinary bulbs! Think of all the trouble and burned fingers you'll save along with all that money!

Switch...
and switch on the savings!

wattage Incandescent	wattage Compact Fluorescent	energy savings	Compact Fluorescent life	1000 kwh	10¢ per kwh	total savings	total house savings w/ 20 bulbs
60	14	46	10k	460k	10¢	$46	$920
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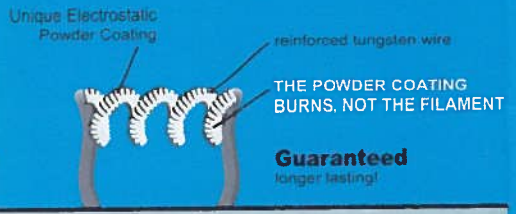
100	23	77	10k	770k	10¢	$77	$1554

* total savings over life of bulb 9 years at 3hrs. usage per day

Formula
Incandescent Watts - CFL Watts = Energy Savings
Energy Savings x CFL life = Watts Saved
Watts Saved ÷ 1000 kwh x your utility rate = TOTAL

HOW DO WE DO IT?

10,000 hours
Compact Fluorescent Filament



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Incandescent Filament

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Where Your Home Energy Dollars Go
A. 44% Heating and Cooling
B. 33% Lighting, Cooking, and Other Appliances
C. 14% Water Heating
D. 9% Refrigeration
A
B
C
D
Trees and Lawns
Plant a tree for cooling shade.
Plant a deciduous tree on the south or west side of your home. It will provide cool shade in summer and allow warming sun to reach the house in fall and winter. Hand mow small lawns. Don't over-idle gas mower.
Save Money
Most of the energy conservation actions on this wheel don't cost much time, money, or effort. But they can help reduce your energy bills if you do them consistently over time.
Help the Environment
The U.S. accounts for 5% of the world's population, but uses 25% of world energy resources. Your energy choices affect the environment both locally and globally.
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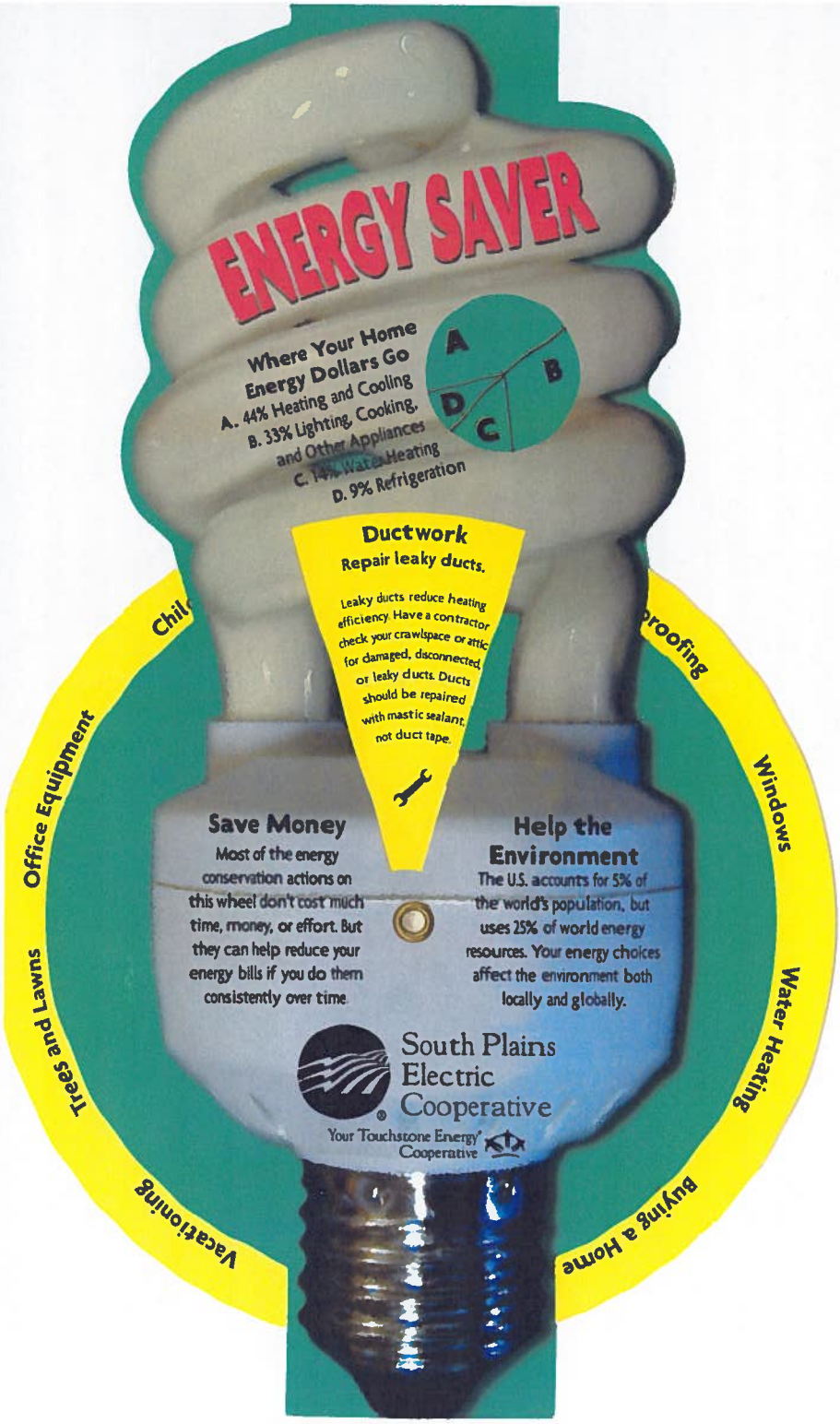
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Ductwork
Repair leaky ducts.
Leaky ducts reduce heating efficiency. Have a contractor check your crawlspace or attic for damaged, disconnected, or leaky ducts. Ducts should be repaired with mastic sealant, not duct tape.
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ENERGY SAVER
Ask Your Local Utility
Your local energy utility may offer financial incentives for buying energy-efficient equipment, appliances, lighting, and homes.
Clothes Drying
Dry only full loads.
Dry only full loads. Dry loads one after another to take advantage of heat build-up. Clean the lint filter before each load. Use automatic cycle to prevent overdrying. Better yet, use a clothesline!
Shopping? Use Energy Guide Labels
All major appliances but ovens and ranges come with Energy Guide labels. Use the labels to compare the energy usage of different models. The labels also tell you the typical annual operating cost of the appliance, based on national average energy rates.
ENERGYGUIDE
The ENERGY STAR label helps you find the most energy-saving models.
Clothe
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Refrigeration
Lighting
Dishwashing
Cooling
Cooking
Heating

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CALCULATE YOUR SAVINGS, AND ADD THEM DIRECTLY TO YOUR BOTTOM LINE.

REDUCING ENERGY USAGE REDUCES ENERGY COSTS. AND WHEN IT COMES TO COMMERCIAL ENERGY, THE SAVINGS ADD UP QUICKLY. TOUCHSTONE ENERGY COOPERATIVES ARE COMMITTED TO SAVING OUR MEMBERS MONEY BECAUSE THE MORE YOUR BUSINESS SAVES, THE MORE WE ALL SAVE.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TOUCHSTONE ENERGY COOPERATIVE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

OR, VISIT TOGETHERWESAVE.COM.

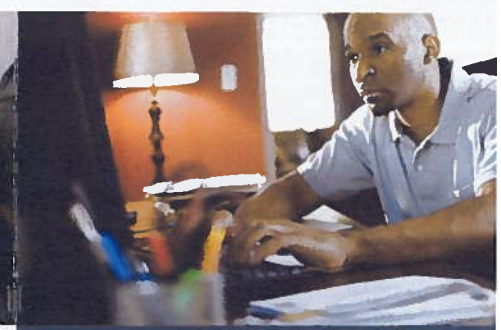
TIP 1: CHECK YOUR RATE

- Even if you were on the correct rate last year, things can and do change.
- If your operating hours change, or you add equipment or other load, your electric usage profile will change. A different rate could save money.
- Your electric provider may have added rates that are more suitable for your usage profile and could save your business money.
- Review your operation's usage pattern. A change in when you operate can result in savings on your utility bill.

TIP 2: MAINTAIN YOUR HVAC SYSTEMS

HVAC equipment that is properly maintained will use less energy and enjoy a longer life. The greatest cost associated with an unscheduled HVAC breakdown may be in lost production - NOT in the repair cost.

- Keep indoor/outdoor coils and filters clean.
- Ensure that your HVAC system circulates the correct airflow.
- Lubricate. Check electrical connections and pulleys.
- Maintain correct refrigerant charge.
- Minimize duct leakage.
- Provide adequate ventilation in compliance with local applicable standards.
- Minimize HVAC runtime while facility is closed.
  - Protect temperature-sensitive materials.
  - Manage recovery if your facility is on a demand rate.



ELECTRICAL TERMS

- **VOLT** - A unit of electrical force equal to that amount of electromotive force that will cause a steady current of one ampere to flow through a resistance of one ohm.
- **AMPERE** - A unit of measure for an electrical current, the amount of current that flows in a circuit at an electromotive force of one volt and at a resistance of one ohm.
- **VA** = Volts x Amps
- **KVA** = (Volts x Amps) / 1000
- **WATT** = Volts x Amps x Power Factor (Single Phase)
- **WATTS** = Volts x Amps x Power Factor x 1.73 (Three Phase)
- **POWER FACTOR** - The ratio of actual power being used in a circuit, expressed in watts or kilowatts, to the power that is apparently being drawn from a power source, expressed in volt-amperes or kilovolt-amperes.
  - Electric resistance lamp:
    117.5 volts x 0.31 amps = 36 VA, 36 watts
    (36 watts / 36 VA = 100% Power Factor)
  - Electric compact fluorescent lamp:
    117.8 volts x 0.16 amps = 19 VA, 12 watts
    (12 watts / 19 VA = 63% Power Factor)
- **KWH** - A unit or measure of electricity supply or consumption of 1,000 Watts over the period of one hour, or 100 watts over 10 hours; equivalent to 3,413 Btu.
- **KW** - A standard unit of electrical power equal to one thousand watts. A unit of demand.

TIP 6: INDOOR LIGHTING

- Depending on your electric rate and hours of operation, switching from magnetically ballasted T-12 fluorescent lamps to electronically ballasted T-8 lamps may save. (T-12 = 1.5" in diameter, T-8 = 1" in diameter)
- Consider switching from incandescent to compact fluorescent in canisters.
- Consider LED exit lighting instead of incandescent.
- Assess lighting levels after closing and explore opportunities to reduce lighting levels in other areas of your business. It may be more than you need.
- Group re-lamping may save on labor costs when compared to spot re-lamping.
- Explore opportunities to switch to high-pressure sodium or metal halide lighting in warehouses.

TIP 7: OUTDOOR LIGHTING

- Make sure lighting is adequate for safety.
- Make sure lighting timers are set only for hours needed.
- Consider using sun trackers or photocells in conjunction with electronic timers on outdoor lighting.
- Evaluate converting incandescent or mercury vapor lighting to high-pressure sodium or metal halide lighting.
- Ensure adequate turn-in lighting off of the highway.

The best source of outdoor lighting design, installation and maintenance may be your electric cooperative.

BASIC LIGHTING TERMS

- Man-made devices that produce light are called **LAMPS**.
- The amount of light emitted by a lamp is measured in **LUMENS**.
- When one lumen of light falls uniformly on 1 square foot of surface, the surface is illuminated to a level of 1 **FOOTCANDLE**.
- A complete lighting unit including lamp, fixture and electric components is called a **LUMINAIRE**.
- A lamp's ability to bring out the true colors of what it is lighting is called its **COLOR RENDERING INDEX (CRI)**.
  - A scale of 0 to 100 is used.
  - The higher the CRI, the more color it will show.

TIP 3: VENTILATE PROPERLY

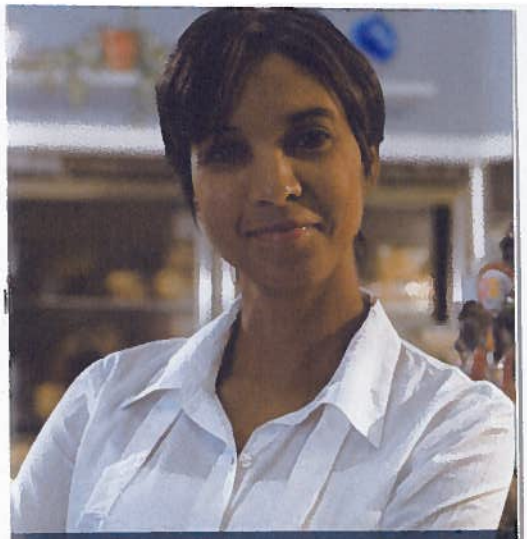
- Meet OSHA standards for occupancy numbers.
- Kitchens should run at a slightly negative pressure.
- Bathroom ventilators should be off when building is closed – if permissible with local codes.
- Ensure make-up air is drawn from an appropriate location. (For example, don't pull from a dumpster area.)
- Ensure that kitchens have adequate air circulation.
- Do not over-ventilate. It is a waste of energy.

TIP 4: WATER HEATING

- Locate water heaters for most efficient delivery.
- Insulate water heaters.
- Ensure that the heating temperature is correct based on local requirements.
- Control water heaters based on actual periods of need during the day.
- Explore opportunities for heat recovery.
- Be familiar with your state's Board of Health requirements before making any changes that could affect hot water delivery temperatures. For example:
  - There are strict requirements for MINIMUM and MAXIMUM water temperatures for nursing homes.
  - There are strict requirements for MINIMUM water temperatures for manual and automated dish washing in retail food establishments.

TIP 5: REFRIGERATION

- Clean refrigeration coils regularly.
- Doors and seals on walk-in units should be kept in good repair.
- Make sure that refrigeration units are properly charged with refrigerant.
- Ensure units are properly defrosting. Check for ice buildup.



FUEL UNIT BTU VALUES

- Electric **KWH = 3,413 BTU**
- Natural Gas **THERM = 100,000 BTU**
- Natural Gas **CCF = 103,000 BTU**
- Propane **GALLON = 91,600 BTU**
- #2 Fuel Oil **GALLON = 140,000 BTU**
- **MMBTU = 1,000,000 BTU**
- **One ton of refrigeration = 12,000 BTUs**

Comparing cost effectiveness of different fuels

$$\text{Cost per delivered MMBTU} = \frac{1000 \times \text{Fuel Unit Cost}}{\text{Fuel Unit BTU value} \times \text{COP}}$$

Fuel Unit Cost = Cost in $ per KWh, MMBTU, gallon of diesel etc.
Fuel Unit BTU value – see above
COP = Coefficient of Performance
COPs for Different Systems:

- Heat Pump – Use published COP
- Strip Heat – Use COP of 1
- Fossil Fueled Furnace or Fossil Fired Boiler – Use published Steady-state Efficiency

TIP 8: MOTORS (OPERATING HOURS OVER 2,000/ YEAR)

- Manage motors with long run times to save energy cost.
- Replace motors under 25 hp with energy efficient motors vs. rewinding them.
- Depending on the run time, buying a new energy efficient motor can pay for itself in energy savings and may last longer than the rewound motor.
- Size loads properly for the job. Oversized motors will use more energy than properly sized motors.

TIP 9: DUE DILIGENCE IS ESSENTIAL

All that glitters is not gold, and everything a salesperson tells you will not necessarily save you money. Asking a few good questions can save you the grief of causing more problems than you cure with new technologies.

Questions to ask a product vendor or supplier:

- Is it UL approved?
- Do you have a letter from the manufacturer stating no equipment warranties will be voided?
- Do you have reports from credible sources (ASHRAE, IES, DOE, Lawrence Berkeley National Labs) supporting the product's effectiveness?
- Can you provide the names of 10 companies, with contacts and phone numbers, who have used your product for a year or more and who will attest to its effectiveness?
- How long has your company been selling this product?

CLOCKING AN ELECTRIC METER

This is a useful tool to allow you to check your usage at different times of the day without any specialized equipment.

$$KW = \frac{3.6 \times KH \times \text{Meter Multiplier} \times \text{Revolutions}}{\text{Seconds}}$$

Meter Multiplier is shown on meter or available from utility. Many meters show KH. On electronic meters, count the LED movements across the screen.

INSULATION TERMS

- U value: U is a value that expresses the number of BTU that will conduct through a combination of building materials sandwiched together per hour per square foot, per degree difference from side to side.
- R Value: A measure of the capacity of a material to resist heat transfer; the reciprocal of U value.
- 1/U = R; 1/R = U
- You can add R-values.
- You cannot add U values; you can however convert U values to R values, add them and then convert the total R value back to a U value.
- Once R values approach 20, payback on additional insulation slows significantly.

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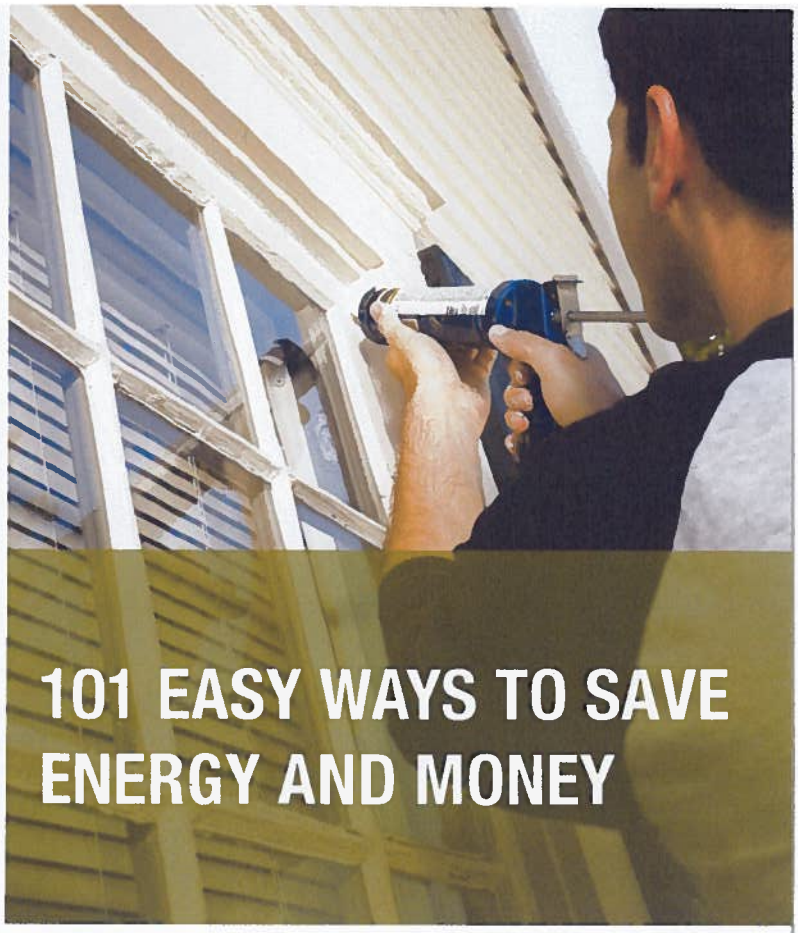

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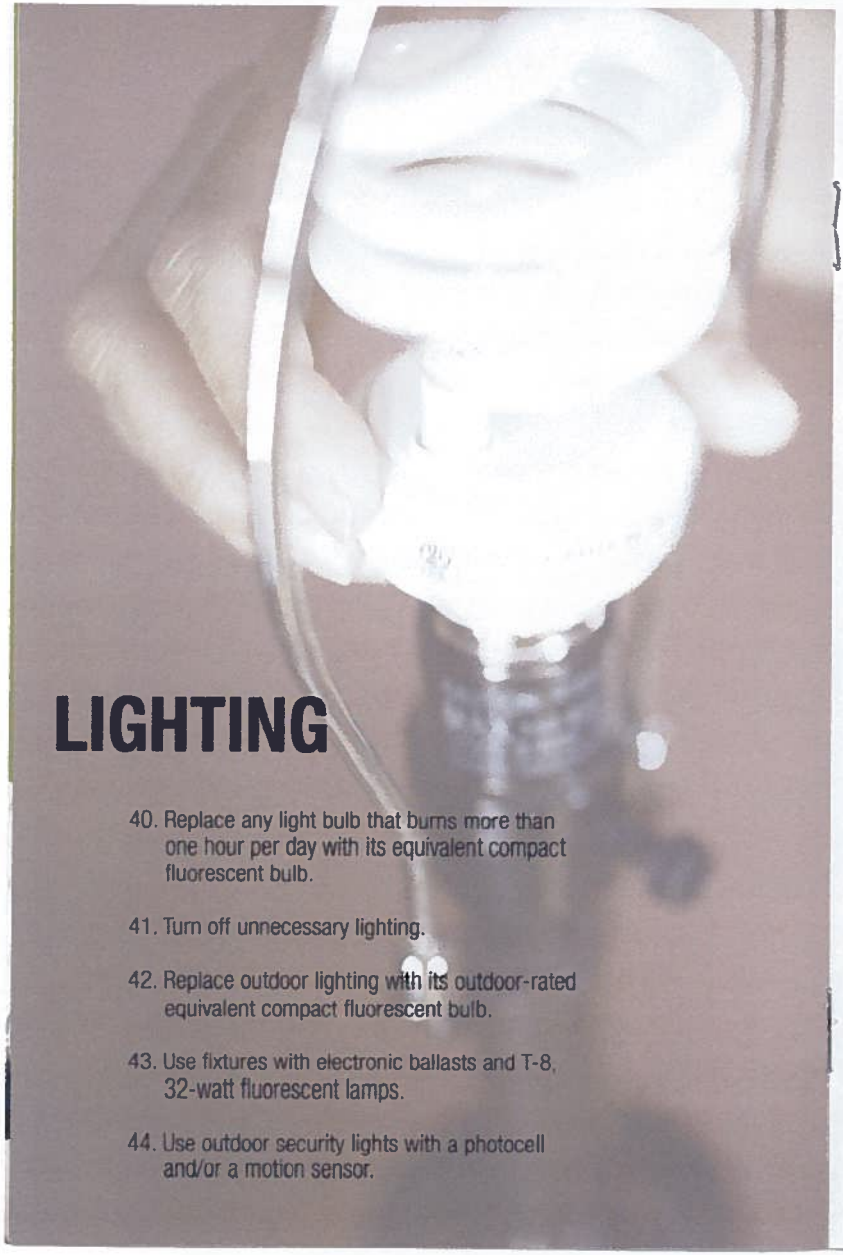
WATER HEATING

1. Set water heater temperature no higher than 120°F.
2. For households with 1 or 2 members, a 115°F setting may work fine.
3. Install water-heater wrap per manufacturer's instructions.
4. Drain 1-2 gallons from bottom of water heater each year to reduce sediment build up.
5. Install heat traps on hot and cold water lines when it's time to replace your water heater.
6. Insulate exposed hot water lines.
7. Limit shower length to 5-7 minutes.
8. Install low-flow shower heads.
9. Fix dripping faucets.
10. Don't let water run while you are shaving.
11. Don't let water run while brushing your teeth.



LIGHTING

40. Replace any light bulb that burns more than one hour per day with its equivalent compact fluorescent bulb.

41. Turn off unnecessary lighting.

42. Replace outdoor lighting with its outdoor-rated equivalent compact fluorescent bulb.

43. Use fixtures with electronic ballasts and T-8, 32-watt fluorescent lamps.

44. Use outdoor security lights with a photocell and/or a motion sensor.

MISCELLANEOUS

45. Turn computers and monitors off when not in use.

46. Make sure electric blankets are turned off in the morning.

47. Turn waterbed heater off when not needed.

48. Turn large-screen TV's off completely when not in use.

49. Turn off stereos and radios when not in use.

50. Remember to turn off hair curling irons and hot rollers.

51. Turn off coffee makers when not in use.

52. Turn off pool pump and/or heater when not needed.

53. Verify livestock water tank heaters are off when not needed.

54. Make sure heat tape is off when not needed.

55. Unplug battery chargers when not needed.

56. Ensure all new appliances purchased are Energy Star approved.

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

57. Set thermostats to 78° F in summer, 68° F in winter.

58. Run ceiling paddle fans on medium, blowing down in summer.

59. Run ceiling paddle fans on low, blowing up in winter.

60. Change HVAC filters monthly.

61. When installing new air filters, make sure they are facing in the correct direction (look for arrow on side of filter).

62. When heating or cooling, keep windows locked.

63. Insulate electric wall plugs and wall switches with foam pads.

64. Caulk along baseboards with a clear sealant.

65. Close fireplace dampers when not burning a fire.

66. Caulk around plumbing penetrations that come through walls beneath bathroom and kitchen sinks.

67. Caulk electrical wire penetrations at the top of the interior walls.

68. Close shades and drapes at night to keep heat in during the winter.

69. Make sure drapes and shades are open during the day to catch free solar heat in winter.

70. Close shades and drapes during the day to help keep heat out in summer.

71. Ensure attic access door closes tightly.

72. Insulate attic access door.

73. Make sure insulation in your attic does not block soffit vents.

74. Do not close off unused rooms that are conditioned by forced-air systems.

75. Do not close supply air registers.

76. Check to be sure return air grilles are not blocked by furniture or bookcases.

77. Ensure windows and doors are properly weather-stripped.

78. Make sure outside soffit vents are not blocked.

79. Do not use roof-top power ventilators for attic exhaust as they may evacuate conditioned air from your home.

80. Have your HVAC system serviced once per year by a NATE-certified technician.

81. Monitor your home's relative humidity in the summer. If it consistently stays in the 60 percent range or higher, ask your HVAC technician about lowering your central air conditioning unit's indoor fan speed.

82. Ensure window A/C units are weather-stripped.

83. Ensure windows with window mounted A/C units have weather-stripping between the middle of the top and bottom pane.

84. Remove and clean window A/C filter monthly.

85. Keep "fresh-air" vents on window A/C units closed.

86. Use heavy-duty, clear sheets of plastic on the inside of windows to reduce the amount of cold air entering your home.

87. Minimize use of electric space heaters.

88. Ensure your outdoor heat pump/air conditioning unit is kept clean and free of debris.

89. When using the fireplace, reduce heat loss by opening damper in the bottom of the firebox (if provided) or open the nearest window slightly.

90. In a basement, seal the sill and band joist with durable caulking or foam sealant.

91. Ensure floor registers are not blocked with rugs, drapes or furniture.

92. Outside your home, caulk around all penetrations including telephone, electrical, cable, gas, water spigots, dryer vents, etc.

93. Caulk around storm windows.

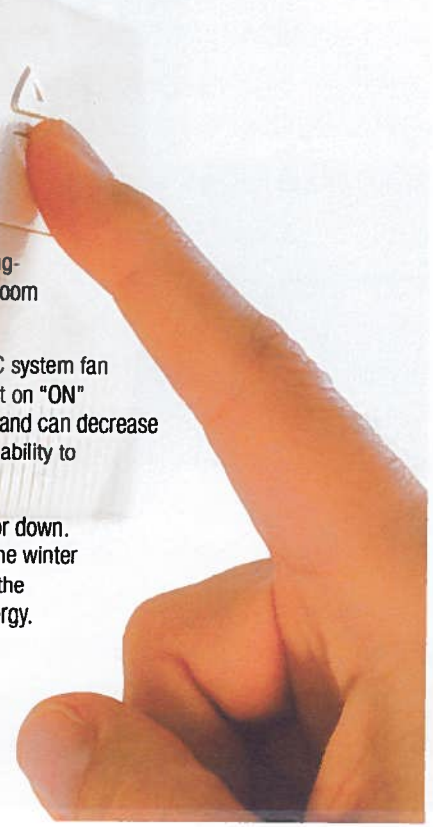
94. Caulk around basement windows.

95. Verify your supply air duct "boots" (behind supply air registers) are caulked to your ceiling or wall sheetrock or flooring.

96. If in unconditioned space, verify your ducts are tightly connected to your HVAC equipment.

97. Verify all outdoor doors (including storm doors) close and seal tightly.

98. In two-story homes serviced by one HVAC system, a paddle fan at the top of the stairs can push down hot, second-floor air.

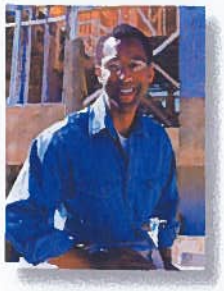


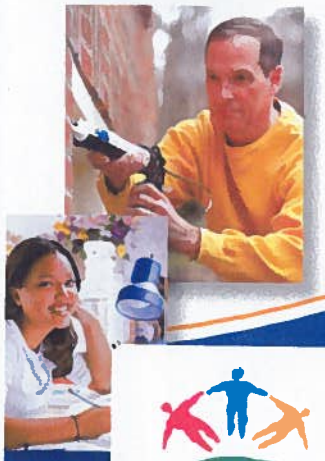
99. Install 15 minute, spring-wound timers on bathroom ventilator fans.

100. Always run your HVAC system fan on "AUTO." Running it on "ON" uses more electricity and can decrease your air conditioner's ability to remove moisture.

101. Keep your garage door down. A warmer garage in the winter and cooler garage in the summer will save energy.

Home Energy Savings Guide





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The power of human connections®

As the cost of energy goes up, more and more people are concerned about their utility bills. Consumers are looking for ways to manage their energy use and reduce costs. Touchstone Energy cooperatives have always placed a priority on promoting energy efficiency to their members. That's why we created this Home Energy Savings Guide.

You Have the Power to Control Your Energy Costs

This Home Energy Savings Guide is a starting point to get you on the way toward better energy management for your home. In this booklet you'll find valuable tips designed to create greater home comfort and improve performance. There is a list of additional resources located at the end of this booklet.

For more information, please contact your local Touchstone Energy cooperative.

Home Energy Savings

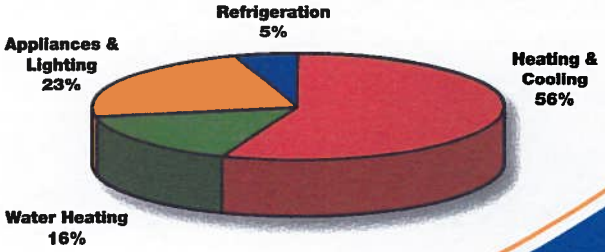
Your Touchstone Energy cooperative works hard to hold down energy prices. You, too, can play an important role in controlling your energy costs by evaluating your home and taking simple steps to trim unnecessary energy use. The following are some tips to help you reduce your energy costs.

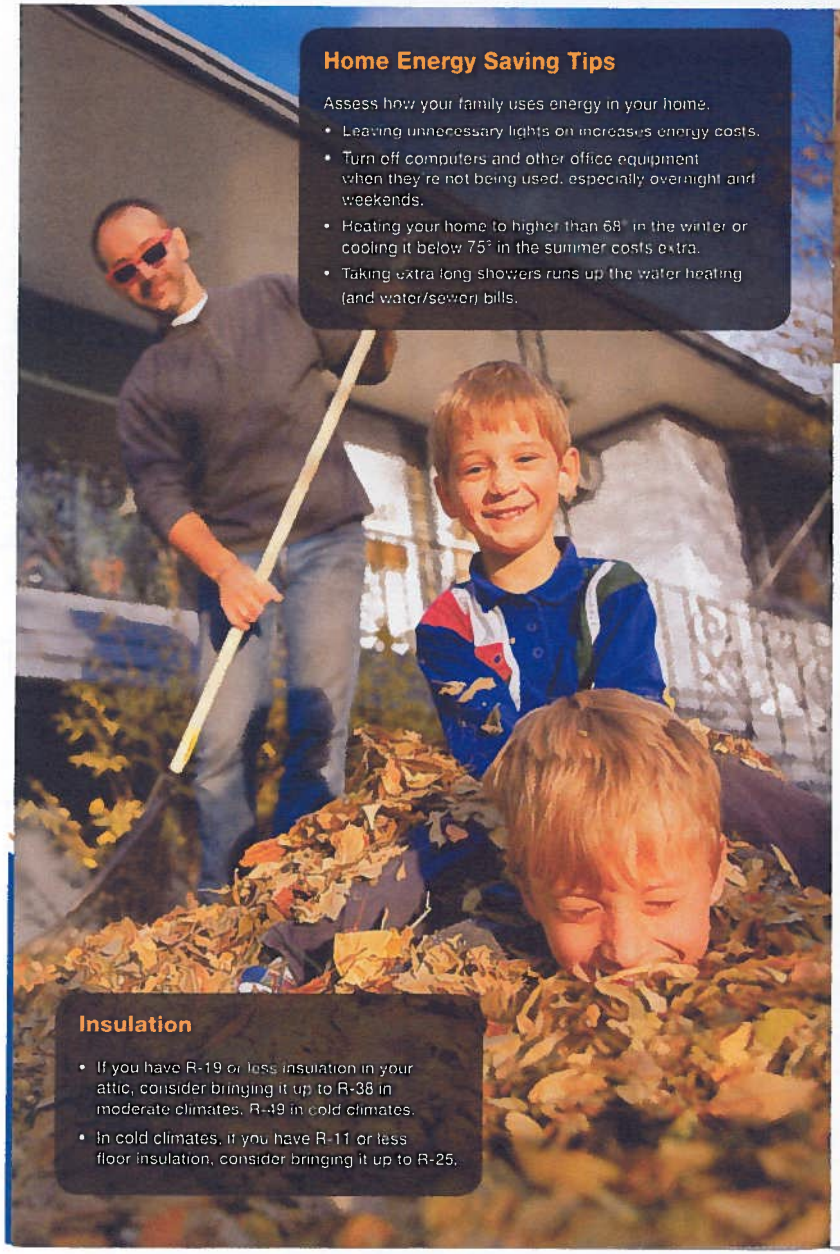
Home Energy Costs

Get a clear picture of which parts of your home use the most energy.

- The first step in reducing home energy costs is to review last year's utility bills. Using the below national "percentage" averages, a homeowner who spent $2,500 a year for home energy would have paid roughly:
  - $1,400 for heating and cooling
  - $575 for appliances and lighting
  - $400 for water heating
  - $125 for refrigeration
- When implementing energy-saving measures, remember, you cannot save more than you are spending.
- Contact your local Touchstone Energy cooperative representative to review your bills and provide a more accurate estimate. Go to **www.touchstoneenergy.coop** for more information.

Home Energy Costs - National Averages





Home Energy Saving Tips

Assess how your family uses energy in your home.

- Leaving unnecessary lights on increases energy costs.
- Turn off computers and other office equipment when they're not being used, especially overnight and weekends.
- Heating your home to higher than 68° in the winter or cooling it below 75° in the summer costs extra.
- Taking extra long showers runs up the water heating (and water/sewer) bills.

Insulation

- If you have R-19 or less insulation in your attic, consider bringing it up to R-38 in moderate climates, R-49 in cold climates.
- In cold climates, if you have R-11 or less floor insulation, consider bringing it up to R-25.

Windows

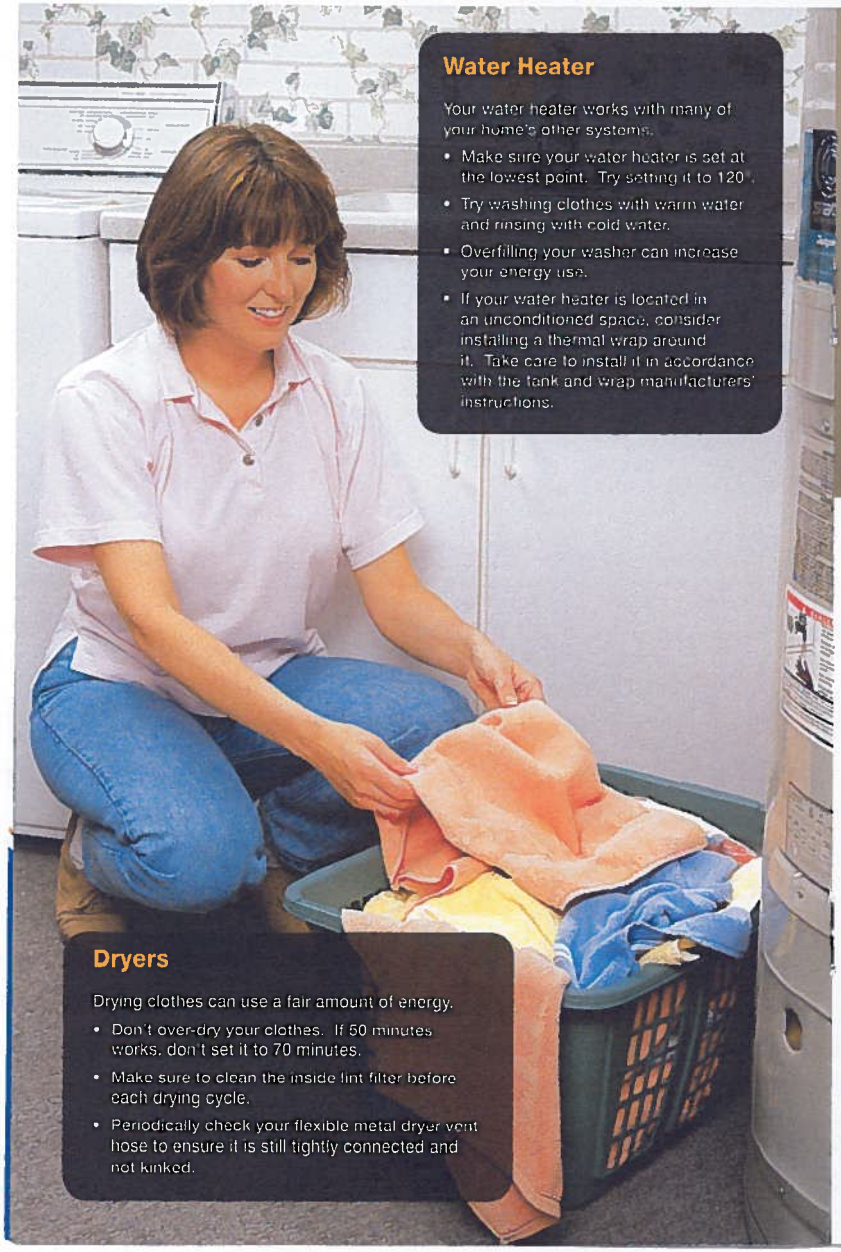
A considerable amount of heat transfers through windows. If you have single-pane windows, consider doing the following:

- Tighten and weather-strip your old windows and then add storm windows.
- Compare the above cost with replacing your old single-glazed windows with new double-glazed windows.
- In colder climates "low-e" coatings on glass can help reduce heat loss through windows.
- In hot climates, consider adding solar screening to west-facing windows that catch a lot of heating late in the day. Solar screening is sold at many home improvement stores.

Air Infiltration

Air that transfers in and out of homes through cracks, crevices and holes can increase energy consumption. Here are some helpful tips to avoid air infiltration:

- Seal around pipe penetration coming through walls.
- During hot and cold weather, ensure windows are closed tightly and locked.
- Ensure weather-stripping around doors and windows is tight.
- When your fireplace is not operating, its flue should be closed tightly, with a sign hanging from the flue handle warning it is closed.
- Check the ceiling behind the cornice of built-in bookshelves for holes cut during construction.
- Drop-down, disappearing stairways should fit tightly into the ceiling and be carefully weather-stripped.
- Whole-house attic fans should be sealed tightly during the winter.
- Make sure your outside dryer vent door closes when the dryer is not in use. This requires cleaning away lint accumulation periodically.



Water Heater

Your water heater works with many of your home's other systems.

- Make sure your water heater is set at the lowest point. Try setting it to 120°.
- Try washing clothes with warm water and rinsing with cold water.
- Overfilling your washer can increase your energy use.
- If your water heater is located in an unconditioned space, consider installing a thermal wrap around it. Take care to install it in accordance with the tank and wrap manufacturers' instructions.

Dryers

Drying clothes can use a fair amount of energy.

- Don't over-dry your clothes. If 50 minutes works, don't set it to 70 minutes.
- Make sure to clean the inside lint filter before each drying cycle.
- Periodically check your flexible metal dryer vent hose to ensure it is still tightly connected and not kinked.

Refrigeration

Your refrigerator's energy use can be trimmed.

- Make sure refrigerator and freezer seals fit tightly when doors close.
- Keep outside coils clean. Dirty coils make your refrigerator compressor work longer to remove heat.
- Setting your freezer below 0° uses extra energy.
- Setting your refrigerator below 37° uses extra energy.

Heating and Air Conditioning

Heating and air conditioning uses the largest chunk of your home energy dollar. Keep it running "lean and mean."

- HVAC systems should be checked to verify they are moving the correct amount of air. An HVAC technician can tell you if it is.
- Heat pump and air conditioning systems should be checked annually to verify they are properly charged, **strictly in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines.**
- Inside and outside coils should be kept clean and free of debris.
- Gas furnaces should be tuned for maximum combustion efficiency.
- Return filters should be changed monthly.
- Have an HVAC technician check carefully for duct leaks. Leaks that are found should be sealed with fiberglass mesh and mastic sealant.

Lighting

Take a look at the lights you burn. Consider these points:

- A 100-watt lamp costs roughly a penny an hour to operate.
- Consider replacing incandescent with energy-saving compact fluorescent lamps. They use a fraction of the wattage, last much longer and give off less heat.
- When you finish cooking, turn off the kitchen lighting and the range exhaust fan.
- Don't leave unnecessary lighting on during the day.
- Take a look at the lighting you use at night for security. Check with your Touchstone Energy Cooperative to see if it can help save you money by installing a pole-mounted outdoor light.

Selecting a Contractor

Some of the work you will want to complete will require the services of a contractor. When selecting a contractor, keep in mind that the cheapest price is not always the best value. Here are some questions to ask when deciding who to use:

- How long have you been in business?
- Can you provide proof that you are state-licensed and carry workers' compensation insurance?
- Can you provide the names of neighbors who have used your services?
- Are you a member of the Better Business Bureau?

Notes:

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For more information on energy savings check with the following sources:

- Visit **www.touchstoneenergy.coop** for information and to locate your local Touchstone Energy cooperative.
- U.S. Department of Energy. **www.energy.gov/yourhome.htm**
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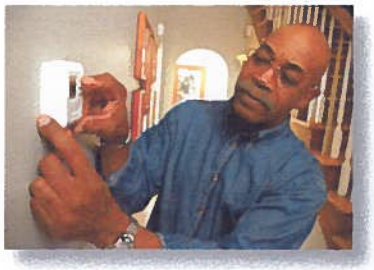

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Our Energy, Our Future: A Dialogue With America

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South Plains Electric Cooperative remains dedicated to providing you with safe, affordable and reliable electric power in an environmentally sound way. But with growing demand for electricity and pressure mounting in Congress to address climate change, it's time for us to get involved and ask our elected officials some tough questions.

To develop the technology needed to keep the lights on and rates affordable, the federal government must exercise committed leadership and provide funding on the scale of the Apollo moon program or Manhattan atomic bomb project. Without it, and without a sound, responsible, sustainable energy policy, we risk returning to a time when electric service was a privilege enjoyed only by the wealthy. As electric cooperative members, you can help prevent that from happening.

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Renewable Energy Sources

South Plains Electric Cooperative believes that wind power and other renewable energy sources will be an important part of a balanced energy portfolio for our future. If you are considering adding a renewable resource for your personal use, we've answered some of the questions you might have. If you have specific questions for the Cooperative, send them to us by using the contact form.

America's electric cooperative network, which brings reliable, cost-effective power to more than 40 million consumers, has a deep appreciation for the desire to gain energy independence. Electric cooperatives are actively involved in producing and distributing renewable energy throughout the country. Learn about electric cooperatives and renewable energy (3.2MB PDF).

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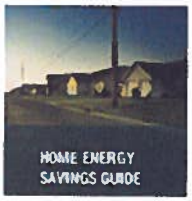

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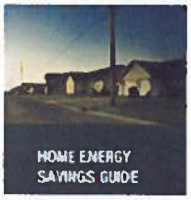

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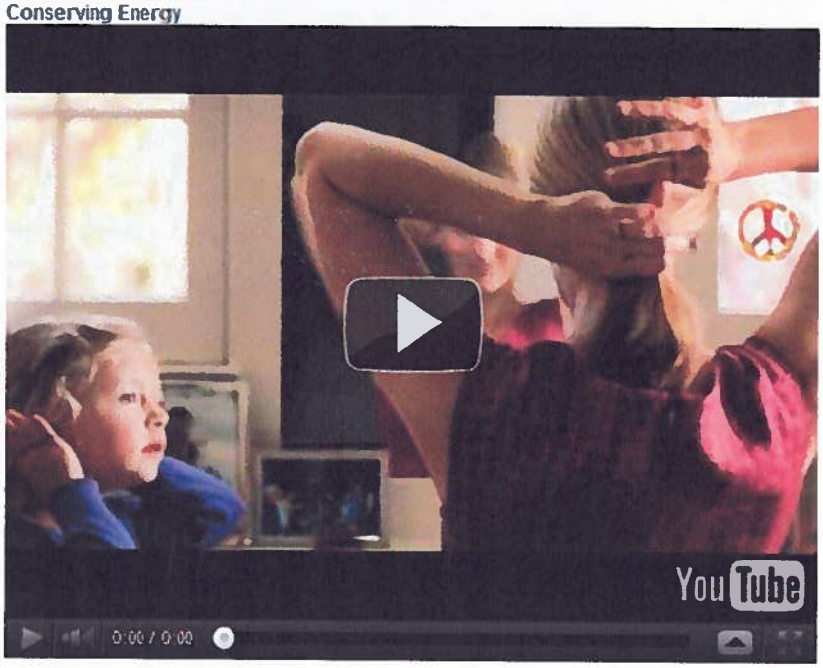

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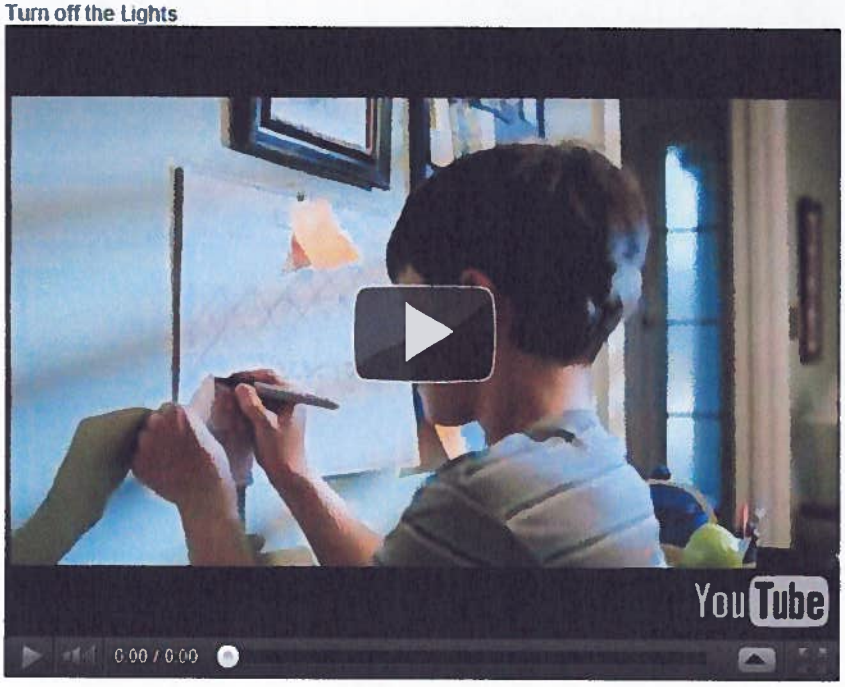

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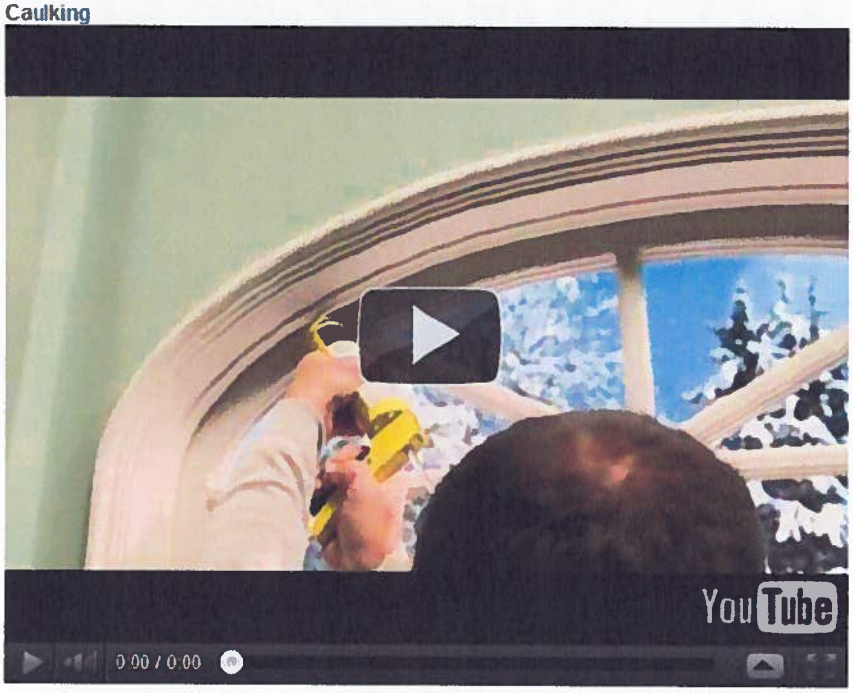

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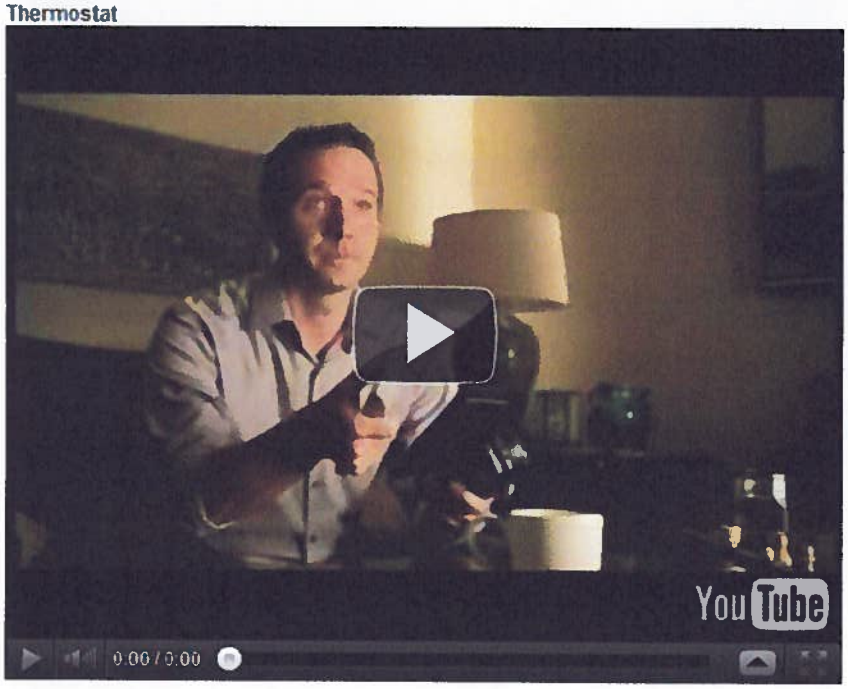

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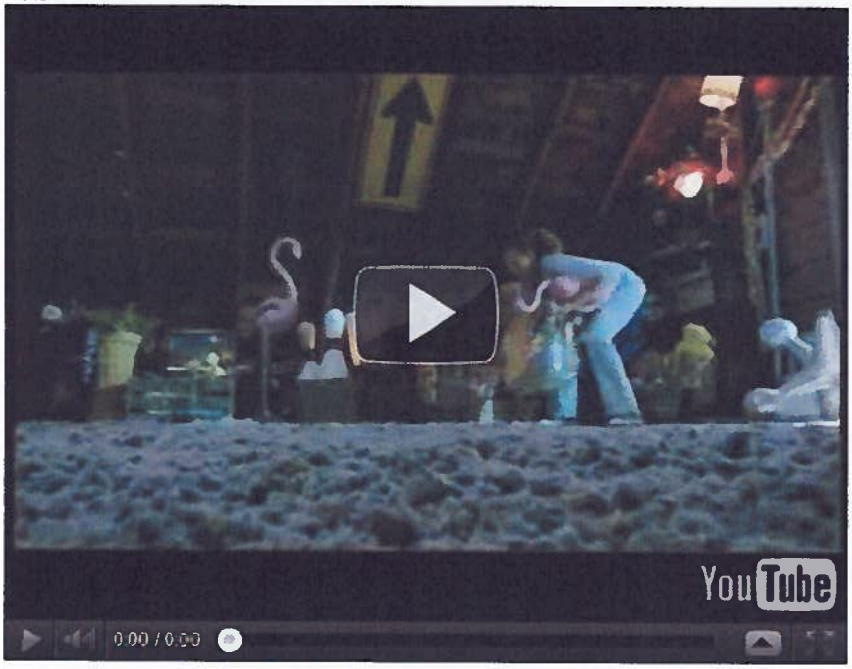

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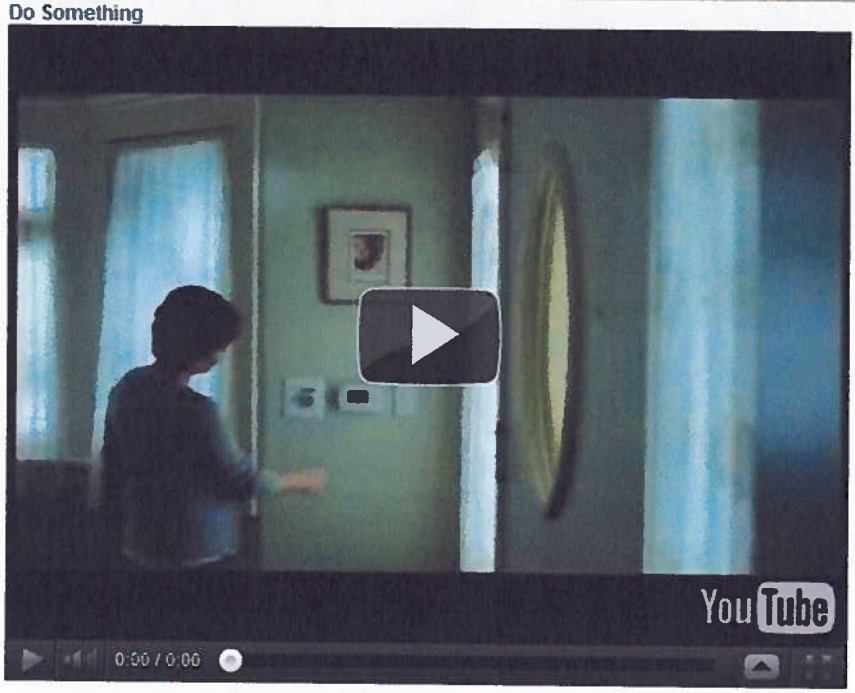

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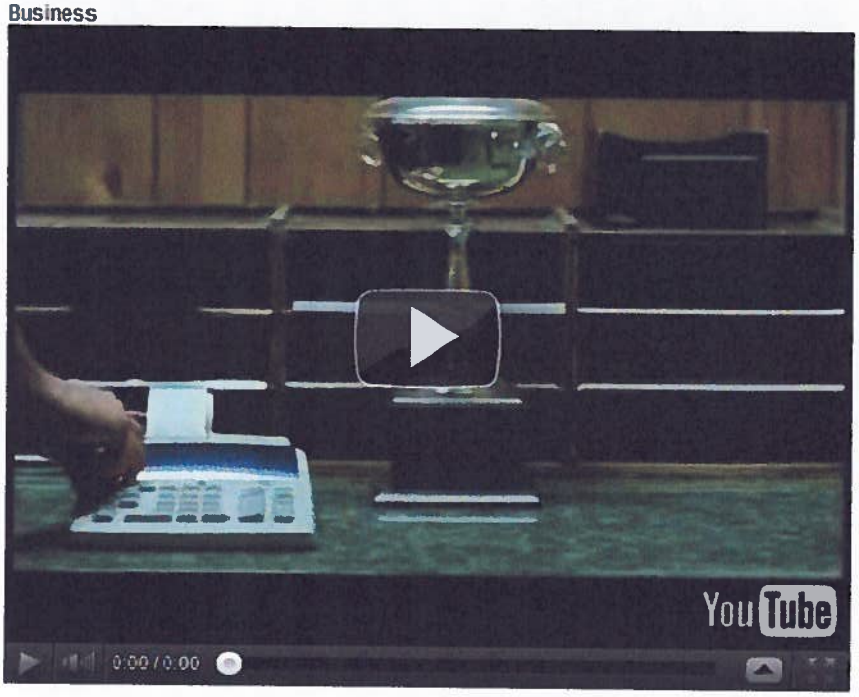

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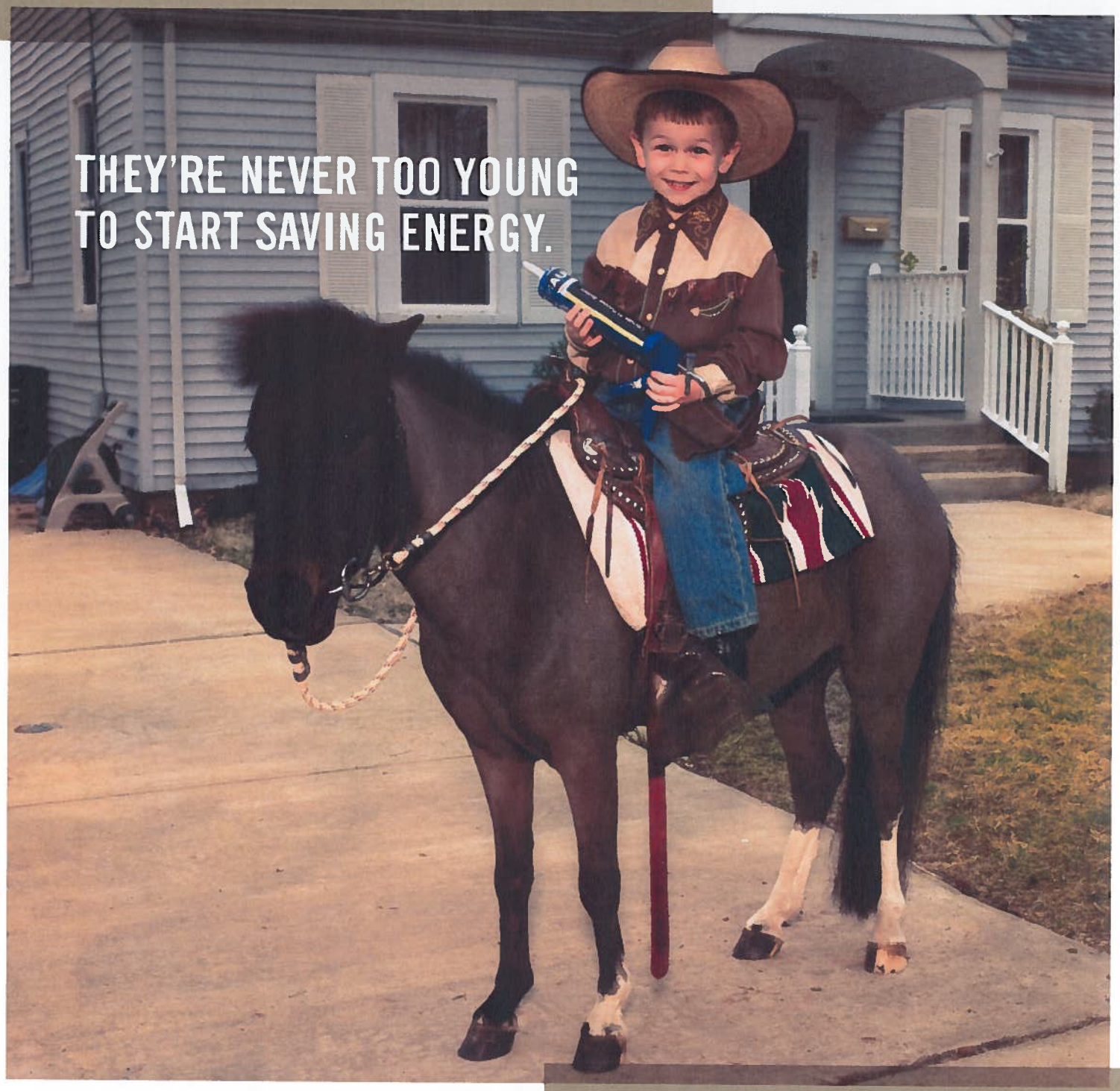

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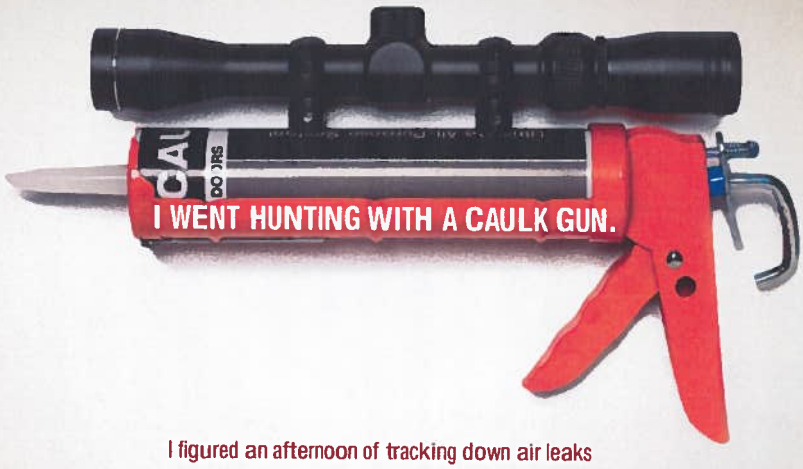

I figured an afternoon of tracking down air leaks earned me a day out in the woods. Find out what you can do at TogetherWeSave.com.

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Five Ways to Spring into Energy Efficiency

Spring marks a perfect time of year to make your home more energy efficient. Here are five quick tips that will save both energy and money:

Seal cracks and gaps around your home.

As you put away your storm windows consider adding weather stripping around leaky doors and caulking around window frames. TogetherWeSave.com, a website sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives, the branding program of the nation's not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric co-ops, shows how easy it is to use a caulking gun to seal up leaks around vents, ductwork, and windows. A typical member at South Plains Electric Cooperative can save more than $200 annually by taking this simple step.

Change filters regularly.

Change furnace and air conditioner filters monthly. Dirty filters restrict air flow and reduce the overall efficiency of your heating and cooling system by making it work harder on hot summer days.

A quick way to make sure your refrigerator's door is sealing properly is to insert a dollar bill in the door and close it. If the dollar slips out easily, cool air is likely escaping and it's time for a new gasket.

Clean the refrigerator inside and out.

Now's a good time to not only throw out that leftover fruitcake from the holidays but check the temperature settings on your refrigerator. Ideally, a refrigerator's temperature should be between 37 and 40 degrees for maximum operating efficiency.

When it's time to replace that old refrigerator, be sure to buy one that's ENERGY STAR rated. These energy-efficient appliances can save you as much as $100 a year based on calculations from the TogetherWeSave.com.

Think sun block.

TogetherWeSave.com points out that by pulling down the shades on your windows this spring and summer, you could save about $35 a year. Your local hardware store likely carries lots of inexpensive window coverings. Best of all, by blocking the sun, your house will stay cool and comfortable year-round.

Enjoy spring breezes.

Use a clothesline during warmer months and let sunlight and breezes dry clothes naturally. This will reduce your electric bill by not running a dryer, and add a genuine clean scent to your family's laundry.

You can learn more about ways to lower your monthly energy bill by visiting www.TogetherWeSave.com.

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James Driver
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Energy Efficiency

Take a Bite Out of Your Electric Bill

When I go to the grocery store, I carry a list with me. Otherwise, I'm bound to forget something.

I also make a list before I go to the hardware store when I want to undertake some projects around the house. What materials do I need? And, if the work involves weatherization, will it really help me save money on my electric bill?

Generally, the answer to that last question is a resounding "yes." Even small energy efficiency measures will save money. For as little as $2, the cost of an outlet and switchplate insulator kit, you can begin to drastically improve comfort around your residence.

What areas should you focus on? Start your list with the basics: weatherstripping and caulk to apply around doors and windows; compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) to replace traditional incandescent lightbulbs; and a water heater insulation blanket to help you use less energy to heat your water.

Then look at some bigger expenditures: a programmable thermostat to keep cooling and heating costs under control and insulation to add to your attic. You can find out how the little changes around the house add up to big savings at www.TogetherWeSave.com.

We at South Plains Electric Cooperative are committed to doing everything possible to keep your electric bills affordable. And we're controlling costs through innovation—our energy efficiency programs are just one way in which we can help you manage your energy use.

For more information about these projects and other energy efficiency programs, visit us at any of our five local service offices, online at www.SPEC.coop or call 806.775.7732. It's just one more way we're looking out for you. †

Basics like caulking and weatherstripping are the places to start for cost-effective, energy-saving improvements.

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World's most expensive dirt

By John Bruce

The most expensive dirt in the world may lurk in your home's heating and cooling system. If neglected, dust collecting the equipment's air filter could increase your energy bills hundreds of dollars every year and result in costly repair or replacement costs.

Dirty filters cause a system to work harder and break down faster. That's because unfiltered dust and grime work into critical parts, creating friction that causes unnecessary wear and, eventually, failure.

As you move around your home you drive dust into the air from carpets, drapes, and furniture. Pets generate dust particles by shedding, grooming, and tracking in dirt from outside. Regardless of where it comes from, dust trapped in a heating and cooling system air filter leads to several problems, including:

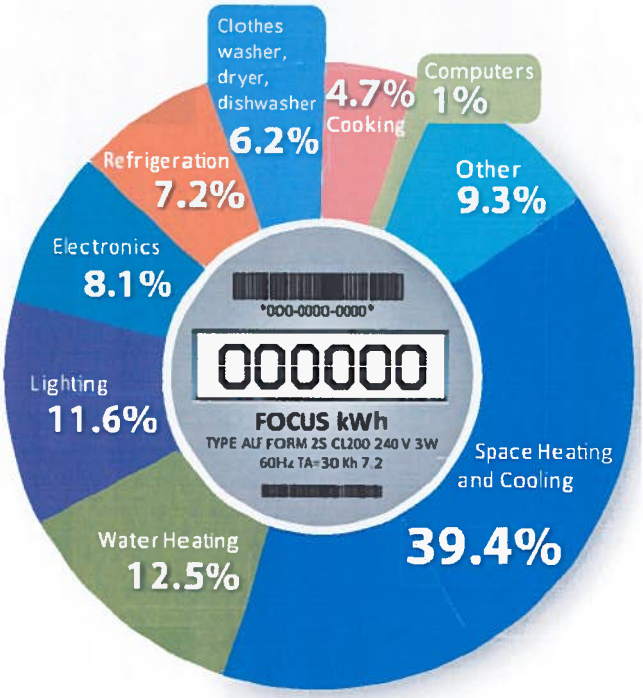
- Reduced air flow in the home and up to 15 percent higher operating costs.
- Costly duct cleaning or replacement.
- Lowered system efficiency.

Every time a system with a dirty filter kicks on, the day of reckoning—total replacement—draws closer. To avoid this expense, change filters monthly when a system's in regular use. Discuss cleaning the unit and ductwork with your heating and cooling service professional.

While most types of filters must be replaced, a few filters are reusable. They're available in a variety of types and efficiencies, rated by a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV). MERV, a method developed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, tests filter effectiveness. The higher the MERV number, the higher the filter's effectiveness at keeping dust out of your system. To learn more about how to save energy around your home, visit www.TogetherWeSave.com.

Sources: High Performance HVAC, U.S. Dept of Energy. John Bruce is a freelance writer based in South Carolina.

How Your Home Uses Electricity



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• Ratified candidates will take office upon the adjournment of the September 13 meeting.

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Nominating committees

The board appointed nominating committee members at its March meeting for each of the four districts with expiring director terms. Each nominating committee will make nominations for its specific district. If you are interested in becoming a director, please contact the committee members for your district. Additional nominations can be made by petition by following the process outlined below.

Petition process

A qualified member can be put on the ballot through the petition process. The qualified member must submit a petition containing the signatures of any 30 members holding active meters within the district for election. The petition nominee's name will be included on the ballot along with the committee nominee(s).

Petition nominations can be submitted by hand delivery or by U.S. mail to any Cooperative office prior to the specific deadline date and time for receipt.

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If you are interested in a board position and want more information, please call Cheryl Wampler at (806) 775-7856 or e-mail her at cwampler@SPEC.coop. †

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Nominating Committee
Lloyd Arthur, Ralls
Brad Aycock, Lorenzo
Glen Campbell, Lorenzo
Donald Kirksey, Lorenzo
Larry Wampler, Lorenzo

Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
SPEC Lorenzo Office
Lorenzo

Petition Deadline
Tuesday, June 21 @ 5:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting
Tuesday, September 13
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District 6

Nominating Committee
Kelly Kitten, Slaton
James Kahlick, Slaton
Nicky Patterson, Slaton

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Texas Star Gin
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What's the Difference?

In the 1980s, President Reagan was quoted as saying that conservation meant being cold in the winter and warm in the summer. Conservation seemed to get a bad rap in the decades to follow. It implied having to make do with less. And sometimes, it meant going without altogether.

Today, the terms energy conservation and energy efficiency are often used synonymously, but they have distinct definitions. I like how the U.S. Energy Information Administration differentiates the two.

That difference has to do with behavior and technology.

Energy conservation simply means using less energy. To achieve it, consumers have to change their behaviors—turning off lights, unplugging appliances or opting to use a clothesline instead of a clothes dryer. Conserving energy often means sacrificing something.

While there is merit in adopting conservative energy-consumption habits to avoid waste, we have the option to use less energy without having to give up comfort or convenience.

That brings me to the definition of energy efficiency.

Energy efficiency involves applying technology to use less energy while getting the same result or service. Technological advances also allow us to automatically perform some actions we used to have to do manually. Because new electric products are able to do the same tasks with less energy, energy efficiency does not necessarily come with the connotation of going without.

A compact fluorescent lightbulb (CFL) is considered energy efficient because it uses less electricity to produce the same amount of light as an incandescent lightbulb. The CFL still lights up the room just the same.

In the same way, Energy Star-rated products are intended to deliver the performance consumers expect while using less energy. Take today's Energy Star-rated refrigerators, for example. They keep food cool with about half as much energy as refrigerators made before 1993, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Ultimately, energy efficiency may result in energy conservation—or using less energy.

I'd like to remind you why using less electricity is beneficial and why the principles of energy efficiency and energy conservation have value to you, the members of South Plains Electric Cooperative. Perhaps most obviously, using less electricity saves you money on your electric bill simply because you consume less.

Also, wholesale power costs fluctuate depending on the time of use. The cost of power increases during peak hours—early mornings and evenings—and seasons—hot summers and cold winters. In the early mornings, demand increases because we all wake up and turn on lights and appliances as we start our days.

Similarly, demand for electricity increases in the evenings because we arrive home from work, fire up the stove, turn on the TV and perhaps start a load of laundry.

And during the extreme temperatures of summer and winter, we demand electricity even more by blasting our air conditioners or heaters.

If we can diminish the use of power during those peak times, then the Cooperative's total wholesale power cost decreases. That savings is passed along to you.

In addition, those in the electricity industry, including South Plains Electric Cooperative, are trying to find ways to reduce consumption because there could be a shortfall of electricity generation in the future. Creating energy-conserving and energy-efficient habits now will help us use electricity wisely years down the road.

I encourage you to use the principles of energy conservation and energy efficiency together. Just because you install an energy-efficient CFL in the light fixture on your front porch doesn't mean you should leave it on 24/7. And even if you have an Energy Star-rated clothes dryer, be a good steward and think twice about running it with anything less than a full load.

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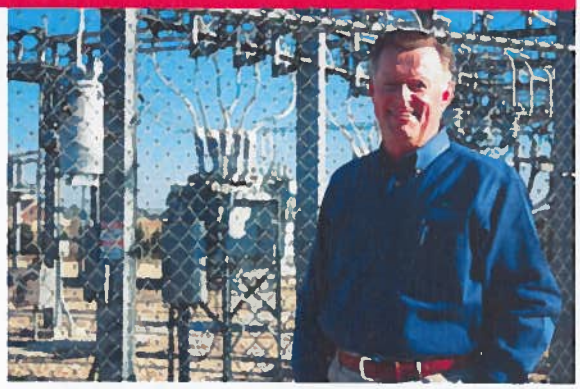

Electric Bill Savings

Now and in the Future

When you're on a road trip, chances are your vehicle gets better gas mileage when you drive at a steady speed. Stomping on the accelerator burns gas more quickly than traveling at a measured pace. And if you do race down the road and happen to run out of gasoline, you might be forced to refill at a station with the higher price.

Similarly, when members of South Plains Electric Cooperative use electricity conservatively, the Cooperative's wholesale price remains steady. When members all at once demand more power, such as on hot Texas afternoons when everyone blasts their air conditioners, the wholesale cost of electricity increases.

Those wholesale costs ultimately affect your electricity bill because South Plains Electric Cooperative has to take into account members' demand—and subsequent increased cost to the Cooperative—when planning for the future. Also, if demand continues to increase, new power plants will have to be built. With increasing government regulation and high cost of materials, creating new sources of energy generation is likely to be expensive.

The cost of electricity, therefore, is partly controlled by members. Conserving energy remains the best way to reduce your electric bill—now and in the future.

But saving electricity does not mean you have to stop using your lights, air conditioners, TVs and washer machine. Members can reduce their electricity consumption by changing a few habits and taking advantage of energy-efficiency options.

One of the best ways to find out how you can more wisely use electricity in your home is to conduct an energy audit. South Plains Electric Cooperative encourages you to schedule an energy audit with a trained professional. Results of an energy audit's examination of your home's airtightness, insulation and the household's energy-use behavior could reveal some cost-effective ways you could save money on your electric bill.

If you use an auditing firm, be sure to check the company's references and inquire about any complaints with the Better Business Bureau. Also, you should stay with the auditor while he or she examines your home so you can learn or be available to answer questions.

If you are a do-it-yourselfer, you can perform your own home-energy assessment. Go to www.TogetherWeSave.com for more information. You can take the Home Tour to discover no-cost and low-cost ways to save energy. There are energy saving applications offering easy-to-implement tips, plus watch and learn from the many how-to videos posted. The site actually calculates your potential savings as you choose the energy efficiency measures you'd be willing to take.

The U.S. Department of Energy provides details on how to conduct your own energy audit at www.energysavers.gov/your_home/energy_audits, including a description of how to do a basic building pressurization test to find air leaks. This thorough walk-through of your home to check for air leaks, proper insulation, energy-efficient lighting and up-to-date cooling and heating systems could give you ideas for how to save money on your electric bill.

Another good resource is www.hes.lbl.gov/consumer/, which allows you to input your home and then provides suggestions for savings.

South Plains Electric Cooperative is looking out for you with resources to make a big difference in your electric bill—now and in the future. †

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