



2020 HOLIDAY GREETING CARD CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to 11-year-old Lexi K., who created the winning design for the 2020 WECC Holiday Card! Lexi, a student at McCrory Elementary School, received a \$50 gift card for being selected as this year's winner. This holiday card will be mailed to friends of Woodruff Electric, legislators and businesses across our area. Thank you to all the area students who submitted their designs. We had many great pieces of artwork submitted this year.



Pictured: Lexi's winning entry

4 WAYS SANTA SAVES ENERGY IN HIS WORKSHOP

The holiday season is finally upon us, and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year.

It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop—how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.



Here are 4 ways Santa saves energy in his workshop.

- Santa leaves his decorations up year-round, so by using LED holiday light strands, he's able to save on his monthly energy bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 40 seasons, which make them a great option for any festive home.
- Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR® rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the U.S. used ENERGY STAR®-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh hours of electricity could be saved—equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!
- Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That is why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.
- Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.

This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's book and remember to save energy when possible. With these four tips, you'll be well on your way to savings (and hopefully, Santa's "nice" list!).

Deck the halls *safely*
this holiday season.

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Our offices will be closed
December 24th, 25th and January 1st.

KIDS' CORNER: COLORING PAGE

HOLIDAY SAFETY

with Safety Sadie



Make sure your pets have a safe holiday, too. Watch them around light strands, cords and bulbs, to make sure they don't chew on them.

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**Happy Holidays from Your Local
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Wishing you a merry and bright holiday season!

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Energy bills can increase during winter for a variety of reasons, like houseguests, more time spent at home, and shorter days and longer nights. Small actions, like turning down your thermostat, replacing old bulbs with LEDs and washing clothes in cold water can help you save.



GIVE ME SOME SPACE...

**Space heaters
account for 1/3
of heating fires and
80% of heating
fire deaths per year.**



OUTDOOR HOLIDAY LIGHTING SAFETY TIPS

- #1 When using extension cords, make sure they are rated for outdoor use.
- #2 Make sure you are using outlets with GFCI protection when decorating outdoors.
- #3 Don't hang lights using tacks, nails or screws; instead use insulated or plastic hooks.
- #4 Only use outdoor-rated lights. Strands designated for indoor use cannot withstand the elements.
- #5 When using ladders to hang lights outdoors, avoid using aluminum ladders and always steer clear of power lines.

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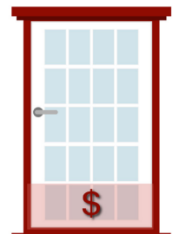
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