

# News Release

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## **WAYS TO BOOST YOUR HOME HEATING EFFICIENCY**

Winter temperatures can drive up heating costs. Woodruff Electric wants to remind you that there are simple steps that can be taken to help cut those costs by making your home heating more efficient.

These tips from the Woodruff Electric will help you increase heating efficiency and manage your heating expenses:

- Adjust your thermostat based on your needs. While you are away at school or work, turn the thermostat down. You can also turn the thermostat down at night when you can cover up with blankets. A programmable thermostat can automatically make these adjustments for you.
- Replace your furnace filter monthly to save energy and improve heat circulation.
- Use sunlight's natural heat to your advantage by opening curtains and blinds on sunny days to warm your home.
- Close your fireplace damper when you are not using the fireplace. This prevents heat from escaping and cold from entering through your chimney.
- If you have older or leaky windows, consider temporary fixes, such as plastic film kits that create the effect of an interior storm window.
- Weather stripping is relatively easy and available at your local home improvement store. Stop drafts from coming in and heat from leaking out of your home through drafty doors and windows.
- Use caulk to seal gaps in the walls of your home or apartment. Wherever different building materials meet, or wiring comes out of a wall, there are gaps that may contribute to the loss of heat in your home.

"It does take a little effort to boost your home's efficiency," says Kevin Scott, Distribution Engineer and Energy Advisor at Woodruff Electric, "but a little effort can go a long way in helping you cut heating costs all winter long."

Woodruff Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Forrest City, is a member-owned electric utility. Woodruff Electric serves electric power to more than 19,000 homes, farms, and businesses in parts of Woodruff, Prairie, Monroe, Cross, St. Francis, Lee, and Phillips counties in eastern Arkansas. The District offices are located in Augusta, Moro and Barton.

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