



## Holiday decorating for the energy-wise home

## SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY THIS HOLIDAY

Whether you've already decked your halls or you're just getting started, there's still time to incorporate energy savings into your holiday décor planning.

If you haven't strung your twinkle lights, be sure to use LED light strands. LEDs consume far less energy than incandescent lights, and they can last 40 holiday seasons. They're also safer because they're made with epoxy lenses, not glass, making them more resistant to breaking. And they're cool to the touch, so no burned fingers!

If you missed Santa's memo about energy-saving LEDs, and your holiday lights are already up, you can still save on lighting costs. All you need is a programmable light timer or smart plug. Most models cost between \$10 to \$25 and can be purchased through online retailers like Amazon or at big-box stores like Lowe's or WalMart.

With a light timer, you can easily program when you want your holiday lights turned on and off, which will save you time, money and energy. If you're using a timer for exterior lighting, make sure it's weatherproof

If Clark Griswold's décor style is a bit much for your taste, consider a more natural approach. Many Christmas tree farms, and even retailers give away greenery clippings from recently trimmed trees. With a little twine, extra ornaments and sparkly ribbon, you can create beautiful garlands and wreaths to hang over your front door or windows.

To add extra twinkle at night, you can install solar-powered spotlights to illuminate your new (essentially free!) greenery. Solar spotlights can vary in price, but you should be able to purchase a quality set of four for about \$30. And because they run on natural energy from the sun, there's no additional cost to your energy bill.

Regardless of how you decorate your home for the holidays, there are plenty of ways to save energy throughout the season. Visit aecc.com/energy-efficiency for additional energy-saving tips.

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and intended for outdoor use.



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If you prefer a more natural approach to your holiday décor, consider making a simple wreath or garland for the exterior of your home. You can also use solar-powered spotlights to illuminate the greenery at night.

## Behind the lines at Woodruff Electric Employee Spotlight: Kevin Scott

**Title:** *Distribution Engineer* **Department:** Engineering

How would you explain your job to someone else? My job is never boring, and it seems that my job duties are forever evolving as technology and the industry changes.

What does a normal day at work look like for you? I don't think there is a "normal" day at work. It seems like there is something different every day.

How long have you been working at WECC? I have been working 14 years for the cooperative.

What is the best part of your job? The best part of my job is helping our members by answering their questions about solar, energy efficiency, generator sizing and analyzing their electrical usage.

What is the biggest challenge you face in your job? The biggest challenge in my job is keeping up with the changes in technology throughout the industry.

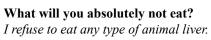
Is there something you would like people in other departments or people outside WECC to know about your job? A career with the cooperative is special and unique. It is very similar to working with your family on a daily basis.

Who is your family? My wife, Wren, and I have been married 10 years, and we have an 8-year-old daughter, Trinity, and a 4-year-old son, Rhyson.

What are some of your favorite hobbies? I enjoy playing golf and woodworking.

What is your favorite food? Hamburgers!





What would you like to learn how to do? I would like to learn how to weld.

What are a few items that you collect? I don't collect anything, but my wife believes I hoard wood scraps.

If I've learned one thing in life, it's: *Treat others how you want to be treated.* 

One thing on my bucket list is: I would love to travel and play numerous PGA golf courses.

