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START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT- PERFORM YOUR OWN ENERGY WALK-THROUGH

You go to the doctor once a year for a checkup; it's smart to do the same thing for your home with a home energy assessment to help diagnose and stop waste. That's the best medicine to help make your home more comfortable and efficient.

Little bits of energy waste add up, so making sure all the systems in your home are working at peak efficiency matters.

- Set your water heater temperature to 120 F, which is hot enough for comfortable showers without wasting energy.
- Energy-efficient LED lighting uses less energy and lasts longer than conventional incandescent bulbs.
- Use a programmable thermostat to set home temperatures forward or back while you're asleep or away to save up to 10% on your heating and cooling costs.
- Electronics continue to use energy even when they are fully charged or turned off. Use advanced power strips to stop these vampire loads from feasting on your electricity.
- Purchase ENERGY STAR-rated appliances and electronics to save on energy and water use.
- Seal cracks and gaps around your home with caulk or expanding foam. This acts a windbreak for your home, helping the insulation work up to its full potential.
- Check insulation levels; make sure they're up to at least minimum recommendations.
- Ductwork exposed in unconditioned spaces, like attics, should also be air-sealed and insulated. This will keep you from heating and cooling the great outdoors.

Smart energy savings around your home really add up to making your home more comfortable and efficient.

TIPS TO DITCH THE SPACE HEATER THIS WINTER

Space heaters are energy hogs, and older models can be extremely dangerous. This winter, ditch the space heater and try these alternative solutions to stay cozy.

- Use an electric blanket to keep warm during the night.
- ✓ Caulk and weatherstrip around all windows and doors to prevent heat loss.
- ✓ Consider adding insulation to your attic and around ductwork.



MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THE "AR BROADBAND NOW" SURVEY

The Broadband Development Group (BDG) was awarded a contract in the amount of 2.2 million dollars by the Arkansas Department of Commerce to develop a statewide broadband master plan to ensure all residents, regardless of their locations, have broadband coverage. The official name coined for this effort is called the "AR Broadband Now Project." The data and feedback collected are important elements in creating the statewide broadband strategy and implementation plan. Woodruff Electric encourages members to scan and complete the survey to provide data and feedback based on their individual broadband needs.





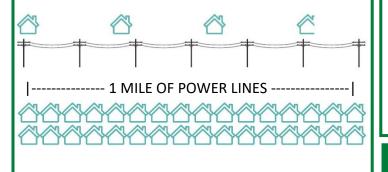






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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Maximize your heating system's performance by inspecting, cleaning or replacing air filters once a month or as needed to reduce energy costs and prevent potential damage to your system.

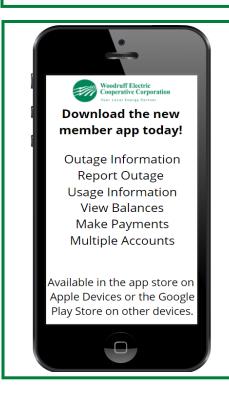
Make sure radiators, baseboard heaters and warm-air registers aren't blocked so air can flow freely.

Source: Dept. of Energy

OUTAGE TEXT MESSAGING



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