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Saving energy is as easy as (pumpkin) pie

Try these energy efficiency tips this Thanksgiving to help you save on your energy bill.

Are you hosting friends and family for Thanksgiving this year? While a day filled with fun, food and football is always enjoyable, cooking all day and hosting houseguests can often lead to a higher energy bill.

Keep these energy efficiency tips in mind this turkey day. Your wallet will thank you!

1. Lower the thermostat in your home to 67 degrees. When you have the oven on and more people in your home, you can keep the temperature lower than typical while still remaining comfortable.
2. Get everything you need out of the refrigerator at once then keep the fridge doors closed. The more you open it, the harder it has to work to maintain temperature.
3. Use pots and pans that match the size of the burner they're on. When you use a pot that is smaller than its burner, you're wasting excess heat.
4. Keep pots and pans covered to prevent heat from escaping while you cook.
5. When possible, bake more than one dish at a time to cut down on the amount of time that the oven is working.
6. Use the oven light to check on food instead of opening the door. You can lose up to 25 degrees of heat every time you open it which causes your oven to work harder to get back up to the temperature you set.
7. Use smaller appliances, like a slow cooker or toaster oven, to prepare side dishes. Smaller appliances typically use less energy than larger appliances.
8. Allow leftovers to cool down to room temperature before you refrigerate them. This will keep extra heat out of your refrigerator.
9. Scrape dirty dishes instead of rinsing them before you load them into the dishwasher.
10. Skip the heated drying cycle on the dishwasher and instead let your dishes air dry after they're washed.

Visit energystar.gov for more energy efficiency tips.



Did you know?

On average, cooking a turkey uses 8 kWh, which is the same amount of energy it takes to watch 100 hours of football on an EnergyStar LED TV!

IMPORTANT DATES

November 22-23

Thanksgiving

Piedmont Electric offices will be closed and employees will be on call. Enjoy your holiday!

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November right-of-way maintenance

DURHAM COUNTY

Russell Road
Bivins Road
Craig Road
St. Mary's Road
Umstead Road
Guess Road



You don't have to
go to the mall to get
the best deal this

BLACK FRIDAY



Big holidays can lead to big energy bills. Luckily, Piedmont Electric offers the best deal of the year with half-off energy. When you take advantage of the savings opportunities available using time-of-day rates, you can save big on Thanksgiving and every day. That's right, **you can bake your turkey for half-off this Thanksgiving!**

Learn more about our time-of-day rates by going to **pemc.coop/timeofday** and sign up today.

"Our time-of-day rates saved members an average of \$34 per month last year! Trust me, you don't want to miss out on this deal!" —Chuck Lee, Manager of Energy Services

TIME-⌚-DAY



Outdoor lighting solutions to help you get more out of your days

With days getting shorter and nights growing longer, outdoor lighting can help you better utilize your outdoor space during the fall and winter months.

As a valued member of our co-op, you have up to 20 different outdoor lighting options to choose from, along with a cost that won't break the bank. Plus, you won't need to worry about setup or maintenance; it's included in the monthly fee!

Visit pemc.coop/outdoor-lighting for rates and additional information. You can also call 800.222.3107 to speak to someone about outdoor lighting options.

Bylaw requirements listed for nominations of directors

The following is an excerpt from our bylaws pertaining to nominations.

SECTION 4.06. Nominations.

(A) NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint a Nominations Committee consisting of ten (10) persons who are members but are not directors or close relatives of directors, and who are so selected that each of the Cooperative's Directorate Districts and the at large directorate shall have one representative thereon. The Committee shall meet and nominate candidates for each of the Cooperative's Directorate Districts to be elected at the next annual meeting and the at large director if that directorate is to be elected at the next annual meeting. The Committee shall nominate at least one (1) nominee for each such District and may nominate more than one (1) nominee for each such District. The Committee shall show clearly each nominee(s) and the Directorate District for which they are nominated. In addition, the Committee shall nominate each three (3) years at least one (1) candidate and may nominate more than one (1) candidate for the "at large" position. The Committee shall ensure that all members nominated

meet the qualifications to serve as a director set forth in section 4.02. The Committee shall meet as necessary in order to complete its nominations no later than thirty days preceding the deadline for nomination by petition as is set forth in the following subsection to provide the opportunity for any qualified member who desires to be placed on the ballot at the upcoming annual meeting but not nominated by the Committee, to seek nomination by petition as set forth in the following subsection.

(B) NOMINATIONS BY PETITION

Any fifty (50) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, in like manner listing the nominees separately with respect to the Directorate Districts from which they are nominated, on or before February 14 preceding the annual meeting at which such directors are to be elected. Any member nominated by petition as a candidate for any Directorate must meet the qualifications to serve as a director set forth in section 4.02 before the nominee's name may be placed on the ballot for election at the annual meeting.

(C) MAILING OF NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, or through any publication routinely used by the Cooperative for communication with the membership on a monthly basis at least seven (7) days and not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting, the names of all nominees for each such district, showing separately those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any.

(D) POSTING OF NOMINATIONS

Once the signatures of the members on any petition and the qualifications to serve of the nominees are verified, the names of all nominees for each directorate district and the names of each nominee for the at large directorate, if it is to be elected at the upcoming annual meeting, shall be posted at the principal office of the Cooperative. The Posted Notice of all nominees shall show the directorate for which each nominee seeks election as director and may indicate those nominated by the nominations committee and those nominated by petition.

Piedmont Electric Bylaws can be found at pemc.coop/bylaws

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