



Tips to Reduce Energy

Families transition to remote-work and staying at home

As American families and businesses transition to remote-work, they may see a surge in home energy use – and in upcoming electric bills. Simple money-saving steps can help lower monthly electric bills without jeopardizing safety or comfort.

America's electric cooperatives understand the increased financial hardships facing families and businesses due to the economic impact of COVID-19. While CKenergy is working with members who have been directly affected by COVID-19, members will still

be responsible for those bills when the pandemic has passed. It's important for families to be mindful of their energy use and consider adjusting certain habits to avoid higher costs later on.

Recommended energy-saving tips include:

- **Program your thermostat to maximize energy savings.** Setting your thermostat one degree lower when heating or one degree higher when cooling can reduce energy use by up to five percent.

- **Do full loads of laundry and wash with cold water.** Using warm water instead of hot can cut a load's energy use in half, and using cold water will save even more.
- **Air dry dishes.** This step can cut your dishwasher's energy use by up to 50 percent.
- **Substitute LEDs for conventional light bulbs.** Lighting can amount to up to 12% of monthly energy use. LED bulbs can cut lighting costs by 75%.
- **Unplug appliances and electronics when not in use.** Small appliances and electronics use energy even when not in use. When powered on, game consoles, televisions and similar electronics are responsible for up to 12 percent of energy use.

CKenergy Electric Cooperative members who have questions about their energy bills should email editor@CKenergy.coop or call 1-800-868-8243.



For more energy savings tips visit www.CKenergy.coop or give us a call at 405-656-2322.



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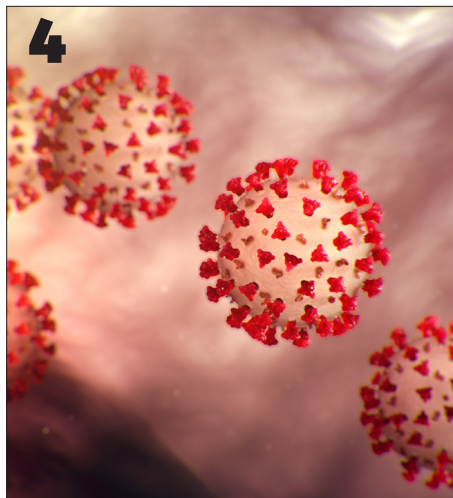
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Winning CKEC Members

Stephen Atchison
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If your name is listed above, please call us at **405-656-2322** to claim a \$25 credit on your



Socialize with us!

Stay up-to-date with your co-op and your community by following us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and SnapChat. Get the latest news on co-op events, services, energy saving tips, and more. During a power outage, stay connected with us for updates on the restoration process.

Questions or comments about your newsletter should be directed to Lisa Willard, Director of Communications, CKenergy, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, email: editor@ckenergy.coop.

CKenergy Awards \$500 Scholarships

CKEC is pleased to announce the recipients of twelve \$500 scholarships for 2020.

The program is open to any graduating senior who attends high school in our service territory, and whose parents or guardians are members of CKEC. Students submitted two letters of

recommendation, the scholarship application, and an essay stating why they wish to continue their education.

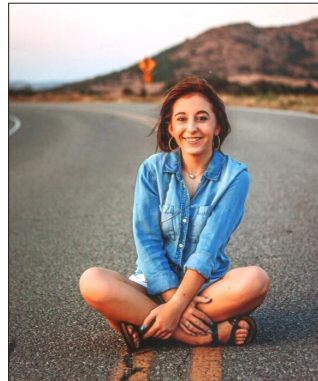
We congratulate all of these students on a job well done. We wish the best for each of you in your future endeavors!



Landri Chaplin
Weatherford High School



Trinity Dietrich
Carnegie High School



Baylee Doney
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Hobart High School



Safety Remains Top Priority

CKenergy is committed to quality service during uncertain times

Safety is the culture of CKenergy Electric Cooperative. In joining the efforts of our state and federal government in protecting one another from contracting and spreading COVID-19, we are implementing lessons learned from others to slow the spread.

At newsletter press time on April 13, Binger and Cordell office lobbies were closed to the public and the Andarko and Mustang offices were closed. We will continue evaluating the pandemic status to determine when to reopen. Members can conduct business through the drive-thru windows at the available locations. We know you rely on safe, reliable electric service, and we will continue doing our best to serve you.

Equally important is the well-being of our employees. We are using good judgment and safety precautions to better serve you. Our high risk employees are working from home.

We have separated our line crews from other employees and even from each other to limit possible spread of the virus. Trucks are being relocated so that line workers can head to the job site without coming to the office. If you see our linemen out working please practice social distancing and stay six feet away.

Our management team and board are meeting constantly to fine-tune this plan. We are in constant contact with the other electric cooperatives in Oklahoma and with the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, which in turn is working closely with our national association and the state legislature.

We are also utilizing innovative ways to work together from safe spaces, including video conferencing, teleconferencing and more. We are minimizing work-related travel and participation in groups.

To help your cooperative and area communities reduce spreading the virus and encourage social distancing, please follow these guidelines:

- Contact our member representatives and report power outages by calling **1-800-868-8243**. General communications may be emailed to editor@ckenergy.coop
- Keep up with our latest updates by following us on Facebook, twitter, Instagram and www.CKenergy.coop

For members directly affected by COVID-19 outbreak, CKenergy will temporarily suspend residential disconnects for those members that call to request assistance. We will re-evaluate this policy on a weekly basis. If you have been directly affected by the outbreak and need to make arrangements, please call **1-800-868-8243** and one of our member representatives will be happy to assist.

CKenergy offers many options for members to pay their bills.

1. Drive thru at Binger
2. Night drops at Binger, Cordell, Anadarko and Mustang
3. Visit our website www.ckenergy.coop (please call the office if you need help setting up your account)
4. Use the CKenergy App
5. Pay by phone from 8-5, Monday-Friday with a member service representative
6. Pay by phone 24/7 through the IVR

Please stay safe and know that CKenergy will continue to operate and provide the highest-quality service possible for you, the members we serve. The spread of COVID-19 may necessitate changes in how we interact, but it will not change what we do.



CKEC linemen work to replace a pole.

Co-ops Contribute to a Smarter Grid

It's a familiar scene: poles and wires stretching into the distance alongside a rural highway. This image might appear no different now than it did many years ago. But look more closely.

Invisible to most of us is an overlay of new equipment—chips, sensors and fiber—linking remote distribution infrastructure to the utility's operations center using advanced communications technology.

Those iconic poles and wires are now part of a “smart grid” that can be operated using software and automation.

For electric cooperatives, “digitalization” of electric infrastructure kicked into high gear in 2013 when the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) funded new technology research at 23 electric co-ops across the country. That partnership has now evolved into a robust research program exploring everything from drones and smart solar inverters to cybersecurity training and carbon capture technology.

Here are some of the ways co-op members are already benefiting from a smarter grid:

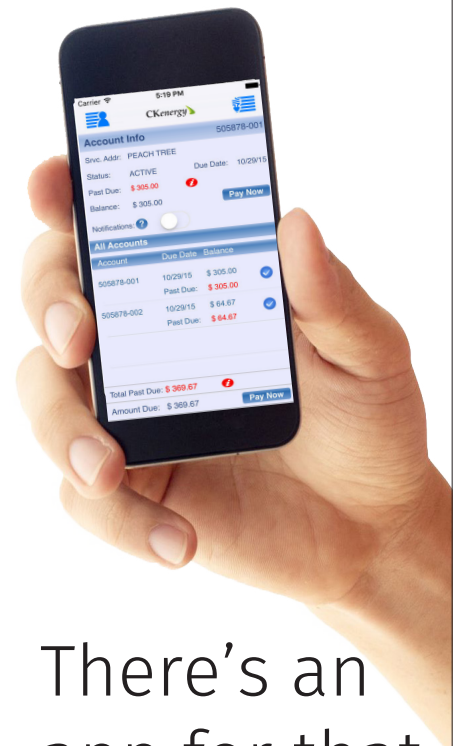
- **Fewer power outages.** In certain situations, smart feeder switching can re-route power around problems such as downed power lines, which

reduces the number of people affected by an outage.

- **Pre-pay programs.** Most co-op pre-pay billing programs no longer impose hefty reconnection fees because, thanks to advanced digital meters, the co-op doesn't need to send out a truck to physically reconnect the home.
- **Cost savings from increased efficiency.** Many of the new technologies are improving the efficiency of co-op operations—from reducing the amount of electricity lost in transmission to reducing the need for sending out trucks. These savings are passed on to members.
- **Improved safety for co-op workers and the members.** The data from smart technologies provide utility operators a more detailed view of what is happening on the electric system. The data can help them identify electrical hazards faster.

While the electricity in your home powers the toaster just as it always did, that electricity is more efficient, more reliable and safer thanks to innovation made possible by cooperation.

View, Pay,
Create,
Update,
Alert,
Report,
Send &
Receive?



There's an
app for that.

Look for the CKEnergy EC app on Google Play or the App Store.





Make Your Yard Work For You

Smart landscaping can save you money on your energy bill

Location, location, is the mantra in real estate, but it also applies to your yard when you're looking for ways to lower energy bills. The right tree or shrub in the right place can yield shade, improve the look of your home and produce welcome energy savings.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), claims smart landscaping can, on average, provide enough energy savings to see a return on your investment in less than eight years. Using computer models, the DOE determined that proper placement of only three trees on your property can save an average household between \$100 and \$250 in yearly energy costs.

Now is the time to make your yard work for you. A few simple landscaping considerations can make a big difference in your home's comfort and in the efficiency of your heating and cooling system:

- Use trees and plants to shade a window air conditioner and increase its efficiency by as much as 10 percent. For good airflow and access, position plants more than three feet from your AC.
- Shrubs and trees can form windbreaks that keep wind chill away from a home and lower heating costs. Common turf grass and other low-growing plants are ideal barriers. So are evergreens, especially when combined with a wall or fence to deflect or even lift wind over a home. For best protection, plan on leaving between two to five times the mature height of the trees between the windbreak and the protected home.
- When selecting shade trees, keep in mind the mature height of the tree and the shape of its shade canopy in relation to the height of your home. These factors are important because they should influence how far from

the house you decide to plant a tree. Always avoid planting near underground utility lines or beneath overhead lines.

- Shading takes time – a 6-foot to 8-foot deciduous tree planted near a house will begin shading windows in a year. Depending on the tree and the home, the tree will shade the roof in five to 10 years.
- Make planting shade trees due west of west-facing windows top priority.
- Select a tree that can be planted within 20 feet of the window and that will grow at least 10 feet taller than that window. If you have space, use as many trees as needed to create a continuous row along all major west-and-east-facing windows.
- Contrary to intuition, the least energy efficient place for a tree is to the south of a house.
- Different trees can serve a variety of purposes. To block summer heat while letting sun filter through in the winter months, use trees that lose their leaves in the winter. Evergreens and shrubs on the other hand, are ideal for providing continuous shade and blocking heavy winds. Other shrubs and groundcover plants can also provide shade, reduce heat radiation and cool air before it reaches our walls and windows.

For more efficient landscaping tips, please visit www.energy.gov/public-services/homes/landscaping.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Placing hot food in the refrigerator makes the appliance work harder than necessary, using more energy. Allow food to cool down before you place it in the fridge.



Automotive

5th wheel hitch, 15K with rails and hardware. Fits Chevy and GMC trucks. \$600 cash. 405-410-1922.

1952 Chevy pickup. Needs restored. Two complete engines and drive trains. Good title. \$3,700 cash. 405-818-9011.

1965 Chevy two door post 350. Four speed transmission. New paint, wheels, and tires. \$28,000 cash. 405-818-9011.

2008 Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLT. 100,000 miles. V6, \$10,250. 405-694-0625.

Farm/ Equipment

FEMA trailer, 27x7'8. AC, five new tires, double doors and new floor. Use for tools, furniture, hunting cabin, storage. \$3,375 405-317-6683.

2014 JD tractor 5055E, 55 hp, 136 hrs. 240 loader, 4 wheel drive, MFWD, 9/3 transmission, like new. Always inside. \$26,900. 580-445-5511

16 ft. flatbed bumper pull trailer. Nice condition. 405-227-3817.

Need cans, a case or a 20 lb. tank of R-12 freon. 580-450-4708.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

Note: CKEC does not endorse or guarantee any of the products or services in these ads.

Livestock/Pets

Registered black angus, spring bred heifers and cow for sale. 405-929-9205.

Gentle, genetic superior bulls. Easy calving, more growth and muscle. Make money with Kusel Limousin bulls. Call John, 580-759-6038.

Red angus bulls, service age, gentle, several A.I. sired. Call or text 580-450-1735.

Business

Welding & fabrication, call Tony at 405-834-1128.

6:11 Welding & construction. Pipe fencing, metal buildings, farm equipment, & all your welding needs. No job too big or small. Bill Smith, 405-320-8379.

Harrison Auction & Realtor, David Harrison. Equipment- Real Estate- Minerals. 405-779-5792.

Custom quilts and quilting. Over 40 years

quilting experience. Longarm quilting, custom and edge-to-edge. Located in Crows Roost on the north side of Lake Fort Cobb. Quick turn around. Batting furnished. Call or text 405-229-4933.

Mooters water well services, water well drilling, pump installs, agriculture, residential and irrigation. 405-668-0213 or 405-668-2336. Mooters trucking, hay and cattle hauling. Call 405-668-0213.

Dirt work, land clearing, stumps, ponds. Fletchers backhoe. 405-519-2718.

Parking lot maintenance, crack asphalt sealing overlay, potholes, striping and signage. Discounts for churches. 405-245-6759.

Miscellaneous

Chest of drawers 58x37x19. Dresser 69x30½x19 with mirror. Solid Oak \$300 each piece. Call 580-309-4621.

2016 Pontoon boat. Bass 18 buggy, DXL, cover trailer depth finder. Spare mercury 60 horsepower 4 stroke. Less tan 50 hours. 405-570-4324.

JNK Paralegal Service. \$100 agreed divorces. 405-376-2206.

Swap 'N Shop Ads are continued on page 8

You may submit classified ads, businesses, or services to Swap 'N Shop, P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, ads@ckenergy.coop, or fax to 580-832-5174. One ad per member unless there is additional space available.

Circle category:

Autos Farm/Equip Furn/Appl Hay/Wood Livestock/Pets Misc
Real Estate Wanted-Notices Business

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

Swap 'N Shop is a classified advertisement service that we provide to our members at no cost.

- Members are able to submit written ads through the mail, fax, drop off, or by email.
- Ads are **NOT** taken over the phone.
- Ads need to be received by the 5th of each month to appear in the next month's issue.
- Ad space is limited to a 25 word maximum. **ONE** ad per member.
- Contact the editor at 580-832-3361 for information about availability of ad space.
- CKEC reserves the right to reject any ad deemed inappropriate.
- Ads will automatically run for 2 months, additional run time must be requested **before** the 5th of the month.

5th wheel Prowler ultra light. One slide out. \$5,000 or best offer. Ready for camping season. Free hitch. Call or text 405-789-6243.

New unopened albums. Boston, pop, country, and rock. \$7.50 580-450-2014.

Real Estate

3bd, living room, dining room, kitchen, den, laundry room, & one bathroom, with garage. Almost 2 acres. Fort Cobb, OK. 405-933-3454.

Nice rural home 3bd/2ba, C/H&A, 2 car garage, storage shed. SE of Colony, OK. \$139,000. 405-777-3156.

Apartment/duplex (2 cabins) located on 1.625 acres, both 2bd/1 ba, that could be converted to 4bd/2ba near Ft. Cobb Lake. Close to Sunset Cove Marina. Stained concrete floors. Fully furnished. New metal roof. Built in 2008 on the North Lake Estates. All electric w/ water well. \$122,900. 580-772-0606.

Country living, close to town-3600sq' metal barn home, log cabin style w/ approx. 2100sq' wrap around porch on 3 sides. 3bd/2ba, office 23' ceilings in living room. Sits on 40 acres. Comes with 30x60 metal barn w/ lean to, insulated with living quarters, in ground cellar. 20 KW generator. Located 1/2 mile S of Burns Flat golf course. 580-799-7369.

5 acre tract of land, timber, wildlife, Minco, OK school district. Newer double wide trailers welcome. Financing available. 405-352-5190.

For Rent: 2bd/2ba north side of lake. \$500/month, \$00 deposit. No pets. 580-302-3051.

Country Living: 3bd south of Binger. 580-302-3051. No pets. \$600/month, \$500 deposit.

FOR RENT: Foss Lake, house weekends or weekly. 5bd/2 1/2ba for party barn, great for reunions, both cool, fully equipped. 580-214-0178. www.bigretreat.com.

43 acres mol, Minco. Gorgeous 4,025 sq. ft. home, Geothermal HVAC, inground pool, shelter, 50x50 barn, gated entrance. Call Diane Denison, 405-919-7457.

For Rent: Vacation Cabins at Foss Lake. Quiet neighborhood, no smoking, no pets. 580-515-6452.

Vacation Rental Cabin. Fort Cobb Lake, right on the edge of the water. Room to park boat and trailer. Rent by week or day. 580-243-8697, call or text.

House for Sale: 904 N Broadway Avenue, Hydro, Oklahoma. 1650 sq. ft. 3bd/2ba, all electric. Wood burning fireplace, 10 ft. ceiling in living room, large walk-in closets, bay windows in dining room look out onto a beautiful shaded, fenced in back yard. Cellar on patio, large storage building. Corner lot with mature trees and a garden spot. Asking \$180,000. 580-816-0293.

Farm for Sale: 640 acres (section). Approx. 50/50 cropland/pasture, 4 ponds, water well, corral with chute. 2 miles west of Roosevelt. Referred to as the "Braun Place." Cell 214-802-2584 or home. 972-235-3682.

Want to run your own business? Roger Mills County's only newspaper is for sale! Thriving business with proven success. Be

your own boss. Call RE/MAX Gold Buckle Realty, 580-330-9090.

For Rent: 2 lg bd, lg kitchen, living room, den, 1/2ba, washroom, alarm & internet, carport. No Pets. \$600/mo. 580-302-3051.

For Rent: small 2bd/1ba, \$400/mo, \$300 dep. South Side Ft. Cobb Lake. 580-302-3051

LAND SALE- 111 acres NE OKC, 5 min to I-44, 25 min downtown OKC or Edmond on paved rd. 405-376-4460.

Cabin for Rent: Great hunting, fishing, and vacation cabin. Right next to water, plenty of room in front for trailer or boat. Call or text 580-243-8697.

Events

Clinton Country Jamboree: Showtime 7:00 p.m. Country & Western 1st and 3rd Saturday every month. All Gospel 5th Saturday. Admission \$9.00. Concession available. Family Entertainment. I-40 exit 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

Easy Chicken and Veggie Stir Fry

Ingredients:

2 zucchini
8 oz mushrooms
1 cup broccoli
1/2 onion
1 1/2 lbs chicken
1 chicken bouillon cube
1 1/2 cup water
3 tbs. corn starch+3 tbs+ cold water to dissolve in
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
2 tbs butter
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbs soy sauce
additional veggies as desired
crunchy chow mein noodles (optional)



Directions:

Dice chicken into small cubes. Heat butter, onion and garlic in a large skillet, over medium heat. Add chicken, salt and pepper. When chicken is mostly cooked through, add soy sauce, water, and bouillon cube. After a couple minutes, add chopped zucchini and mushroom. Dissolve 3 tbs cold water and add to mixture to thicken. When veggies are at desired level of tenderness the meal is ready.