



National Lineman Appreciation Day

America's electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Board adopted the following resolution to honor linemen:

"Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on; Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure; Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents; and Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen;

Therefore be it resolved that NRECA recognize the Second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day..."

Colquitt EMC proudly recognizes all electric linemen for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety.

We invite our members to take a moment to thank a lineman for the work they do. Please show your support for the people who light our lives.



Unclaimed Capital Credits

In compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 44-12-236 of "The Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act" of Georgia, Colquitt EMC is attempting to locate former members and heirs whose capital credit checks were issued December 1, 2009 for electrical service received in 1988, but which have been returned by the U.S. Post Office as "undeliverable" or have been otherwise unclaimed.



A current database of these members, with their last known address, is available at our offices. The last possible date to claim these funds is June 30, 2015. All funds not claimed by this date will be donated for charitable uses, as permitted by O.C.G.A. section 44-12-236 of "The Disposition of Unclaimed Capital Property Act" of Georgia.

NEW ENERGY STAR Certified Clothes Dryers are NOW Available

ENERGY STAR has an exciting new product: clothes dryers. Clothes dryers that earn the ENERGY STAR label are independently certified to be at least 20% more efficient than conventional models, delivering an average of \$245 in lifetime savings. Savings are even greater for consumers buying an ENERGY STAR washer-dryer pair.

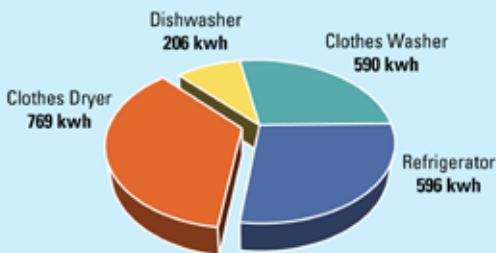
Unlike clothes washers, which have seen a 70% drop in energy use since 1990, dryers have largely remained inefficient. Clothes dryers consume more energy than any other appliance in the home, and 80% of American homes own dryers. If all residential clothes dryers sold in the U.S. were ENERGY STAR certified,

Americans would save \$1.5 billion each year in utility costs and prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to more than two million vehicles.

As many as 45 certified models from Whirlpool, Maytag, Kenmore, LG and Safemate are now available in-store and online at prices comparable to standard dryers.

The average American family washes about 300 loads of laundry each year. If you're purchasing a new clothes dryer, consider one that's earned the ENERGY STAR.

ENERGY USE OF STANDARD HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

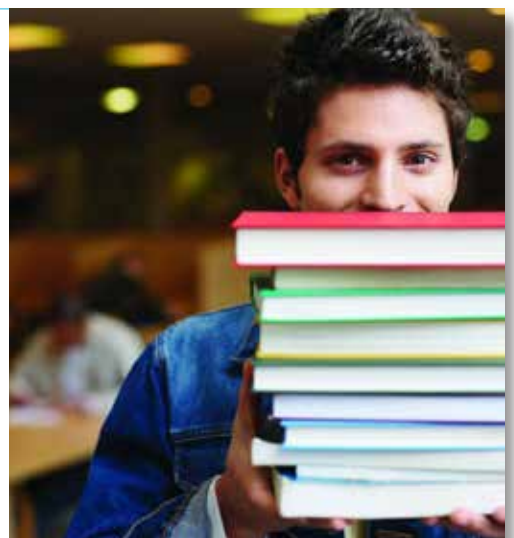


Energy used is based on unit energy consumption in kWh
(Source: U.S. EPA)

Colquitt EMC Scholarship Program Begins in April

Colquitt EMC awards scholarships to students who are enrolled in colleges or universities located in Colquitt EMC's service area. To be eligible, applicants must reside in the household of a Colquitt EMC member.

Applications and additional details will be available in our offices and at www.colquittemc.com beginning **April 1, 2015**.



ATTENTION:

Use firebreaks around any utility poles on land that will be burned under controlled conditions. By using a firebreak to protect utility poles, you can help Colquitt EMC save thousands of dollars in repair costs. Also, you can avoid potential safety problems resulting from burned poles.

-Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

BURN WITH CARE... AVOID TROUBLE.



Community CONNECTIONS....



Flat Creek Academy students visit CEMC's exhibit at a recent Career Fair.

Career, Safety & Energy Efficiency Programs Available

Colquitt EMC offers career, safety and energy efficiency programs and demonstrations to schools and organizations in our service area. We are happy to provide speakers and displays for events. Teaching about safety around electricity is of utmost importance to us. Also, we can offer tips that will help you to save electricity and stretch your budget.

If you are interested in scheduling a program for your group, please contact our Marketing & Member Services Department.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

Local. Dependable. Serving **YOU.**



Know what's **BELOW**, CALL before you dig.

Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? WAIT! Here's what you need to know first:

Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling **811** before each job. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call – even a small project like planting trees and shrubs.

The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Digging without calling can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you and potentially result in fines and repair costs. Calling 811 before every digging job gets your underground utility lines marked for free and helps prevent undesired consequences.

For more information visit www.call811.com.

WANTED

MEMBER'S PHONE NUMBERS

Colquitt EMC's outage reporting system uses the member's phone number or map location number to report an outage. This is why it is very important to keep the co-op updated with your current phone number. If you are not sure what we have on file, please contact your local office and we'll be glad to verify.



Hello Spring!

Spring clean your way into an energy efficient home.

Before you get too busy working outside, make time for some spring cleaning. Make some changes that will help your home be more comfortable and energy efficient!

- ♣ Schedule a tune-up of your HVAC system.
- ♣ Change your air filter before the AC is needed.
- ♣ Clean refrigerator coils.
- ♣ Adjust your thermostat to a higher degree when possible
- ♣ Change incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs.
- ♣ Close the fireplace damper.
- ♣ Turn off the TV, computer and lights before heading outside to enjoy the spring weather and extra daylight.
- ♣ Consider putting up a clothesline.
- ♣ Clean lawn debris from around your outside HVAC equipment.

For additional energy saving tips, visit www.colquitemc.com and click on the "Energy Efficiency" tab.



Recipes of the Month



Spring Asparagus Chicken Salad

1 (8 ounce) can pineapple chunks in juice
2 cups chicken, cooked and cut up
1/4 cup walnuts, chopped
1/4 cup sliced almonds
1/4 cup light mayonnaise
1 cup asparagus spear, cooked & cut into 1 inch pieces
romaine lettuce or red leaf lettuce leaf

Drain pineapple and reserve 1 Tbsp. of the juice for later.

Mix chicken, walnuts, almonds and pineapple in medium bowl.

Mix reserved pineapple juice and mayonnaise until smooth.

Toss mayonnaise mixture with chicken mixture.

Fold in asparagus.

Cover and refrigerate about 2 hours or until chilled.

Serve on lettuce leaves. *Yield: 4 servings*

Per Serving: 174.9 Calories, 12.7g Fat, 126.6mg Sodium, 5.2mg Cholesterol, 14.3g Carbohydrate.



Impossible Broccoli Pie

1 (12 ounce) bag frozen broccoli florets, thawed
1/4 cup of chopped onion
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 eggs
1/2 cup Bisquick biscuit mix
3/4 cup milk
1 dash pepper

Thaw broccoli crowns in a 9" pie plate, layer with onions and then cheese.

In a large bowl, combine eggs, milk, Bisquick and pepper, beat together well.

Pour mixture over broccoli in a spiral motion (otherwise it may take too long to cook in the middle).

Bake for 25-35 minutes at 400°F (a knife inserted into the middle should come out clean). *Yield: 1 pie*

Per Serving: 136.8 Calories, 8.1g Fat, 208mg Sodium, 64.7mg Cholesterol, 8.9g Carbohydrate.