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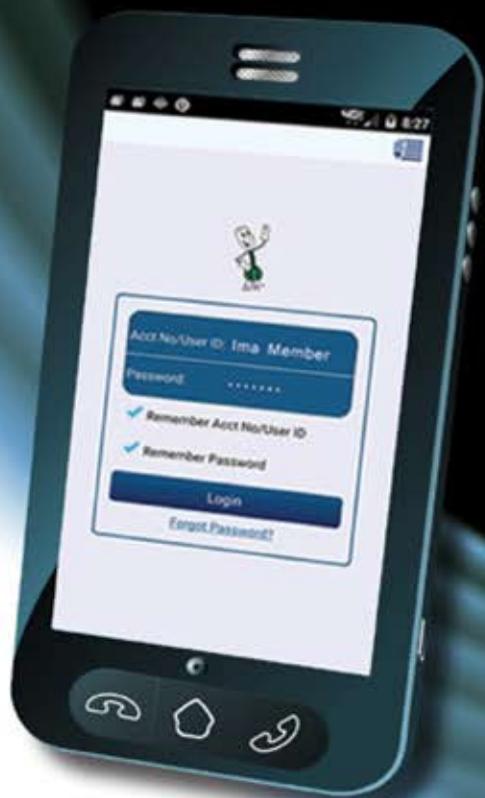
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Part 1

ENERGY SAVINGS CHECKLIST

A checklist can help you zero in on energy savings

We live in a time where virtually anything you want to know is only a few keyboard strokes away. Although having unlimited access to information is an incredible asset, it can become a liability due to the sheer volume of information available. One way to cut through the clutter is to use a checklist.

Checklists are a great way to distill the essential items and actions for a task, while not overlooking or over-complicating the most important ones. During the next few months we will be sharing a Home Energy Savings Checklist. Going through the list will help you zero in on reducing your energy use and power bill.

HEATING

- Set your thermostat to 68 F when at home, 65 F when away and at night.
- Add heavy window treatments to windows, open on sunny days and close at night.
- Service heating system annually.
- Add a "smart thermostat" with WIFI capability and set to recommended temperatures.
- Operate ceiling fan in reverse mode on low speed when rooms are occupied and with ceiling heights over 10 feet.

COOLING

- Set your thermostat to 78 F when at home and at night, 85 F when away.
- Close window treatments during the day on windows that receive direct sunlight.
- Service cooling system annually.
- Add a "smart thermostat" with Wi-Fi capability and set to recommended temperatures.
- Operate a ceiling fan anytime a room is occupied, turn it off when you leave.

REACHING TO SAFETY:

Use Extension Cords Properly

Roughly **3,300 home fires** originate in extension cords each year, **killing 50 people and injuring 270 more**. Extension cords can overheat and cause fires when used improperly, so keep these important tips in mind to **protect your home and workplace**.

DON'T attempt to plug extension cords into one another.



Make sure extension cords are **properly rated** for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and **meet or exceed the power needs** of the appliance or device being used.



Keep all **outdoor extension cords** clear of snow and standing water.



Do **NOT** overload extension cords.



A heavy reliance on **extension cords** is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have **additional outlets installed** where you need them.



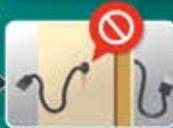
Inspect cords for **DAMAGE** before use. Check for **cracked or frayed sockets**, loose or bare wires, and loose connections.



Do **NOT** nail or staple **electrical cords** to walls or baseboards.



Do **NOT** run through walls, doorways, ceilings or floors. If cord is covered, heat cannot escape, which may result in a **FIRE HAZARD**.



NEVER use **three-prong plugs** with outlets that only have two slots. **Never cut off the ground pin to force a fit**, which could lead to electric shock.



Buy only cords that have been **approved by an independent testing laboratory**.



Do **NOT** substitute **extension cords** for permanent wiring.



DO NOT use an extension cord or a power strip with heaters or fans, which could cause cords to overheat and result in a fire.

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BURN WITH CARE...AVOID TROUBLE.

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.

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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. Beginning April 1, 2017, applications and additional details will be available at www.colquittemc.com. Applications will also be available in our offices.



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Sarah Lee of Lowndes County and Mikayla Robinson of Tift County were selected last year to participate in the 51st Annual Washington Youth Tour.

* The application deadline is
Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Recipes of the Month



Cherry Trifle

INGREDIENTS

Servings: 24

1 prepared and cooled angel food cake
4-6 cups prepared vanilla pudding, cooled if necessary
2 (16-ounce) cans cherry pie filling (*lite works fine*)

DIRECTIONS

Tear the angel food cake into 1 inch cubes. Place them in a single layer in a 13x9 inch pan. (The pudding amount is 2 small boxes or 1 large US box pudding, either instant or cooked.) Pour the pudding over the cake; top with the cherry pie filling. Can also be layered in a trifle bowl or in individual parfait glasses.



Chocolate Eclair

INGREDIENTS

Servings: 10-12

2 small packages instant vanilla pudding mix
3 cups milk
8 ounces non-dairy whipped topping
1 (16-ounce) box graham crackers (*you will have some graham crackers left over*)
1 (15-ounce) container chocolate frosting

DIRECTIONS

Mix together vanilla pudding mix and milk. Fold in whipped topping. Line 9x13 inch pan with one layer of graham crackers. Put half of the pudding mixture over the graham crackers. Place a second layer of graham crackers over the pudding mixture. Put the remaining pudding mixture over the graham crackers. Place a third layer of graham crackers over the pudding mixture. Heat the top of frosting in the microwave for 30 seconds to soften. (*Don't forget to remove the foil seal.*) Spread frosting on the top of the last layer of graham crackers. Cover with plastic and let set a couple of hours or overnight in the refrigerator. Cut in squares.

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