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## Electricity Brings Everyday Value



By **Tony Tucker**, *President/CEO*

Even though I work in the energy industry, like most people, I still don't think much about the electricity I use. I expect the lights to turn on when I flip the switch and the coffeemaker to work each morning. Because electricity is so abundant, we don't think much about it. Since many of us have been spending more time at home over the past few months, we have likely been using more energy. And yet, we still expect an endless supply of power with uninterrupted service 24/7. The only time we really think about electricity is when the power goes out or perhaps when the monthly bill arrives.

Given how electricity powers our modern lifestyle every day, it's a great value, especially when compared to other common services and expenses. For example, think back to the cost of a gallon of gasoline 20 years ago. Consider the cost of groceries or a cup of your favorite specialty coffee from a few years back. In comparison, the cost of electricity has remained largely flat, unlike most other consumer goods.

Like many of you, I have a cell phone to stay connected, and I subscribe to cable channels so I can enjoy more viewing options. Many of us consider these necessities for modern day life. We can see what we're getting for our money, and we pay the price for those services. In contrast, when we use electricity, we don't necessarily "see" all that we're getting for our money.

But considering what electricity does for us, it's a tremendous value for our quality of life as well as our budgets. For comparison, consider that the average rent increase was nearly 4% (from 2014-2019) according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI). The cost of medical care was increased 3% during this time, and education was not too far behind at 2.6%. So, where did electricity rank? According to the CPI, electricity increased by less than half a percentage point, 0.4%.

The bottom line: electricity brings everyday value. Electricity is something that we all use around the clock. We are striving to increase our service reliability, reduce those brief interruptions and reduce costs. We are continually working to improve our operations to ensure a smarter grid and exploring more renewable energy options where possible.

Mitchell EMC provides the reliable service you expect and deserve as valued members of the co-op. And as your trusted energy advisor, we want to help you save you energy and money.

We recognize that the past few months have been challenging for many of our members and we're here to help. If you have questions about your account or are looking for ways to save energy at home, please give us a call. Mitchell EMC is your electric co-op and our sole purpose is to serve you and the needs of our community. That's everyday value.

## BUILD YOUR KIT

Take action by building an emergency preparedness kit. Get tips at: [ready.gov/kit](http://ready.gov/kit)



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## Attention Farmers Just a reminder...

Time of Use (TOU) rates for irrigation systems begins on June 1. The TOU kWh cost is based on the time of day in which it is used. The rate will distinguish between ON-PEAK and OFF-PEAK usage. \*TOU rates apply from June 1 through September 30. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 229-336-5221 or 1-800-479-6034.

# Hurricane Preparation

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Keep all trees and shrubs well trimmed.

Place valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.

Cover windows with hurricane shutters or pre-cut plywood.

Create a Ready kit with enough supplies for at least three days, consider needs of children, pets and elderly.

Develop an evacuation plan and where to reconnect with family.

Bring in all outdoor furniture and anything else that is not secured.

Set refrigerator to the coldest setting.

Fill gas tank.



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## ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR HUNTERS

This hunting season, we encourage all members to be aware of electrical equipment and take necessary precautions while hunting. Keep these safety tips in mind as you enjoy the great outdoors.



**Take notice** of posted warning signs and keep clear of electrical equipment.



**Do not** shoot at or near power lines or insulators.



**Know** where power lines and equipment are located on the land where you hunt.



**Be especially careful** in wooded areas where power lines may not be visible.



**Do not** place deer stands on utility poles or climb poles. Energized lines and equipment can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them, causing shock or electrocution.



**Do not** place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment. Any non-electrical equipment attached to a pole can pose an obstruction and serious hazards to our line crews.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Installing a smart power strip is a quick and easy way to start saving money while making your home more energy efficient. Smart power strips can actually cut power off to save energy since they are able to detect when a device is in standby mode.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



# Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia Counties...

## NOTICE

### Annual Meeting of the Members

At Mitchell EMC, the health and well-being of our members and communities is our top priority. Due to the concern and uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Board of Directors and Staff at Mitchell EMC feel it is in our consumer's best interest to not conduct the Annual Meeting of the Members on April 17, 2020, as we had planned.

The board plans to hold a **Special Called Meeting of the Members** of Mitchell EMC on **Friday, September 18, 2020**, at 475 Cairo Road, Camilla, GA 31730.

Additional information will follow closer to the meeting date.



### Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption Expires Dec. 31

If you're an agricultural producer and receive the Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption (GATE) on electricity, you must renew it beginning this October.

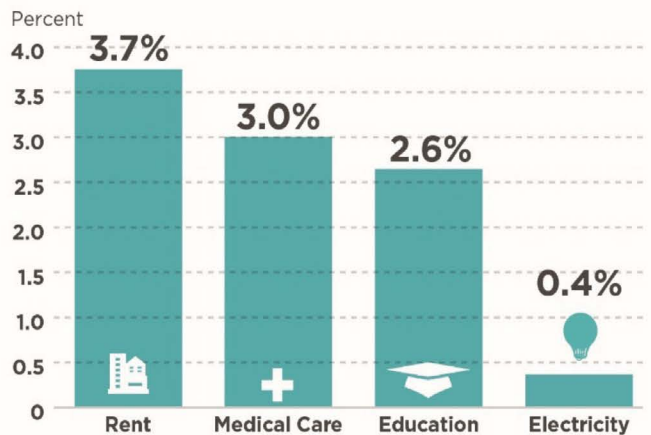
GATE is an agricultural sales and use tax exemption certificate issued by the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The document identifies its user as a qualified farmer or producer who is exempt from sales tax on the inputs used in the production of their commodity.

Mitchell EMC member-owners who receive a GATE certificate should send us a copy along with the account numbers that apply to the GATE certificate, so we can apply the exemption to their account. We must receive a copy of the new certificate by December 31 for the exemption to continue.

### ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE

The cost of powering your home rises slowly when compared to other common expenses. Looking at price increases over the last five years, it's easy to see electricity remains a good value!

Average Annual Price Increase 2014-2019



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Consumer Price Index

**Note:** If you move or no longer have electric service with Mitchell EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Mitchell EMC service area. Mitchell EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

### Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity

All applicants for employment shall be considered and hired on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or past or present military status. The employment practices shall ensure equal treatment of all employees, without discrimination as to promotion, discharge, rates of pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or past or present military status. M/F/V/DV/D



# WATT'S COOKING



## Cinnamon Roll Apple Pie

### Ingredients:

5 Granny Smith apples  
2 cans cinnamon rolls  
½ cup sugar  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tablespoon cornstarch

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°, spray pie dish. Peel and cut apples into thin slices, place in a bowl. Add sugar, cinnamon, 1 tablespoon of cornstarch to apples. Mix and let sit for 30 minutes. Cut each cinnamon roll in half. Roll out on floured board until they are thin. Layer the bottom of the pie dish with flattened rolls to create a crust. Add apples and layer rest of the rolls to create a top crust. Pinch any holes together. Cover with foil, bake for 35 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for 10 minutes. Allow pie to cool and drizzle with cinnamon roll icing.

*Thanks!*

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Mary Need, Mitchell County, GA,  
for sharing this recipe.

## Share & Win!

Send us your favorite quick and easy dinner recipes. If your recipe is chosen for print,

you can win a

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on your next Mitchell EMC bill.

Send recipes to: Heather Greene, P.O. Box  
409, Camilla, GA 31730 or email to  
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