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5 minutes!

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A close-up photograph showing a hand holding a blue spray bottle with a red trigger, spraying a fine mist of white liquid onto a wooden cutting board. Several slices of lemons are scattered on the board. The background is blurred, showing more lemons and a green wall.

## The Difference Between Cleaning, Disinfecting and Sanitizing

When it comes to cleaning, not all jobs are created equal. Cleaning dirt or food from a surface, for example, doesn't necessarily kill germs and bacteria that can cause us to become sick. That's why it's important to know the difference between cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing. The CDC offers the following guidance.

Cleaning removes germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces or objects. Cleaning works by using soap (or detergent) and water to physically remove germs from surfaces. This process does not necessarily kill germs, but by removing them, it lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading infection.

Disinfecting kills germs on surfaces or objects. Disinfecting works by using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces or objects. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs, but by killing germs on a surface after cleaning, it can further lower the risk of spreading infection.

Sanitizing lowers the number of germs on surfaces or objects to a safe level, as judged by public health standards or requirements. This process works by either cleaning or disinfecting surfaces or objects to lower the risk of spreading infection.

Pay close attention to hazard warnings and directions on product labels. Cleaning products and disinfectants often call for the use of gloves or eye protection. For example, gloves should always be worn to protect your hands when working with bleach solutions.

Visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) for more information on how to protect yourself and your family.

## Attention Farmers Just a reminder...

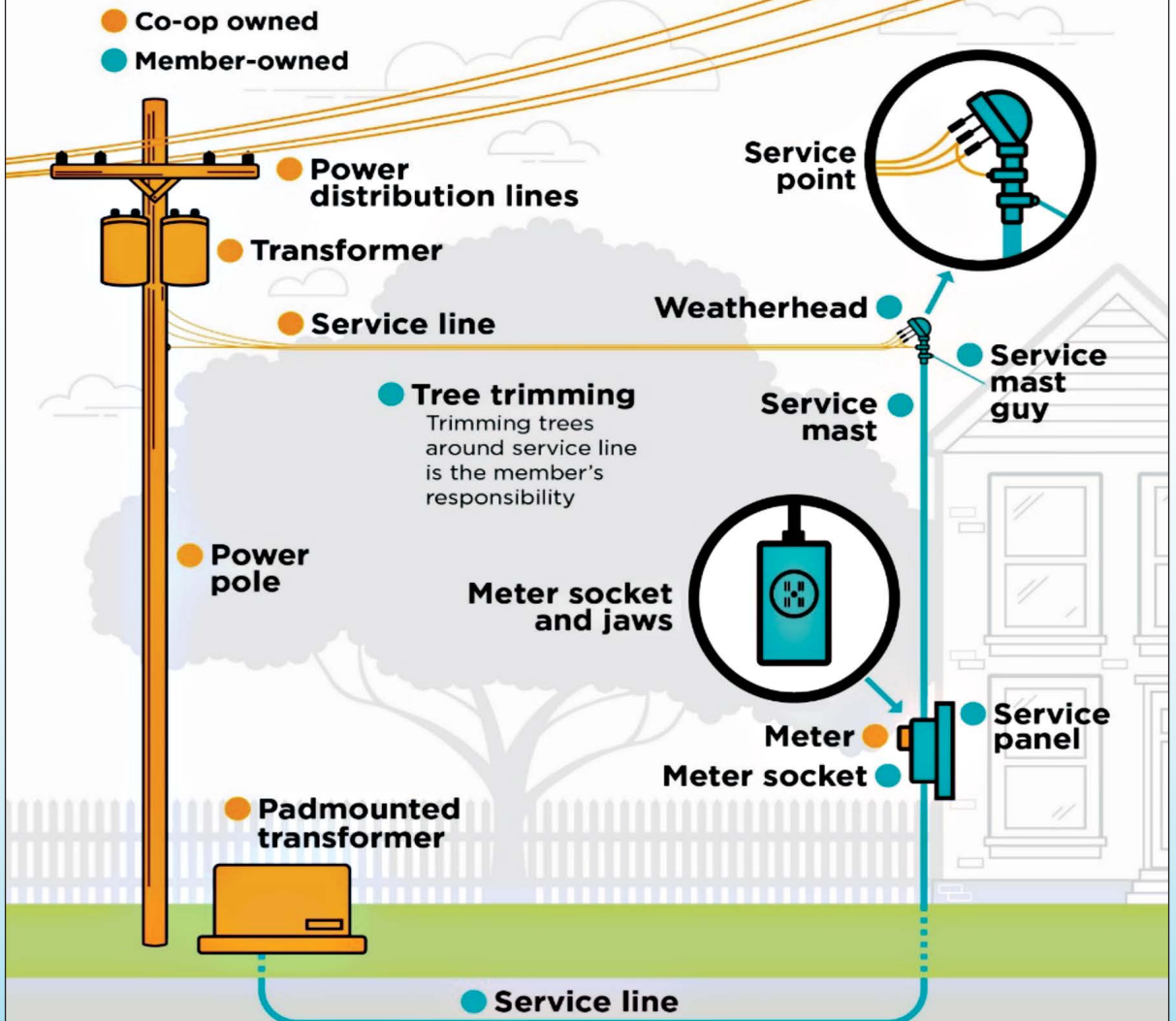
Time of Use (TOU) rates for irrigation systems begins on June 1. The TOU kWh cost is based on the time of day in which it is used. The rate will distinguish between ON-PEAK and OFF-PEAK usage. \*TOU rates apply from June 1 through September 30. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact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



# Who Owns What?

## Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs Member-Owned Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.



Note: This graphic depicts overhead and underground service. Please be aware of which type of service you receive at your home or business.

# We're Here to Help You Save

By *Nathan Ireland, Energy Auditor*

Mitchell EMC is here for you, and given the challenging times we've all experienced the last few months, I'd like to share some information and ideas to help you save energy and money.

Summer is a great time to conduct an energy audit of your home and identify ways to boost energy efficiency. Understanding how your home uses energy can help you determine the best ways to modify energy use and keep more money in your wallet.

An energy audit is one of the best ways to determine how energy efficient your home is--an audit can also identify areas for potential energy savings. If you'd prefer to do an energy audit yourself, try ENERGY STAR®'s online audit. Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started. But keep in mind, an online audit won't be as thorough as an in-home audit.

## Putting power in your hands

Prepaid metering is intended to aide in budgeting your monthly energy costs. Mitchell EMC members can pay for electricity before it is used, then use the electricity until the credit expires. During the time period you've paid for, you will receive regular feedback on your balance. Industry studies show that consumers who participate in prepaid metering plans use up to 10% less electricity.

Lastly, if you have recently purchased a new ENERGY STAR®-rated appliance or product, make sure you are taking advantage of any special offers or rebates that are available, such as tax credits.

As your trusted energy advisor, we're here to help. If you have questions about your bill or additional ways to save energy, please let us know. We're only one click or phone call away. For more information, visit our website at [www.mitchellemc/energy](http://www.mitchellemc/energy).

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home. Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started!



**Mitchell EMC  
will be closed on  
September 7, 2020  
in observance of  
Labor Day.**

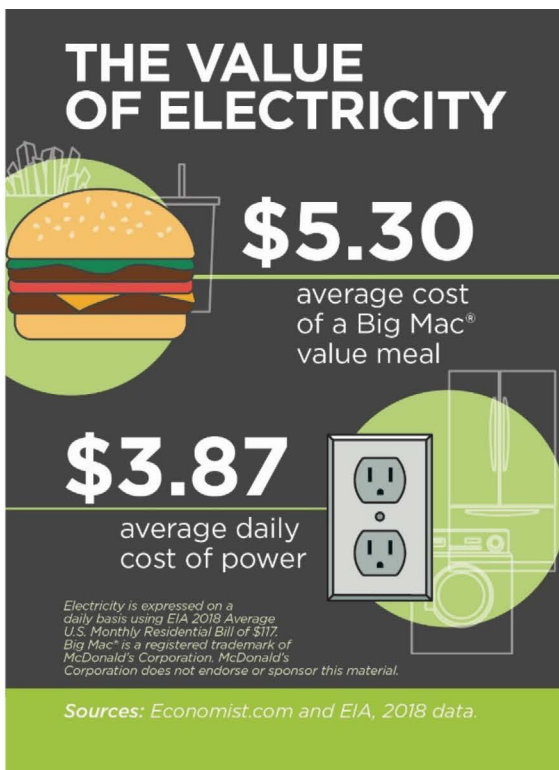
# Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia Counties...

## 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.

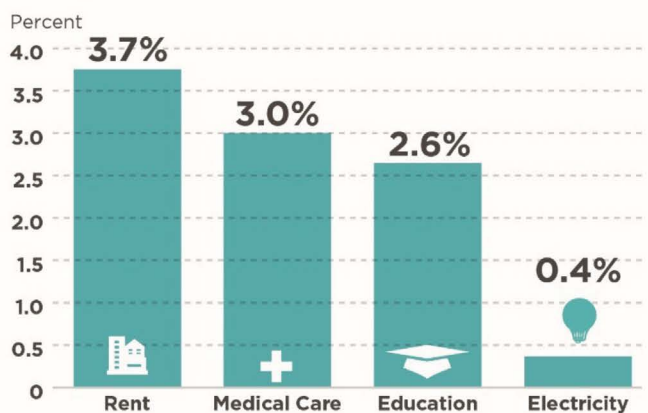
The board plans to hold a **Special Called Meeting of the Members** of Mitchell EMC on **Friday, September 18, 2020**, at 475 Cairo Road, Camilla, GA 31730. Additional information will follow closer to the meeting date.



### 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



## Yellow Squash Fritters

### Ingredients:

1 ½ cups cooked yellow squash,  
mashed  
½ cup flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. black pepper  
1 egg, beaten  
oil for deep frying

### Directions:

Prepare squash by peeling and cutting into slices. Cook in boiling salted water until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain. Mash squash with a potato masher in a mixing bowl. Add dry ingredients and egg. Mix well. Drop by teaspoon into hot oil. Fry until brown. Other vegetables such as zucchini squash may be substituted for the yellow squash.

*Thanks!*

to

Alice Penny,

Baker 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

**\$25 credit**

on your next Mitchell EMC bill.

Send recipes to: Heather Greene, P.O. Box 409, Camilla, GA 31730 or email to [heather.greene@mitchellemc.com](mailto:heather.greene@mitchellemc.com).