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Four Ways to Save Energy *in the Kitchen*

By Abby Berry

Ah, the kitchen. It's undeniably one of the most-loved rooms in our homes. It's where we gather with family and friends for our favorite meals and memories. But like most of us, you probably aren't thinking about saving energy when you're planning that perfect dish. Here are four ways you can save energy in the kitchen with minimal effort.

When possible, cook with smaller appliances. Using smaller kitchen appliances, like slow cookers, toaster ovens and convection ovens is more energy efficient than using your large stove or oven. According to the Department of Energy, a toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

Unplug appliances that draw phantom energy load. Halloween may be over, but it's possible you have energy vampires in your kitchen – these are the appliances that draw energy even when they're not in use, like coffee makers, microwaves and toaster ovens. The Department of Energy has estimated that one home's energy vampires left plugged in year-round can add up to \$100-\$200 in wasted energy costs. Unplug them when they're not in use, or better yet, use a power strip for convenient control.

Help large appliances work less. There are small ways you can help your larger kitchen appliances run more efficiently. For example, keep range-top burners clean from spills and fallen foods so they'll reflect heat better. When it's time to put leftovers in the refrigerator, make sure the food is covered and allow it to cool down first. That way, the fridge doesn't have to work harder to cool warm food.

Use your dishwasher efficiently. Only run full loads, and avoid using the "rinse hold" function on your machine for just a few dirty dishes; it uses 3-7 gallons of hot water each use. You can also save energy by letting your dishes air dry. If your dishwasher doesn't have an automatic air-dry switch, simply turn it off after the final rinse and prop the door open so the dishes will dry faster.

Bonus tip: The best way to save energy is to not use it. Try a tasty, no-bake dessert recipe. Your sweet tooth (and energy bill!) will thank you.

By slightly adjusting a few of your habits in the kitchen, you'll be well on your way to energy savings. Contact us to learn about additional ways you can save energy and money at home.



When it's time to do the dishes, remember to run full loads. You can also save energy by allowing your dishes to air dry.
Photo Source: Scott Van Osdol

Abby Berry writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing more than 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56 percent of the nation's landscape.

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Special Called Meeting of the Members

On Friday, September 18th, Mitchell EMC held a Special Called Meeting of Members in lieu of the Annual Meeting. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and on the recommendations of public health officials, Mitchell EMC held a non-traditional drive-thru meeting.

Members that registered through the drive-thru registration process were automatically entered to win some incredible bill credits as door prizes! Members were able to register and obtain a Directors voting ballot without leaving the safety and comfort of their vehicle and a live broadcast was available to Members by tuning their car radio frequency to 88.5 FM.

Incumbent T. Ralph Davis was challenged for the Mitchell County District 1 seat by Nathaniel Keaton of Mitchell County. After the votes were counted, Davis was reaffirmed to continue to serve as Board of Director for Mitchell County. Incumbents Johnny Cochran of Worth County and Max R. "Buddy" Lewis of Dougherty County were reaffirmed to serve their districts as well.

The winners of the bill credits that were given away are:

- \$500 - Beryl Marshall-Grand Prize
- \$400 - Scott C Lewis-Grand Prize
- \$300 - Eva Thomas Smith-Grand Prize
- \$100 - Annie Lunsford-For bring in her card
- \$100 - Johnnie A Freeman
- \$100 - Susan Luke
- \$100 - William James Ragan

- \$100 - Julia Kay Hill
- \$100 - Mamie R Rainey
- \$100 - Larry E Walker, Sr.
- \$100 - Eric Steven Brock
- \$100 - Peggy A. Rudd
- \$100 - Simon B. Butler, Sr.
- \$100 - Allen W. Sanders, Sr.
- \$100 - Steve Brock
- \$100 - Louie Terry
- \$100 - James Woodrow Moore
- \$100 - Larry Roach
- \$100 - Camilla Heating and Cooling
- \$100 - Clay Garrett Young
- \$100 - Lavonne Clayton
- \$100 - Helen D. Smith
- \$100 - Debra Johnson
- \$100 - Charles D. Duggan
- \$100 - Dorothy Jean Ross
- \$100 - Craig E. Bentley
- \$100 - Terry Stubbs
- \$100 - Mike Johnstone
- \$100 - Earnest G. Shiver

These credits were credited to your account by close of business on September 18, 2020.

We would like to thank everyone for their understanding regarding the changes to this year's meeting. These are unusual times and as always, we considered the health and safety of our Members and Mitchell EMC Employees as our top priority.

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.





HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
**OUR OFFICES WILL
 BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER
 26-27TH IN OBSERVANCE
 OF THANKSGIVING.**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Don't forget to fall back
 on **November 1!** Set your
 clocks back by
 one hour.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Keep cold air out to save energy. Seal air leaks around pipes and any gaps around chimneys and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

Source: www.energy.gov

Vehicle Auction

3.09%.

Mitchell EMC has the following vehicles / equipment for sale 'as is' to the highest bidder. If you wish to bid, please enter your information in the spaces provided below. You can view the items at our Camilla Office Monday - Friday, 8am until 5pm. For more information, contact Keith Gilliard, Shop Mechanic, at (229)336-5221 or (800)479-6034. Please submit your bid in a sealed envelope no later than 5pm, Friday, December 4th, 2020 to the Camilla Office location, PO Box 409, Camilla, GA 31730. The winners will be contacted by Friday, December 11th. Pickup and payment of vehicles / equipment no later than Wednesday, December 23rd.

Item #	MEM#	Year	Make	Model	Description	Mileage	VIN
1	3.09%	2004	FORD	F150	PICKUP F150 4X4	209,974	2FTRF18W04CA76319
2	2102	2009	CHEVROLET	1500	PICKUP 1500 SILVERADO 4X4	158,511	1GC3K19C09Z207130
3	2112	2012	GMC	1500	PICKUP 4X4 SIERRA K1500	151,247	1GTR2TE76CZ308315
4	2107	2011	DODGE	1500	PICKUP 4X4 1500 REG CAB	275,665	3D7JV1ET8BG632909

Monitoring the Line for Reliability

Electric co-ops use a variety of monitoring and automation technologies that improve power reliability, shorten outage times and reduce labor time for crews. Here are four technologies we use to improve reliability.



Drones

Drones may be used to inspect the power lines we maintain. Drones can provide infrared evaluation to locate hot spots on power lines and vegetation assessment to locate trees and other vegetation that can cause outages.

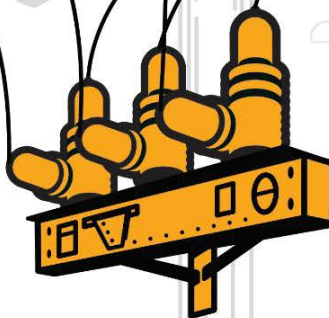
Power Sensors

Power sensors typically clamp on or connect to the power line and provide near real-time reporting on power, voltage, current and more – all of which helps to provide more reliable energy to consumer-members.



AMI

Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) provides real-time data to the co-op. In addition to meter reading, this data helps us detect faults and other potential problems on the electrical system, resulting in increased power reliability for consumer-members.



Reclosers

A recloser acts like a circuit breaker for power lines. When a problem occurs, the recloser temporarily shuts off power. If the problem is temporary, the recloser restores power. (This is why you sometimes see the power blink.) If the problem persists, the recloser will shut off power until a crew can make repairs. The recloser's antenna provides wireless, real-time data back to the co-op.



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



Chicken, Sausage, & Potato Hash

Ingredients:

- 2-3 boneless chicken breasts
- 1 sausage rope (whatever flavor you like)
- 2 green peppers
- 1 medium onion
- 2-3 medium potatoes

Directions:

Cut up the potatoes into cube pieces. Place in a skillet with oil on med-high heat until soft. The outside of the potatoes will crisp up. While the potatoes are cooking, cut chicken breasts into cubes, season with salt and pepper. Remove the chicken once cooked and set aside. Using the same pan, saute about 1/2 of the sausage (more if you would like). Once finished, set aside with the chicken. In the same pan, add a pad of butter and saute the onion and peppers to your liking.

Once the vegetables are cooked, throw everything in one pan together. Enjoy as is or serve over rice.

Submitted by:
Dominique Watson, Lee County

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.