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would like
to wish you and
your family a
**Merry
Christmas!**



Four Ways Santa Saves Energy *in His Workshop*

By Abby Berry

The holiday season is finally upon us, and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year.

It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop—how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.

Here are four ways Santa saves energy in his workshop.

1. Santa leaves his decorations up year-round, so by using LED holiday light strands, he's able to save on his monthly energy bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 40 seasons, which make them a great option for any festive home.

2. Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR® rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the U.S. used ENERGY STAR®-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh hours of electricity could be saved—that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!

3. Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.

4. Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.

This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's book and remember to save energy when possible. With these four tips, you'll be well on your way to savings—and hopefully, Santa's "nice" list!

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.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Energy bills can increase during winter for a variety of reasons, like houseguests, more time spent at home, and shorter days and longer nights. Small actions, like turning down your thermostat, replacing old bulbs with LEDs and washing clothes in cold water can help you save.



Mitchell EMC Facilities Charge Adjustment

Currently, some of the fixed costs of servicing your account are recovered through what you pay for electricity. We are moving to more accurately allocate these costs, both fixed and energy, to their true sources. Effective with member billings that begin on January 1, Mitchell EMC's Facilities Charge will increase by \$3.00 per month.

The Facilities Charge partially covers the fixed costs of delivering your electric service. These fixed costs include reading your meter; maintaining the electric distribution system used in keeping your power flowing; maintaining rights of way; and performing other tasks necessary to ensure a reliable electric distribution system. The Facilities Charge does not include the cost of the actual electricity you use. The monthly Facilities Charge is changing because the costs of servicing your account are rising. Every member benefits from these services, so the monthly Facilities Charge helps Mitchell EMC ensure that the cost are spread fairly among our membership.

We continue to offer free in home energy audits to help Members with options to make their homes more energy efficient. Our energy efficiency program includes rebates whether you are building a home, or just upgrading your present home.

To find out more about these rebates visit <https://mitchellemc.com/customer-service/consumer-rebates>.

Mitchell EMC Payment Options

Mitchell EMC has several options for you to pay your bill. You can come by any Mitchell EMC office during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. Night deposits are available at each location as well. In addition, phone payments can be made by calling (229) 336-5221 or (800) 479-6034 any time, day or night, to pay your bill by credit card.

You may also mail your payment to:

Mitchell EMC
PO Box 409
Camilla, GA 31730

The following billing options are also available for our members:

Bank Draft

Members can arrange for energy bill payments to be processed automatically each month on the due date via bank draft. A bank draft authorization form should be completed. Please include a voided check and either mail or bring it to one of our offices.

Recurring Credit Card

Arrange for payment by Visa or Mastercard: Complete and sign the back part from your bill stub and return to Mitchell EMC, noting the type of credit card, card number, expiration date & verification code or call our office at (800) 479-6034.

Pre-Pay

Prepaid metering is a pay-as-you-go alternative to traditional electric service with a monthly bill. Once

the account is set up, you can pay as frequently as you like, as much as you like. To sign up, call our office at (800) 479-6034 or come into one of our three office locations.

Mitchell EMC Mobile App

Our mobile app is designed to give you fast, secure account access so you can easily manage your account details, view your bill and account balance, make payments and find payment locations, schedule alerts, reminders, and receive push notifications.

CheckOut by PAYGO

A fast and convenient way to pay your Mitchell EMC bill while checking out at participating retailers near you. Get your barcode and find locations at www.mitchellemc.sedccheckout.com/Lookup.

Update Your Account

Help us Help You. By keeping your account information up to date, Mitchell EMC is better able to answer questions and serve your account. If you've

- Moved or have a new mailing address
- Married or changed your name, or
- Changed or added a phone number

We would also like to obtain your e-mail address and cell phone numbers. You can easily update your information by calling our office at 1-800-479-6034 and speaking with one of our friendly Customer Service Representatives.

Patronage Capital Refund

The Board of Directors of Mitchell Electric Membership Corporation is pleased to announce the refund of patronage capital for the year 1989. Members who received electric service from Mitchell EMC during 1989 may be eligible to receive patronage capital. Members will start receiving these allocations in late November to early December.

As a member of Mitchell EMC, you are also an owner of the cooperative. The patronage capital (also called margins) represents equity or working capital and your ownership interest. The margins are utilized in place of borrowed money for a period of time to ensure the financial stability of the cooperative and then returned to you in the form of a patronage capital refund. By borrowing less money and incurring less interest, Mitchell EMC saves money for its membership. The margins remaining after operating expenses are assigned to your account annually as patronage capital.

The retirement of patronage capital is just one of the unique benefits of being a member. As a member, you are a vital part of your cooperative and Mitchell EMC is proud to serve you.

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.**



***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



Amazingly Good Eggnog

Ingredients:

4 cups milk
5 whole cloves
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
12 egg yolks
1 ½ cups sugar
2 ½ cups light rum
4 cups light cream
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Directions:

Combine milk, cloves, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, and cinnamon in a saucepan, and heat over lowest setting for 5 minutes. Slowly bring milk mixture to a boil. In a large bowl, combine egg yolks and sugar. Whisk together until fluffy. Whisk hot milk mixture slowly into the eggs. Pour mixture into saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly for 3 minutes, or until thick. Do not allow mixture to boil. Strain to remove cloves and let cool for about an hour. Stir in rum, cream, 2 teaspoon vanilla, and nutmeg. Refrigerate overnight before serving.

Submitted by: allrecipes.com

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.