

Mitchell EMC



The news
you need to
know in
5 minutes!

CAMILLA, GEORGIA
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*Mitchell EMC
would like to wish you
and your family a*

We will be
CLOSED
on December
24th & 25th.

*Merry
Christmas*

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 American Express, Discover, Visa, or Mastercard:

You can go to our secure online portal via the Mitchell EMC website to set up your recurring credit card payment 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, receive push notifications and stay connected with us via Facebook.

Payment Kiosk

The kiosk accepts cash, checks and credit/debit cards. Kiosks are available 24/7, including weekends and holidays and all payments will post immediately to your account! Just make sure to bring your account number or your bill to scan the QR code that's printed on your bill. If you are using cash, the kiosk only accepts bills, and doesn't accept coins or provide change. Any overpayments will be applied directly to the members' accounts. For each completed transaction, the kiosk will provide a printed receipt.

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. Your barcode is now available on the backside of your bill—you will find the barcode in the payment options box on the backside of your bill so you can take advantage of the CheckOut option at participating retailers.

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 & 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.

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.

- 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.
- Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists



This holiday season, Santa's making the most of energy savings in his workshop, and you can too! Photo Credit: Alicia Slough

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!

- 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.

- 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.

HOLIDAY FUN WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the words associated with holiday fun in the puzzle below? Use the word bank to check your work.



Jingle bells	Santa Claus	Snowman
Candy cane	Mittens	Hot Chocolate

N	H	C	H	P	B	D	H	S	V	G	Z	H	T	M
A	C	C	F	Z	Z	A	T	F	N	V	D	Q	Z	Y
M	H	L	V	Y	M	J	N	P	D	E	T	V	F	S
W	P	W	H	F	W	I	H	K	S	C	T	G	B	K
O	Z	K	D	Z	L	N	O	K	K	H	Q	T	C	F
N	F	I	O	U	R	G	T	F	C	L	P	E	I	L
S	S	V	S	U	A	L	C	A	T	N	A	S	C	M
Z	C	V	P	C	E	E	H	R	P	W	U	A	Z	Z
F	C	F	J	C	H	B	O	G	C	Y	N	G	V	E
G	M	V	X	D	L	E	C	V	N	D	T	S	F	W
Y	A	X	V	N	U	L	O	H	Y	V	C	L	U	A
H	G	V	L	L	X	L	L	C	M	J	M	C	I	U
P	J	Y	F	E	R	S	A	Q	E	Y	G	H	C	A
D	W	O	R	D	T	N	T	Y	H	X	Q	L	E	S
U	W	H	R	U	E	V	E	B	Y	B	F	L	W	R

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ENERGY EXPLORERS!

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 sale 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.**

Producers who have never received GATE can also apply and send a certificate copy to Mitchell EMC. Visit <https://forms.agr.georgia.gov/gate/> or call 855-FARM TAX for more information, to renew or apply.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you're planning to purchase electronic gifts this holiday season, look for the ENERGY STAR® label, which indicates higher energy efficiency performance. Electronics that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating are up to 25% more efficient than standard products. This holiday season, give the gift of energy savings with ENERGY STAR®-rated electronics and equipment.

Source: energystar.gov



Join Us in a
COVER-UP!

NOVEMBER 1-31

GENTLY USED OR NEW COATS

Mitchell EMC will be collecting winter coats, good used and new, for the needy. If you can contribute, please bring your coats to any MEMC office, or contact and MEMC employee. The coats will be distributed the first of December.



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 applications 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



Reindeer Food

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups semisweet or dark chocolate chips
- 1 ½ cups creamy peanut butter
- 5 cups Rice Chex Cereal
- 1 ½ cups mini pretzels broken into pieces
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 ½ cups red and green M&Ms
- 1 cup mini peanut butter cups

Directions

In a large bowl, combine rice Chex cereal and pretzel pieces. Melt peanut butter and chocolate together, either on the stovetop or in the microwave. Pour peanut butter chocolate mixture over cereal/pretzel mixture and stir to combine. Chill in the refrigerator until the mixture just barely begins to set up (about 30 minutes). Remove the mixture from the refrigerator. In a separate, large bowl, put ½ cup powdered sugar on the bottom of the bowl. Add half of the chilled mixture, then add another ½ cup powdered sugar over the cereal and the remaining chocolate/cereal mixture. Gently stir until the powdered sugar is evenly distributed, tossing to coat the cereal with powdered sugar. Chill the mixture again in the refrigerator until it's set (about another 30-60 minutes). Add more powdered sugar, ¼ cup at a time until the cereal/pretzel mixture is coated. Add M&Ms and peanut butter cups and stir to combine. Transfer to a serving bowl and serve. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for 5-7 days.

Submitted By: <https://joyfoodsunshine.com/reindeer-food/>

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.