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Sign-up for automatic bill pay!

Experience the ease and convenience of our automatic bill payment service. Stay with automatic bill payment for at least six months and we'll give you a \$5 credit off your electric bill! Call today, 800-421-5863 for more information.



Between the Lines

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In the Community!

"Check out" a Kill-A-Watt monitor at your local library!

The Kill-A-Watt monitor is a unit that you plug directly into the wall to help you know which appliances and equipment are consuming more power and draining more dollars. You can calculate your electrical expenses by the day, week, month, or year.

Consolidated Electric Cooperative has provided local libraries with the units that can be borrowed like a book. Please visit one of the libraries listed below to "check out" the unit so you can start making decisions about your lifestyle and save on your energy bill.

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| Ashley Wornstaff Library | Cardington Library |
| Centerburg Library | Delaware Library |
| Fredericktown Library | Mt. Gilead Library |
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| Selover Library | Sunbury Community Library |

Home Energy Audit

Whether you're replacing a furnace or water heater, choosing new appliances, or building a new home, making the right choice can mean saving energy and money. Call your energy advisor, Roger Keller at 419-949-2929 to sign up for a home energy audit for only \$25. He will then call you for a pre-audit evaluation. This initial call could determine whether you need a personal 75 point in-home energy audit. Before he visits your house, make a list of any problems or concerns you want to discuss.



For additional information on energy efficiency, you can access the Energy Advisor Web site at www.youenergyadvisor.coop.



I SET THE THERMOSTAT TO CHEAP.

I'm saving \$280 a year just by programming a thermostat. What can you do? Find out how the little changes add up at TogetherWeSave.com.



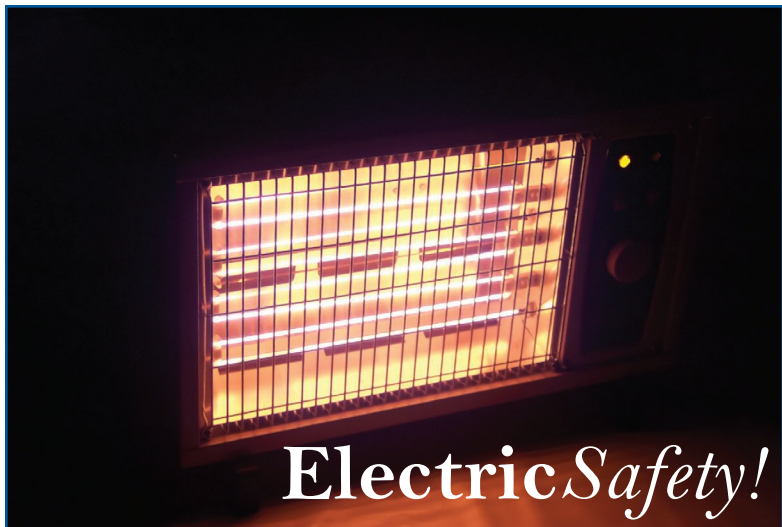
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TOGETHERWESAVE.COM

Together we save!

This new communications campaign by Touchstone Energy Cooperatives is built on the concept that small changes in member behavior can help co-ops deliver efficient, reliable and affordable energy. By visiting www.TogetherWeSave.com you will be taken to a portal where you can see how much you can potentially save on your energy bills. It is customized to your climate and electric rates.



Electric Safety!

Space heaters

As the temperatures drop and heating costs rise people will be in search of alternative ways to heat areas of their homes. It is important to be safety conscious when operating such devices, such as space heaters.

- To prevent electrocutions, always keep portable electric heaters away from water; never use them in a bathroom or near a sink.
- Do not use an electric heater as a dryer by placing clothing over it and never use it heater to thaw pipes.
- Place the heater on a level surface for stability and never run the heater's cord (or any cord) under rugs or carpeting.
- Don't place the heater where children might play near it or where people might trip over or bump into it.
- Do not leave the heater operating unattended or operating while sleeping.

The heating elements of some types of electric heaters are hot enough to ignite nearby combustibles like draperies, paper, clothing, furniture, and flammable liquids. It is, therefore, important to check surrounding objects periodically to see if they feel hot.

It is also important to install and maintain at least one smoke detector that is in good working condition on each floor of your home. At consolidated we take safety seriously and so should you.

Source: US Consumer Product Safety Commission;
www.cpsc.gov

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A Dialogue With America

Will reliable electricity become an unaffordable luxury for low-income Americans? We hope not, but today Americans are in an energy crisis. If Americans want to keep electricity safe, reliable and affordable, Congress and America's electric cooperatives must work together. Join other American consumers who have asked their elected officials tough questions about our energy future. It's simple, just log onto www.ourenergyourfuture.coop and click the Contact Elected Officials link. Begin a dialogue for your future!

Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives offers scholarships!

Being a member of Consolidated Electric Cooperative has its advantages. If you have a high school senior they could win a college, vocational or technical school scholarship. First place for each division, boys' and girls' is \$2,755. There are seven places total with different scholarships amounts awarded at each level. Contact your electric cooperative for details on how you can enter or visit our Web site, www.CONSolidatedElectric.coop.

Consolidated Electric Web site has two new additions

When you visit our Web site, www.CONSolidatedElectric.coop you will see two new buttons on the homepage to help guide you to paying your bill online and, should you need it, a listing of local help agencies to turn to for economic assistance.

Pay your bill online

Access and pay on your account through our E-bill portal. If you have not set up access, just call a Consolidated Electric member service representative at 800-421-5863. They will provide you with a temporary, case-sensitive password and instructions to log on.



Local Assistance



Assistance

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There are a number of places you can turn to if you need help paying your electric bill. Click this button to find local help agencies in your county.