

## Three Easy DIY Projects to Save Energy

Winter weather can have a big impact on your energy bills, hitting your pockets a little harder than you would have liked. Now that spring is just around the corner, it's the perfect time to tackle a few DIY efficiency projects for your home. The good news: You don't have to be an energy expert to do this!

There are several easy ways to save energy, but if you're willing to take a hands-on approach, here are three projects you can do now to start saving.

### Make the Most of Your Water Heater

Let's start with one of the easiest projects: insulating your water heater. Insulating a water heater that's warm to the touch can save 7 to 16 percent annually on your water heating bills. It should also be noted that if your water heater is new, it is likely already insulated. But if your water heater is warm to the touch, it needs additional insulation.

You can purchase a pre-cut jacket or blanket for about \$20. You'll also need two people for this project. Before you start, turn off the water heater. Wrap the blanket around the water heater and tape it to temporarily keep it in place. If necessary, use a marker to note the areas where the controls are so you can cut them out. Once the blanket is positioned correctly tape it permanently in place, then turn the water heater back on. If you have an electric water heater, do not set the thermostat above 130 degrees, which can cause overheating.

### Seal Air Leaks with Caulk

The average American family spends \$2,000 annually on energy bills, but unfortunately, much of that money is wasted through air leaks in the home. Applying caulk around windows, doors, electrical

wiring and plumbing can save energy and money. There are many different types of caulking compounds available, but the most popular choice is silicone. Silicone caulk is waterproof, flexible and won't shrink or crack.

Before applying new caulk, clean and remove any old caulk or paint with a putty knife, screwdriver, brush or solvent. The area should be dry before you apply the new caulk.

Apply the caulk in one continuous

stream, and make sure it sticks to both

unsure about the supplies you need. When choosing weather stripping materials, make sure it can withstand temperature changes, friction and the general "wear and tear" for the location of the door. Keep in mind, you will need separate materials for the door sweep (at the bottom of the door) and the top and sides.

Before applying the new weather stripping, clean the moulding with water and soap, then let the area dry com-



pletely. Measure each side of the door, then cut the weather stripping to fit each section. Make sure the weather stripping fits snugly against both surfaces so it compresses when the door is closed.

### Weather Strip Exterior Doors

By completing these simple efficiency projects, you can save energy (and money!) while increasing the comfort level of your home. And you can impress your family and friends with your savvy energy-saving skills.

One of the best ways to seal air leaks is to weather strip exterior doors, which can keep out drafts and help you control energy costs. Weather stripping materials vary, but you can ask your local hardware or home store for assistance if you're

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**In Case of Trouble**

1. Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and if they have reported it.
3. If not, call the office or download the Smarthub app to report the trouble.

	<u>Read</u>	<u>Billing date</u>	
Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	applied 20 days
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	after billing date

**Operating Statistics for December**

	2017	2018
Operating Revenues	\$5,506,021	\$5,546,942
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,833,195	\$4,178,991
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	69.62	75.34
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.73	4.77
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,048.97	\$1,057.57
KW Peak Demand - This month	166,043	160,951
Billing kW demand	102,701	157,878
KW Peak Demand - YTD	166,043	182,438
KWh Purchased - This month	71,866,088	75,066,363
Taxes Paid	\$92,359	\$107,156
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$158,697	\$194,245
System Load Factor	58.2	52.8

**New Services Staked in January**

During the month of January, 25 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2019 is 25. This compares to 35 for the same period in 2018.

**Steer Clear of Power Lines During Spring Chores**

You teach your kids to stay far away from power lines while they're playing outdoors in the spring and summer. Heed that advice when you're working in the yard or roof.

Contact with a live wire can damage your equipment. Worse, if you happen to be touching the equipment when it touches the wire, you could get electrocuted.

Here are a few springtime safety tips:

- Don't move a ladder or any tall equipment within 15 feet of any power line. A ladder that tips over should easily clear the wire.

- For safety's sake, assume every wire is live. Do not assume the wire is a telephone or cable line. Call your electric cooperative to make absolutely sure.

- Never touch a branch if it is touching a wire. Report the situation o

your electric cooperative and keep everyone away from it until help arrives.

- Don't work outdoors in the rain. You could slip and fall, causing your ladder or equipment—

or yourself—to topple onto a power line.



**OPERATION ROUND-UP**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

BEGINNING BALANCE 12/31/18.....	\$225,957.64
DEPOSITS .....	8,521.18
INTEREST INCOME .....	34.96
CHECKS ISSUED .....	-5,697.96
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID .....	-15,046.00
BALANCE 1/31/19.....	\$205,213.68

CVEC Foundation administers and disburses funds collected through CVEC's Operation Round-Up Program.



# Energy Savings: *Think About It*

Saving energy isn't difficult, but it's not automatic. You need to plan to buy energy-efficient appliances and to develop energy-wise lifestyle habits.

Here are a 15 few easy things to do around the house to save electricity and pare down your energy bill:

1. Adjust your thermostat. Even one or two degrees can add up to great savings.
2. While it's cold, keep blinds open in the day-time to allow heat in. Close them as it gets warmer.
3. Install a programmable thermostat to help you save energy while you work and sleep.
4. Wash your clothes in cold water and do only full loads.
5. Change your air filter to reduce the strain on your heating and cooling system.
6. For dinner, choose a meal you can cook in the microwave or a crock pot.
7. Don't preheat the oven unless making bread.
8. Keep your refrigerator full, but allow air to flow between items.
9. Examine windows and doors for air leaks. Repair damages or install weather-stripping to prevent heat loss.
10. Reduce the temperature on your water heater to 120 degrees to save money and prevent scalding.
11. Unplug second refrigerators or freezers if you can't keep them full. Otherwise, fill vacant space with water or ice.
12. Use your clothes 1104413601 dryer's moisture sensor cycle. This shuts it off when clothes are dry even if the cycle hasn't finished.
13. Turn off the drying function on your dishwasher and crack the door to allow dishes to air dry.
14. Shut off your computer if you will be gone for more than 20 minutes.
15. Unplug cell phones chargers, laptop batteries, and other small appliances when not in use.

## DO NOT TAMPER WITH YOUR ELECTRIC METER

Meter tampering can result in electric shock, is illegal and increases electricity rates for other co-op members.



- ⊘ Never break a meter seal.
- ⊘ Never open a meter base.
- ⊘ Never remove a meter or alter an entrance cable in any manner.

If you know or suspect that someone has tampered with their meter, please contact us immediately.

**AUTOMOBILES & BIKES**

2003 Chevy HD 2500, 4 door, 4-wheel drive, long bed w/ camper shell, full-length step bars, great tires, AS IS!, 200k miles but runs good, drives well and pulls well, Bose sound system, CD player, most peripherals have been either replaced or rebuilt: trans, alternator, water pump, fuel pump, shocks, starter, brakes, AC, remote throttle, U-joints, front end, gauge motors, new battery, plugs and plug wires, 405-831-4509.

Custom tag-along cargo motorcycle trailer, red powder coat paint, aluminum treadplate box approximately 15 cu. ft., rubber torsion axles, mag wheels, LED lights, rear bumper, carpeted, spare tire, ice chest, used once, \$1,000; 2 GMAX helmets, large & small with Bluetooth & intercom installed on both, never used, purchased at Honda, \$300 OBO, 200-5974, 566-9872.

1990 Freightliner mobile home toter, hydraulic hitch, electric mirrors, Cummins engine, good tires, \$7,500 OBO, 405-301-0945.

**FARM & RANCH**

14' tandem trailer, 7K lb. axles, Bulldog hitch, good heavy-duty trailer, 2'1" high railing around, \$500, 918-759-1111.

Linde AC-DC welder, \$350 OBO; Delta 6" joiner, new blades, \$100, 405-788-5754.

Tree Terminator 3-pt. old Bermuda Spriger, 20.8-38 tires on J. D. rims, 205 J. D. spreader, Alamo Arm brush hog, 345 J. D. lawn mower, 54" cut, 3-pt. post-hole digger, 405-452-3094.

Binks Super Bee airless sprayer w/power roller motor, runs good, needs some repair, \$150, 918-689-2058, 918-618-3358.

3' belt drive rototiller, \$50; 8' picnic table, iron frame, \$50; Craftsman grinder mounted on table w/handsaw sharpening attachment and drill bit sharpening attachment, \$100, 659-5047.

Moving sale - IHC 1050 grinder Dew-Eze bake bus 20.8.38 J.D. tires & rims, 3-pt. post hole digger, 3-pt. Alamo Arm brush hog, old 2-row Bermuda grass springer, horse-drawn, many small items, 405-452-3094.

16' factory stock trailer, \$1,000 OBO; calf table, \$250 OBO;

good 5' brush hog, \$300, 405-301-0945.

3-point tractor equipment, 405-273-7874.

Benchtop drill press, \$20; Craftsman 10" table saw, 1 hp, \$100, Harrah, 405-454-0510.

**HOME & LAND**

Executive home, 2-story, brick, 3,460 sq. ft., slate floors, oak cabinets, granite tops, lots of extras, built in 2001 beside 9-acre lake on 59-acre wildlife refuge, 4 miles north of Seminole, 2 BDR guest house w/2-car garage also available, 405-382-1444.

2 BDR, 1 BA (could be 3 BDR) home & 3.5 acres, Seminole area on busy hwy., garage, carport, 3 separate fenced pastures, corral, shed, working store, good business location outside city limits, 580-729-0515.

FREE - house, you move, 405-279-2401, 627-0133.

10 acres, wooded, Norman Schools, off 72nd Ave. NE and Robinson Rd., \$97,000, Seth @ 405-306-0245.

5 acres w/3 BDR, 2 BA double-wide, needs TLC, lease-purchase option, off Cemetery and 162nd, \$65,000, Tanner @ 405-625-6098.

3 acres, wooded, blacktop road frontage, off 192nd and Cedar Lane, owner carry, \$20,000, Chance @ 405-517-0094.

FOR RENT - 2 BDR, 1 BA newly remodeled singlewide on 5 acres, near Harrah and SE 149th, \$800 dep., \$800/month, Julie @ 405-765-8676.

Home sites for new homes, 1/2 and 3/4 acres, North Pointe Addition II, located north of Shawnee at interesection of N. Kickapoo and Hazel Del Rd., North Rock Creek Schools, starting at \$27,000, 405-590-6776.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Llewelin Setter puppies, champion bloodlines, IPDBA, parents love to hunt, great family dogs, born 1-5-19, \$500, rural Wellston, OK, 405-760-6249.

Stetson hats, Tom Mix-style, size 7&5/8, \$45; Chamber Pot-style in black, size 7&3/4, \$60; other hats as well, can send photos, 405-584-0730.

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All information below must be completed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Seth Thomas grandfather clock, \$300, 405-788-5754.

Upright washer and dryer with stands, \$200 each, 405-964-3149.

Refrigerator, freezer, washer, dryer, cook stove, dishwasher, AC, 405-273-7874.

Hospital bed, \$275, 405-301-0945..

RC Cola metal six-pack with six bottles, \$50, 659-5047.

28' pontoon boat w/tandem trailer, older, needs work, no motor; old large forge blowers, \$250; 22' 5th-wheel travel trailer w/5th-wheel hitch, 405-997-5334.

Two plastic barrel dog houses, \$5 ea., Harrah, 405-454-0510.

Four adjoining cemetery plots in Resthaven Cemetery in Shawnee, 405-650-4415.

Surrey with a fringe top, single and double tree, spoked wheels, \$325; Teeter inversion table rated for 350 lbs., \$150; pet stroller, \$125; wood-

fired cook stove/oven, \$200, 1957pinkokie@gmail.com, 405-598-8618.

Cedar tree clearing, \$85/hour; brush mowing, \$40/hour; hay hauling \$4 bale; dirt work/drive-ways, \$75/hour, 405-642-9356.

Karla's Cleaning llc, new home final cleans, trash haul off, repo cleans, rental cleans, nice quality work and honest, also put metal skirting on mobile homes, 405-902-0674.

WANTED - Someone to move items out of my storage building, and you can have empty storage building, 878-6697.

**Find Your Account Number and Win \$25**

If you find your account number hidden in this issue of *The Electralite*, you could win \$25. The account number must be your own.

You need to report finding the number to us by the 15th of the month.

And you need to report finding it by phone, mail or in person.

**Save the Date!**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, Aug. 3**  
**Firelake Arena**  
**Registration - 9:30 a.m.**  
**Business Meeting - 11 a.m.**