

Taylor Report

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Four Ways to Save Energy in the Kitchen This Holiday Season



Ah, the kitchen. It's undeniably one of the most-loved rooms in our homes during the holiday season. 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.

Board Report – September 2021

- Approved August disbursements totaling \$517,812. 19 new member applications, and August 2021 construction in the amount of \$45,752.
- Reviewed financial results for August, with \$503,286 Operating Margins and \$585,909 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 7 outages in August, with average YTD outage time per meter of .5498 hours.
- Four applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$83,425 to be paid out at the net present value of \$45,259.
- 23 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the September 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$8,558.
- The board approved salary adjustments for 2022.
- Discussion on a potential solar field at the office, upcoming statewide training and meeting, member communication opportunities, and upcoming plans for the Member Appreciation Breakfast on October 7.
- Zenner updated the board on DPC activities including excess margin allocations.
- CEO Ceaglske gave an update that the generator is repaired and available and Taylor County Broadband progress.

Can you help us locate these former members?

AIARDO, DEBBIE
BACKMAN, GORDON & SUSAN
BAUMANN, VICKI C/O SHEILA HOMER
BAUMER DECEASED, VALERIE
BEHLING DECEASED, GERALD C/O JERI TOULANT
BERGER DECEASED, EUNICE
BLACK RIVER MINK RANCH
BLAIR, TRACY
BOCKIN DECEASED, KIM
BOCKIN, ELAINE
BONDGIEN, NICK & SMITH, ELIZABETH
BOWEN, CURTIS J
BRUMBAUGH, MARK W
CAMPBELL, STEVE & LESLIE
CARDINAL, LYLE JR
CHODERA, TOM & ANDREA
CONSECO FINANCE
CURIK DECEASED, STEVE & MONICA
DESCHLER, LAURA
EMMERICH DECEASED, PATRICK
ERICKSON, ROBERT & BEVERLY
FELDBRUGGE DECEASED, CELIA
FISCHER DECEASED, OTTO
FLOYD DECEASED, CAROL
FRANZ ESTATE, EDWARD C/O ROBERT JOHNSON
FREECK, BONNIE
FREY, BRANDON & VLASSOPULOS, MAUREEN
GLENZER, DAVID
GOTH, RICHARD
GRIPENTROG, VICKI
GUNNER, LUCIA
HALOPKA DECEASED, FRANK
HANISH, JOSEPH
HASTINGS, DANA
HERMAN DECEASED, ANDREW
HOEHN, MICHAEL
HOFFMAN DECEASED, HELENA
HOFFMANN DECEASED, BERNICE
HORKHEIMER, RONALD
JACOBS III, CHRIS
JICINSKY, JEFF
JOHNSON, JOHN C
KONECNY, DANIEL
KONOPACKI DECEASED, TOM
KOSIDOWSKI, THOMAS & MARY
KRAWCZYK, FRANCIS
KRUEGER, TINA
KUBICZ, STAN & ELIZBETH
LEMKE, LOUISE
LEPKA, MATTHEW & CROTTEAU, KAYLA
LISSNER DECEASED, HELEN
LOEFFLER, JOSEPHINE

LORD, BRENDA
LOUCKS DECEASED, RACHEL
LUDWIG, SCOTT
MABIE, KIMBERLY
MARCOTT, LONDON & NICOLE
MARKOWSKI, ROBIN
MCINTOSH, JOHN
MEETER DECEASED, URQUHART
MEYER, JESSICA
MILLER, SCOTT & BELLAMY, ANGELA
MOLITOR DECEASED, CLARENCE
MOLITOR, JAMES E & BEVERLY B
MOSS, ROLAND T
MUELLER DECEASED, BETTY
NASS, DENNIS K
NEUBAUER, RODNEY
NYSTRUM DECEASED, ALMA
PATTERSON, LINDA
PETERSON, ROBERT & PAUL, TRISHA
PEZZULLO, JUDY
PHELPS, MARION & AUDREY
PILLER, SCOTT H
REIS, STEPHANIE
ROBIDA, ROBIN
RUDOLPH, CHARLOTTE
SCHREINER DECEASED, HELIA
SCHULTZ, TODD & COLEMAN, DAWN
SCHWARZ DECEASED, GILBERT
SOSSONG, LYNN
SOVA, MICHAEL
STOIBER, RICHARD & DIANE
STONE, JOHN
STREBIG, DAVE C
STURZ, LESLIE
TALLMAN, CAROLINE C/O
RICHARD MYHREN
THOMAS DECEASED, TERRY
TROIBER, BRADLEY M
VAHL, WAYNE A
WENGER, EARL & SADIE
WESTERHAUS, DEEANN
WHITE, JOSEPH
ZIEGEL, DENNIS

Load Management Systems to be Tested

The Winter Test for Interruptible Heat (Dual Fuel) Members is scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 17. This test is designed to provide you with the opportunity to observe your control device, ensure that the indicator lights on your load-control receiver function properly, and check that your heating system and/or backup heating system is working properly before winter sets in. Residential interruptible heat load classes will be controlled as follows:

Control Start

All Interruptible Heat load classes will begin control at 5:00 p.m. without pre-alert.

Restoral

Miscellaneous Heat loads (class 4B) will be restored at 8:30 p.m. All other Interruptible Heat loads (classes 2A, 2B, 2C, and 2W) will vary in restoral, beginning at 9 p.m., with all loads restored by 10 p.m.

If you notice any problems with the load-management receiver during this test, please contact the cooperative, 715-678-2411. If you find that your heating system does not work as it should, contact your electrician or heating service representative.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall is the perfect time to prep your home for the upcoming winter chill. One of the best ways you can save energy and stay comfortable is to caulk and weatherstrip areas that typically need sealing.

Start by sealing around windows and doors. Seal plumbing, ducting, and areas where electrical wiring comes through walls, floors and ceilings for additional energy savings.

Source: energy.gov



- **Watch for details about the Christmas Wish program in the next Taylor Report and WI WEC News. This program is a great example of local cooperatives at work in our community!**
- **The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving. Have a safe and blessed holiday from the board of directors and staff of Taylor Electric Cooperative.**