



# Be prepared for WINTER STORMS

By Abby Berry

When winter temperatures drop and storms hit, it can be challenging to stay safe and warm. Winter storm severity varies depending on where you live, but nearly all Americans are affected by extreme winter storms at some point. Taylor Electric Cooperative cares about your safety, and we want you to be prepared.

Heavy snow and ice can lead to downed power lines, leaving co-op members without power. During extremely low temperatures, this can be dangerous. During a power outage, our crews will continue to work as quickly and safely as possible to restore power, but there are a few things you can do to prepare yourself.

**Stay Warm** – Plan to use a safe alternate heating source, such as a fireplace or wood-burning stove, during a power outage. These are great options to keep you and your loved ones warm, but exercise caution when using them, and never leave the heating source unattended. If you are using heating devices that burn gasoline, propane, or natural gas to stay warm, never use them

indoors. Remember that fuel- and wood-burning heat sources should always be properly ventilated. Always read the manufacturer's directions before using.

**Stay Fed** – The CDC recommends having several days' supply of food that does not need to be cooked handy. Crackers, cereal, canned goods, and bread are good options. Don't forget about a manual can opener. Five gallons



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of water per person should also be available in the event of an extended power outage.

**Stay Safe** – When an outage occurs, it usually means power lines are down. It is best not to travel during winter storms, but if you must, bring a survival kit along, and do not travel alone. If you encounter downed lines, always assume they are live. Stay as far away from the downed lines as possible, and report the situation to our dispatchers by calling 715-678-2411 or 800-862-2407 if possible.

Winter weather can be unpredictable and dangerous, and planning ahead can often be the difference between life and death. Taylor Electric Cooperative is ready for what Mother Nature has in store, and we want you to be ready, too. For more winter safety tips, visit [www.ready.gov/winter-weather](http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather).

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# TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INCENTIVES

*Effective January 1, 2016 – Incentives subject to change without notice*

2016 Incentive

## ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES

Clothes Washer	\$25 per unit
Clothes Dryer	\$25 per unit
Clothes Dryer-Heat Pump	\$50 per unit
Refrigerator	\$25 per unit
Dehumidifier	\$25 per unit
Refrigerator/Freezer/Window A/C Recycling (signed certification required)	\$25 per unit

## CONSERVATION

Low-Flow Shower Head (2.5 gal. per min. or less)	\$5 per unit
Low-Flow Faucet Aerator (1.5 gal. per min. or less)	\$1 per unit

## AUDITS & ASSESSMENTS

Compressed Air Audit	half cost of audit, \$500 max.
Audit Recommended Improvements	50% of cost measures implemented, \$500 max.
Touchstone Energy Home Program—new home, must meet one of four requirements	\$500 each

## ELECTRIC WATER HEATER\*\*\*

75-99 gallon (Energy Factor .90+)	\$125 per unit
100 gallon+ (Energy Factor .85+)	\$200 per unit
Solar Storage, w/Electric Auxillary Tank	\$300 per unit
Heat Pump Water Heater (Energy Factor 2.0 or greater)	\$300 per unit

## LIGHTING

CFL Bulb (residential & non-residential) – capped off at 50% of cost	Not to exceed	\$1 per bulb
Hard-Wired Energy Star CFL or LED Fixture – capped at 50% of cost	" " "	\$1 per fixture per 400 lumens
LED Exit Signs – capped at 50% of cost	" " "	\$5 per sign
LED Bulb	" " "	\$3 per bulb
LED Outdoor Lighting (min. 15 watts per light)	" " "	\$15 per fixture
Occupancy Sensors – capped at 50% of cost	" " "	\$5 each
Pulse-Start Metal Halide Fixtures (retrofit only) – capped at 50% of cost	" " "	\$15 per fixture
T-5 Fixtures – capped at 50% of cost	" " "	\$6 per lamp per fixture
T-8 Fixtures (retrofit only) – capped at 50% of cost	" " "	\$4 per lamp per fixture

## A/C & HEATING\*\*\*\*

Central A/C & Ductless MiniSplit (14+ SEER or EER 11.5+)	\$40 per ton
Central A/C & Ductless MiniSplit (15+ SEER or EER 12.5+)	\$60 per ton
Central A/C & Ductless MiniSplit (16+ SEER or EER 13.5+)	\$80 per ton
Commercial A/C & PTACS (EER 10 to >11.5 depending on size)	\$40 per ton
Air-Source & MiniSplit Heat Pump (14+ SEER, 8.2+ HSPF, or EER 11.5+)	\$150 per ton
Commercial Heat Pumps & PTHPs (EER 10+ to >11.5 depending on size)	\$150 per ton
Geothermal Heat Pump	\$300 per ton
New Furnace w/ECM Blower Motor – can be gas furnace but has to have ECM	\$35 per unit
Dual Fuel (8 KW min. – new installations)	\$100 bill credit
ETS Units	\$30 per KW
Electric Hydronic or Slab	\$20 per KW

## AGRICULTURAL & C&I

Commercial Vending Machine Controls	\$25 each
Dairy Plate Cooler/Well Water Pre-cooler	\$500 per unit
Dairy Heat Recovery w/Electric Backup	\$300 per unit
Low/zero Energy Livestock Waterer (not to exceed 500W per unit)	\$50 per unit
Scroll Refrigeration Compressor (max. \$1,000)	\$30 per HP
Variable Frequency Drive (max. \$1,000/drive, min. 1 HP)	\$30 per HP
Ag Fan – Exhaust, less than 36" (18 cfm/Watt or more)	\$1 per inch diameter
Ag Fan – Exhaust, greater than 36" (21 cfm/Watt or more)	\$1 per inch diameter
Ag Fan – Circulation, less than 36" (18 ft. lbs./kW or more)	\$1 per inch diameter
Ag Fan – Circulation, greater than 36" (21 ft. lbs./kW or more)	\$1 per inch diameter
Ag Fan – Hi Volume Lo Speed (at least 12 ft. dia. w/1+ HP & var. speed controller)	\$1 per inch diameter

\*\*\*Water heater rebates require installation of co-op's Load Management (LM) control.

\*\*\*\*A/C and heat pumps require LM only when separately metered for off-peak rates.

\*\*\*\*Dual Fuel, ETS, & hydronic or slab systems require LM control to qualify for incentive. (timeclock control when under the time of day rate is acceptable.)

Maximum rebate = \$20,000 per member account per year.

Most rebates must be applied for within 6 months of purchase.

**Plus, call FOCUS ON ENERGY 800-762-7077**



# MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS ADVANTAGES!

## Shop and save with your Co-op Connections Card

Taylor Electric Cooperative participates in the nationwide Co-op Connections program, offering further proof that being a member of an electric cooperative has its advantages. A free offering for co-op members and participating businesses, the program benefits cooperative members by offering valuable discounts at participating local and national businesses. Just present your card when shopping at any of the participating businesses listed below and receive a discount on your purchase.

### A-Z Town & Country, Colby

Free suet cake with the purchase of any 20# or larger bag of bird seed.

### Bearly Used Children & Maternity Consignment, Medford

\$1 off purchase of \$10 or more. Must present card at time of purchase. Not valid with any other discounts or promotions.

### Broadway Theater, Medford

Purchase any size popcorn and get a matching size soda for free.

### Carquest Auto Parts, Medford

10% discount on purchases up to \$200.

### C&D Lumber, Rib Lake

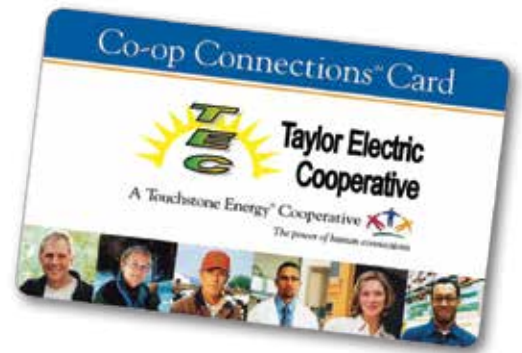
5% off single purchase over \$500, not good in conjunction with other coupons or other offers.

### Computer TR, Abbotsford

10% off on labor.

### Glass to Go, Inc., Medford

5% off in-shop windshield replacement. Buy one Rain-X Wiper Blade, get second half off.



### Heartland Cooperative Services Athens, Dorchester, Greenwood, Hamburg, Owen

10% discount on all dog and cat food.

### Holmes Studio East, Medford

10% off on studio family portraits including sessions.

### Jack's Auto Repair LLC, Stetsonville

10% off exhaust repairs over \$50, 10% off any brake-related parts & labor.

### Life's High Points Photography, Medford

15% discount.

## FIND ALL THE BEST DEALS ON MAIN STREET



The One Card That Does It All.<sup>SM</sup>

## Co-op Connections App

Shop local and save big. Your local electric cooperative's Co-op Connections Program helps you get discounts all over town!

Try out our free **Mobile App**, and you'll have GPS, "call the store" ability, and a digital card at your fingertips. Find all the ways to save at [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop).

Search "Co-op Connections" in the iTunes store or on Google Play, and download it today.





**McDonald's, Abbottsford, Medford, Stanley and Thorp**

One free muffin sandwich with the purchase of a medium or large size McCafe beverage.

**Medford Health Mart Pharmacy, Medford**  
20% off any Health Mart label.

**Mertens Chrysler Jeep Dodge, Medford**

1. \$50 discount towards any collision center work over \$500.
2. \$100 discount towards any collision center work over \$1,000.
3. \$200 discount towards any collision center work over \$2,000.
4. 5% discount on repairs over \$150. Not valid with any other coupons or discounts.

**Meyer Auto Body, Medford**

5% discount on any body repair over \$500. Up to a \$100 value.

**Meyer Lumber, Dorchester**

5% discount on discountable items, excluding all sale and clearance items (cash sales only). Cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts/promotions. Card must be presented at each purchase.

**Meyer Tire and Service, Medford**

\$5 off any passenger or light truck tire—not good in conjunction with any other coupons or offers.

**Mypride Kennel, Medford**

10% off grooming or boarding services.

**Napa Auto Parts, Medford**

10% discount on cash & carry items (excludes engines, engine kits, transmissions, oil labor & sale items).

**Northwoods Embroidery, Medford**

Free digitizing on embroidery. Free set up on first color of screen printing.

**Pernsteiner Carpets, Medford**

Cost plus 10% on 10 yards per year of ordered in carpet or vinyl.

**Ron's Auto Body Repair, Medford**

10% off for anyone over 55 or older on labor.

**Schierl Tire & Service Center, Medford**

\$5 off an oil change. \$10 off parts for service repairs.

**Stetsonville Lumber, Stetsonville**

5% off single purchase over \$500—not good in conjunction with other coupons or offers.

**Stetsonville Oil Company, Stetsonville**

\$5 off oil lube filter service.

**Strama's Self-Serve, Medford**

Buy one ice cream (cone or dish) and get the second half price.

**Subway, Medford & Colby**

50¢ off any sub or salad

**Taylor Credit Union, Medford and Abbottsford**

Free rental for one year on 3"x5"x22-1/2" safe deposit box—new rentals only. Requires existing savings account or initial savings account with \$5 balance. Limit one per family.

**Wanke Builders, Medford**

Free foundation water proofing on your new home purchase.

**Willow Cottage Pet Grooming, Medford**

\$5 off full groom service.

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