

COLUMBUS[®] CURRENTS

The Power of a Co-op

What does it mean to be a member of Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc., a Touchstone Energy electric cooperative?

As a member of CEC you have the power, a voice and control in how your electric co-op is run; in what's best for the community; in the decisions that allow us to provide affordable electricity for your home. This October, we're celebrating National Co-op Month, and we're recognizing the most important part of our co-op – you, our members.

Membership represents a vested interest—everyone is more engaged and attentive to something they feel a responsibility for. Touchstone Energy co-ops work to engage their members in *all* the issues surrounding the co-op. When members are engaged and informed, they become advocates for their co-ops, not just consumers.

In today's world, electric co-ops are doing more than just saving money for their members. Touchstone Energy cooperatives make being a member of an electric cooperative a truly unique experience. Ask us about what rebates we have to save you money.

Members are the reason cooperatives exist. When members embrace the idea that they have more than a passing interest in their co-op, and that they actually are the owners with an ability to help guide it, that is the power of co-op membership.

The power of co-op membership is the cooperative difference, and our business 'bottom line' is the empowerment of you, our member-owners. Columbus Electric Cooperative actively engages with the communities we serve. The best part about being a member of a Touchstone Energy cooperative: It's *your* Touchstone Energy cooperative. Power to the people, for the people, from the people.



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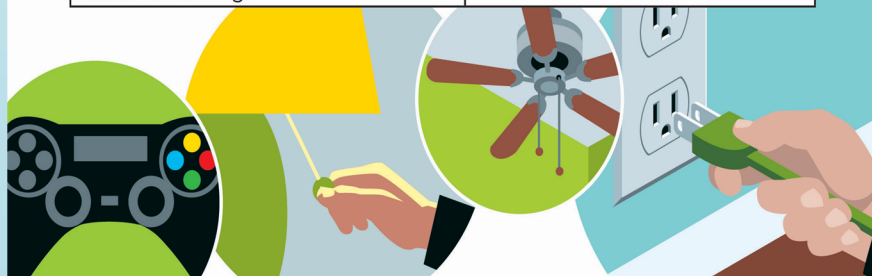
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ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE FAMILY

There are several easy ways you and your family can save energy at home! Print this page, assign each energy-saving task, then place it on your fridge so your family can work together to save energy - and money.



WAY TO SAVE ENERGY	ASSIGNED TO:
Turn off lights in empty rooms.	
Replace any incandescent and/or CFL bulbs with LED bulbs.	
Turn off electronics that aren't in use (TVs, gaming consoles, etc.).	
Unplug phone chargers that aren't in use.	
Turn off ceiling fans in empty rooms.	
Adjust the thermostat when you leave the house. (Set it higher in the summer and lower in the winter.)	
Once a week, make a meal that doesn't require cooking in the kitchen. (Make PB&Js or cook outside.)	
Make sure all doors and windows and closed when the air conditioner or heater is running.	



Completion of Meter Change Outs

Columbus Electric personnel will begin installing the final round of our new, automated meters, which we hope to complete in all areas by the end of 2020 or early 2021.

A door hanger will be left on your door the day your meter has been exchanged or if we need to schedule a time to come back. There will be a brief interruption of power so it may be necessary to reset clocks and other electrical devices. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

As of now all of our substations are online. We are currently installing meters in Animas, Rodeo, Portal and surrounding areas. Meter exchanges in the Deming and Columbus areas have been completed.

A list of frequently asked questions on the AMI system can be found at www.columbusco-op.org. At Columbus Electric taking advantage of new technology is one more way to help us serve you better.



2021 Youth Tour Cancelled

We are sad to announce that the 2021 Youth Tour trip has been cancelled due to COVID-19. This decision was made for the safety and well-being of the students. We look forward to participating in the upcoming Youth Tours held by the NMRECA in the future. For any questions please contact any of our Member Service Representatives at 575-546-8838.

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