

COLUMBUS CURRENTS

CEC Board Approves expanded Rebates for Members

Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc., in conjunction with its power supplier, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, will continue to partner to offer members rebate programs for 2022!

As a result, the following rebate programs are available to our members:

Appliance Rebates- Includes refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, induction cooktops, and smart thermostats. You can also get a rebate for recycling your old refrigerator or freezer too!

Electric Motor Rebates- Commercial and industrial motors with horsepower from 10 through 1,500 hp and variable speed drive retrofits with horsepower from 25 on up.

Heat Pumps Rebates- Includes electric air source and ground source heat pumps.

Outdoor Power Equipment- Includes electric mowers, snow blowers, electric trimmers, chainsaws, power washers, pruners, and blowers.

Water Heater Program- This is one of our more popular programs. It includes 40- and 50-gallon electric water heaters for a nominal fee.

Members can also get a rebate for **electric bicycles, electric forklifts, electric pallet jacks, and commercial lighting.**

Members have 90 days from the date of purchase to apply for a rebate and must provide proof of purchase, so save those receipts!

For more information and to learn how much you can save with our rebate programs visit columbusco-op.org/rebates or simply give us a call at 575-546-8838 or 1-800-950-2667.

Restrictions do apply. Please note Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. does not sell new appliances or outdoor power equipment of any kind.



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Scholarship Application Deadline Approaching!

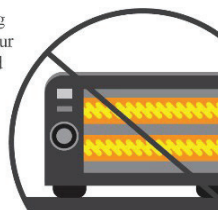
Columbus Electric Cooperative offers education scholarships to members of CEC and their immediate family members. Scholarship recipients can receive financial assistance for up to eight semesters of undergraduate studies at the college of their choice. Applicants must complete an application and submit letters of recommendation. Applications may be obtained by contacting our office, your high school counselor or at columbusco-op.org/scholarships. Deadline to submit scholarship applications is March 2, 2022.



TIPS TO DITCH THE SPACE HEATER

Space heaters are energy hogs, and older models can be extremely dangerous. This winter, ditch the space heater and try these alternative solutions to stay cozy.

- Use an electric blanket to keep warm during the night.
- Caulk and weatherstrip around all windows and doors to prevent heat loss.
- Consider adding insulation to your attic and around duct work.



Winter Moratorium Protection Notice (LIHEAP)

Protection from winter shut-off ends March 15, 2022. To avoid potential disconnection of services please contact Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. at 1-800-950-2667 to make arrangements for payment. Members of New Mexico tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters may contact the commission's consumer relations division at (888) 427-5772, who will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance.

Para informacion en espanol llame 1-800-950-2667



Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees at the January meeting voted to hold the 2022 Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Animas Schools. Members can expect to receive official notice of the meeting in March pursuant to the Cooperative by-laws. Due to the pandemic, bus transportation will **not** be provided this year. The Board of Trustees will be proposing an amendment to the by-laws at the annual meeting. The amendment is to establish clarity on a process for amending the by-laws. The Trustees also voted to retire capital credits earned by members in 1993 and a portion of 1995. The Cooperative operated at a loss in 1994 so no margins were allocated that year. The Cooperative will distribute a total of \$315,149.39 back to members.

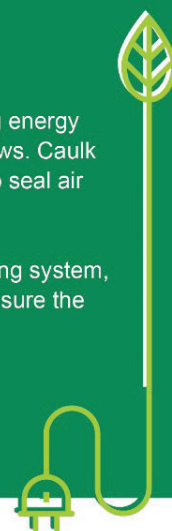


Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through inefficient windows. Caulk and weatherstrip all windows to seal air leaks.

When running your home heating system, lock all operable windows to ensure the tightest seal possible.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Emergency Response Number
1-800-228-0579

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