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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Don't let vampires suck the life out of your energy efficiency efforts! Unplugging unused electronics – otherwise known as “energy vampires” – can save you as much as 10 percent on your electric bill.

Source: Department of Energy



LED Security Lighting

“For over a year we have been testing the new lights in the field and comparing them to what the manufacturer states about the product. We haven’t had any lights fail or give us any problems,” said Logan Pleasant, LREC Director of Engineering and Operations.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative is very happy with the feedback it is receiving from the membership regarding the new LED security lights. LREC has installed over 185 LED security lights since stocking the LED lights over a year ago.

LREC is currently only installing LED security lights on new services requesting a security light, while we evaluate their performance. There is a fee to have an already existing, working security light changed out with a new LED light.

The LED security light LREC is now installing is a 44 watt LED light made by Evluma. These lights are a downward directional light, with approximately 100 ft. of lighting from the pole. These lights have a 20 year maintenance free life expectancy. In an effort to be more energy efficient and keep security light rates affordable to its members, LREC is looking at the future of security lighting. LED lights are the most efficient lights on the mar-

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YouthPower Energy Camp

⚡ Sparks Fun ⚡

Volleyball, Hiking, Swimming, and Pole Climbing

Eighty 8th grade students took advantage of this year’s “YouthPower Energy Camp” in Hinton, Oklahoma. The camp is designed to help students develop leadership skills and learn about the rural electric cooperative industry. Campers engaged in safety demonstrations, climbed poles, and watched a co-op crew in action. Students had the opportunity to work with new friends from across the state to form and run their own cooperative business.

“Thanks for one of the best weeks of my life,” one camper wrote. “I had so much fun learning about electric and going up in the bucket truck.”

Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) joined Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) in sponsoring three students to attend the



Left to right: Kailey Guinn, Donavon Burk, and Wyatt Wilson

Photo courtesy of OAEC

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Happy Halloween



LREC Celebrates National Cooperative Month

October is National Cooperative Month, and all co-ops across the U.S. – are celebrating the benefits and values that cooperatives bring to their members and communities.

While co-ops operate in many industries and sectors of the economy, seven cooperative principles set us apart from other businesses: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; member's economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training and information; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for community.

"Today, people prefer options and alternatives to 'big box' businesses," says Stanley Young, LREC Director of Marketing. "The co-op business model is unique and rooted in our local communities. Co-ops were local before the shop local campaign was started"

LREC is proud to be part of America's cooperative network, which includes more than 47,000 cooperative businesses.



Electric co-ops provide power for many Okie's, with 28 electric co-ops serving Oklahoma.

LREC is one of more than 900 electric cooperatives, public utility districts and public power districts serving 42 million people in 47 states.

To learn more about Oklahoma electric co-ops visit www.oaec.coop and to learn more about LREC visit www.lrecok.coop.



Electrical safety tips for kids

Talk to your kids about electrical safety!

At LREC, we understand your child's health and well-being are your top priority. With more than 140,000 electrical fires occurring each year, knowledge of electrical safety is necessary to ensuring your loved ones stay safe. Here are a few tips you can share

with your little ones:

Electrical fires are caused when a wire or electrical device overheats. It is important to make sure your children understand that water cannot extinguish this type of fire. Only fire extinguishers can be used to remedy this situation.

In addition to the previous tip, it is never a good idea to mix water with electricity. Keep blow dryers, radios and any other electrical devices away from all water, especially those used in a bathroom.

Keep metal objects out of appliances and plugs. If a piece of toast gets stuck in the toaster, never use a metal knife to retrieve it. Unplug the toaster, and use a different tool or utensil to remove the toast. Remember, only plugs should go in outlets. Sticking fingers or other objects in outlets may result in an electrical shock.

It's always a good idea to turn lights off when they are not in use. This will save your family money on your electric bill and prevent electrical fires from overheated bulbs.

Kids will be kids, and they love the great outdoors. Remind them to avoid overhead power lines. Whether they are climbing trees or flying kites or remote-controlled toys, they should always be mindful of what is above.

Talk to your children 1568104 about the importance of electrical safety, and more importantly, lead by example – because you never know who's watching. Visit SafeElectricity.org for more safety topics.



You're Doing Fine Oklahoma

Average Prices for Residential Electricity 2015 figures, in cents per kWh

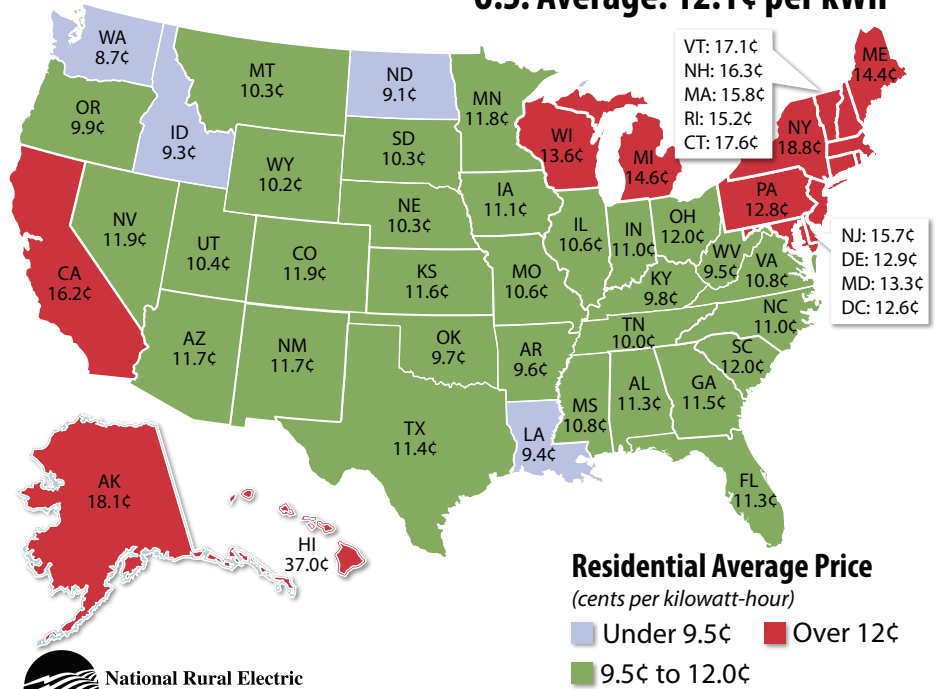
The chart on the right details the average prices for residential electric service across the United States and in Oklahoma. We are fortunate to be well below the national average and below all but one neighboring state. Lake Region's electric charge is 9.6 cents per kWh. Lake Region has not had to have a rate increase since 2009.

The board of trustees for Lake Region Electric Cooperative work continuously to meet their mission statement and commitment to you, the members.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative is a member-owned business that delivers competitively-priced electric power and works to improve our members' quality of life.

If you have any questions about your bill or our rates please visit our website www.lrecok.coop or call 918-772-2526.

U.S. Average: 12.1¢ per kWh



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration
Numbers rounded to nearest tenth of a cent
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Save up to \$8.00 per year by switching to a LED bulb.

Source: Department of Energy



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ket. The use of LED security lights will end up saving the co-op money and, in return, saving you, the members of the co-op money in the future.

LREC has no plans on implementing a system wide security light change out.

Any question about LED security lights can be addressed by calling LREC's offices at 918-772-2526.

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YouthPower Energy Camp. The three students who attended are: Kailey Guinn, Donavon Burk, and Wyatt Wilson.

The YouthPower Energy Camp is coordinated by OAEC. If you would like more information about Energy Camp you can contact the office at 918-772-2526.

LREC Blood Drive

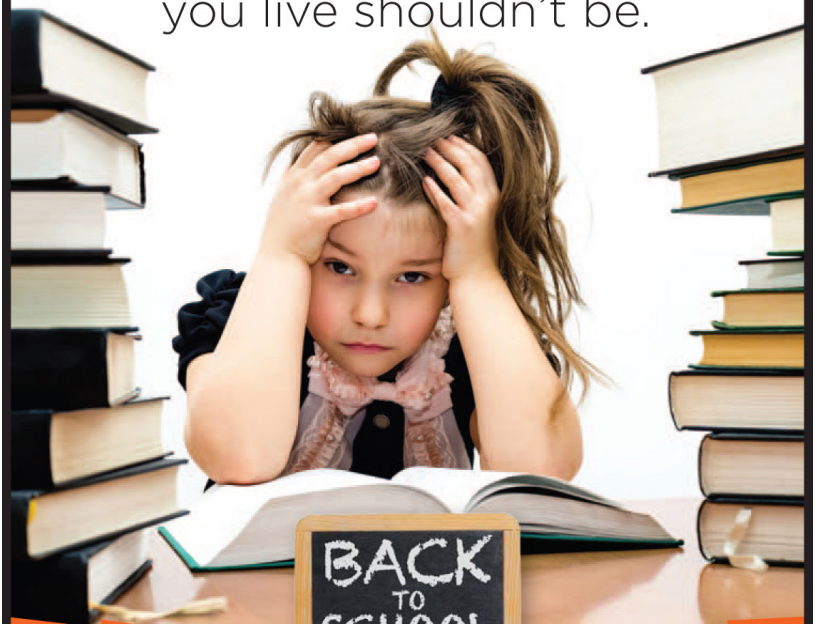


Stephen Lewallen, along with 29 other employees and community members, donated blood during LREC blood drive.

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