

ROCK ENERGY NEWS

FOR ROCK ENERGY COOPERATIVE MEMBERS

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Clean Up Using Less Energy

Your Energy Star-qualified clothes washer or dishwasher operates very efficiently. That's probably why you bought it.

But there are simple ways to further reduce how much electricity your appliances consume.

An Energy Star-qualified dishwasher with a booster heater allows you to set the temperature on your water heater at a lower 120 degrees.

In addition, many Energy Star dishwashers offer efficiency settings, such as "energy-saving" and "short-wash" cycles that shave both energy and water consumption. Most models come equipped with an air-drying option that helps lower electric bills.



Most of the energy used by your dishwasher—as much as 80 percent—goes for heating water.

On your washing machine, selecting a lower water temperature—a cold wash/cold rinse setting, for example—will save energy dollars. You also can choose a lower water level for smaller loads, trimming water use.

You can find these energy-savings tips and others at TogetherWeSave.com.



Rock Energy is part of the nationwide energy-efficiency campaign sponsored by Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, which encourages co-op members like you to make small changes that add up to big savings.

Celebrating Our 75th Anniversary

This year is a milestone for Rock Energy Cooperative.

We will begin observing our diamond anniversary—75 years—on Monday, March 28, at the 75th Annual Meeting at the Eclipse Center in Beloit.



During the celebration, you'll learn about the fascinating people who were instrumental in getting the co-op started.

We'll also detail how the co-op has grown over the years from 166 members to more than 27,000 meters served today.

Watch this newsletter and the co-op's monthly magazine for details about the annual meeting and other 75th anniversary events.

Important NEW YEAR Resolutions . . .

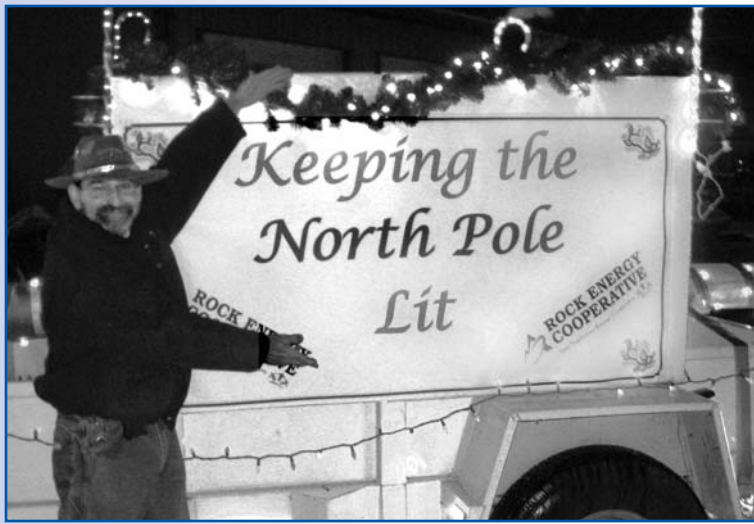
That don't involve diet or exercise!



1. Make sure outlets have GFCIs in the kitchen, bathroom & laundry
2. Replace frayed electrical cords
3. Check for loose-fitting plugs
4. Replace missing or broken wall plates
5. Check for overloaded outlets
6. Make sure light bulb wattage matches the fixture requirements
7. Have an electrician check outlets that are warm/discolored

Learn how to keep your family safe at:

Safe Electricity.org



Line foreman Jack Slaback shows off Rock Energy Cooperative's entry in the Dec. 4 Lighted Christmas Parade in Rockton. A decorated bucket truck pulled this trailer, while employees tossed candy to the crowds along Main Street.

High School Juniors Can Apply for Youth Tour to Washington

Do you know any high school juniors who are curious about how government works and want to learn more about the political process?

If so, tell them to consider applying for the 2011 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Rock Energy Cooperative will sponsor two high school juniors on the June 10-17 trip to Washington. They will join about 1,500 students from cooperatives across the nation as they meet with congressional representatives and tour historic sites.

While on the trip, students will learn the principles required to keep cooperative members working together for the co-op's success by es-

tablishing their own chip and soda cooperative.

Applicants must be children of Rock Energy members and reside in the co-op's service territory. The all-expense-paid trip includes transportation, lodging, meals, and admissions to events. Round-trip travel is by motor coach from Springfield, Ill. Travel to Springfield is not included.

Application materials are available by visiting www.rock.coop and clicking on the Youth Tour logo. The deadline to apply is Feb. 11.

If you have questions, please call Barbara Uebelacker, communications specialist, at (866) 752-4550 or email her at BarbU@rock.coop.



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