

## What's Happening

**December 21**

Winter Begins

**December 25**

Christmas Day

**January 1**

New Year's Day

**REC Offices Closed****Christmas:**

- Friday, Dec. 23
- Monday, Dec. 26

**New Year's:**

- Friday, Dec. 30
- Monday, Jan. 2

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# Rock Energy Scholarships Available - Apply NOW!

*Application Deadline: JAN. 10, 2023*

Rock Energy Cooperative again is offering scholarships of \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors who enroll at an accredited school. Students who live on REC lines and whose parents or guardians are active members of REC are eligible.

Our scholarship committee will judge applicants based on general merit, cooperation, leadership abilities, financial need, and class ranking.

Since 1989, Rock Energy has awarded more than \$152,000 in financial aid to deserving students. The on-line application is available at [www.rock.coop](http://www.rock.coop). Just go to the Community & Youth tab and click on Scholarships. **The deadline for submitting applications is: Jan. 10, 2023.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jonas Berberich at 866-752-4550, or [jonasb@rock.coop](mailto:jonasb@rock.coop).

**IEC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

In addition, scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. These scholarships are available to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the co-op.

Applications must be completed on-line by Dec. 31, 2022.

To apply, go to [www.rock.coop](http://www.rock.coop) and then to the Community & Youth tab and click on Scholarships.



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*Attention High  
School Seniors:*

*\$1,000 Scholarships  
are available from  
Rock Energy!*

*Apply TODAY!*

[www.rock.coop/scholarships](http://www.rock.coop/scholarships)

## REMINDER: Unclaimed Money Held for Former Members

Utilizing unclaimed capital credits, Rock Energy Cooperative holds unclaimed capital credit funds for some former members. A list of those who have unclaimed money can be viewed on our web site at [www.rock.coop/unclaimed](http://www.rock.coop/unclaimed).

The money will be forfeited and paid to the Wisconsin Electric Cooperatives' Federated Youth Foundation for educational and community-improvement purposes unless claimed by Dec. 31, 2022. You may send claims to Rock Energy Cooperative's headquarters at P.O. Box 1758, Janesville, WI 53547, or call 866-752-4550.

# Tis the Season for Saving Energy

The holiday season is the most expensive time of the year where people spend on food, entertainment, gifts, home and Christmas decorations, etc. On top of these additional costs, most people end up having a hefty electric bill, especially these days when energy costs are going up. With some careful planning, you can save energy and money. Below are some of the many different ways to conserve energy and lower your utility bill this holiday season.



## Buy LED Holiday String Lights

There are plenty of options for energy-efficient Christmas lights, like replacing your old incandescent ones with LEDs. It's a smart decision because it's a great way to save energy and, in the end, save money!



## Turn the Thermostat Down

Turn down the thermostat while you're sleeping or out of the house. Adjust your thermostat between 65 and 68 degrees. Invest in a smart thermostat that will automatically set the temperature where you want it.



## Limit Christmas Light Use, Use a SMART Plug

At high noon, while the sun is out, no one driving by can see those sparkly icicle lights you have hanging off your eaves, so why have them on? Consider buying a smart plug and/or light timer so you can automatically turn your lights off when you need them off.



## Cook More Efficiently

If you're planning on cooking multiple different meal items, prep your meal so that items that bake at the same temperature can be cooked simultaneously, cutting down the time that your oven has to be on. Also consider cooking in a crockpot instead of a stove.



## Limit Energy Use During High Usage Hours

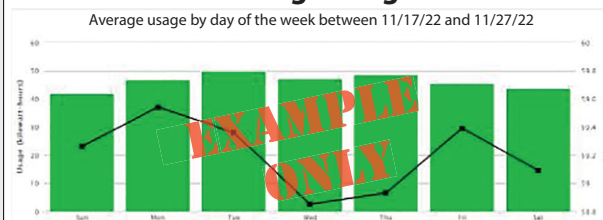
Using electricity and natural gas more strategically can really save you money. Limit energy use (avoid turning on lights for example) during high usage times (usually 1 to 6 p.m.), as higher demand means higher prices.

## REC OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Rock Energy Cooperative offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas, and Friday, Dec. 30, and Monday, Jan. 2, for the New Year's holiday. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office, 15229 Willowbrook Road. Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage or natural gas incident, please call 866-752-4550.

## Requesting Usage / Consumption History

### Average Usage



Average Usage shows you what your typical or average usage is for your selected time period. For example, see your average usage on each day of the week (such as Tuesdays), over the course of a year. Or, see your typical usage in each hour of the day over the course of two weeks. Discover when you can save the most on your utility bill.

[Use the Average Usage Tool](#)

There are multiple different ways you can receive your usage/consumption history:

- **SmartHub:** Most usage/consumption history associated with your account can immediately be found using SmartHub? If you do not have a SmartHub account, you can sign up by going to [www.rock.coop](http://www.rock.coop) and clicking on the red SmartHub button (top of site).
- **On-Line Request:** If you would like to receive a history of your usage without using SmartHub, fill out the on-line form: [www.rock.coop/consumption-history-request](http://www.rock.coop/consumption-history-request). To receive a summary or detailed history of your consumption history, please complete the form in its entirety and submit it on-line.
- **Regular Mail or Drop Off:** Mail the filled out form (on our web site) to:

**Rock Energy Cooperative**  
**RE: Consumption History Request**  
**P.O. Box 1758**  
**Janesville, WI 53547-1758**

Or, you can drop off the completed form at one of our offices in Janesville or South Beloit, IL (15229 Willowbrook Rd.). You can also scan the QR code below to access the form.

SCAN  
QR ►  
CODE



Consumption History Request Form

NOTE: Historical usage will only be provided if available. The format of the information being provided will be determined by Rock Energy. Information will only be provided to the member whose consumption history is being requested. The information will not be provided solely to 3rd parties. Requests will be reviewed and processed on a first come first serve basis.