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## **New Opportunities For Learning How To Save Energy**

**DURHAM NC, July 27** – If you are a resident of Warren County and a Halifax EMC member interested in learning money-saving home energy tips and you are also willing to help pass these tips on to your neighbors, there is a new free training program looking for you!

Halifax EMC has partnered with nonprofit Clean Energy Durham to train up to 20 Warren County residents willing to become Energy Volunteers in their community. Energy Volunteers will be taught basic facts about how household energy is typically used and wasted, no-cost and low-cost ways to reduce home energy bills, and how to teach some easy do-it-yourself projects such as wrapping your water heater and sealing cracks around doors and windows.

Anyone who likes to help other people could become an Energy Volunteer. No previous experience is necessary. Energy Volunteers only need to commit to teaching short workshops on their own schedule between October and April.

Training classes will be held during September and October and are limited to 20 people. The total number of hours of training is 15, taught on a schedule of weekday evenings to be determined. Applications are available by calling Julia Allsbrook, Halifax EMC Communications Specialist, 252-445-5113, extension 2034. Applications are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The program is now developing rewards and coupons for participating in the program, and these will be made available by October.

“We want to spread the word to everyone in Warren County that there are easy ways to lower your home energy bills,” said Clean Energy Durham Executive Director Judy Kincaid. “Most people have other things they would rather do with that money.”

This program is similar to another program now offered only to residents within Warrenton by a partnership with NC Cooperative Extension’s Warren County Center. The new Halifax EMC program extends the neighbor-to-neighbor learning approach to the entire county and adds a new feature to Halifax EMC’s current “Together We Save” energy education program for its customers.

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