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Together We Save

If we all make small changes in our lifestyles, together we can have big savings.

There are changes we can make that are as simple as flipping a switch and turning off lights when not needed or it can be as simple as switching from incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs. These simple changes can trim unnecessary energy usage that can add up to big savings in electricity and help to reduce greenhouse gas, and in turn, the environment.



ONE SMALL CHANGE X 134,663.

Imagine if everyone in our co-op made one small change. Now, stop imagining. Flip a switch. Seal some cracks. Screw in a CFL. Install a programmable thermostat and actually program it. Doesn't take a lot of energy to save energy. But it sure pays off. For all 134,663 of us. What can you do? Find out how the little changes add up at TogetherWeSave.com.

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Return your comments/questions along with your payment, or e-mail them to bamartin@halifaxemc.com. Specific account questions will be answered personally. Remember to include your account number for these types of questions.



Electric Lines

“Flip a switch. Lower the blinds.
Insulate your attic. Lower the
temperature on your thermostat.
Small steps can add up to big
savings.”

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

At the beginning of 2009, Halifax EMC made a promise to give our members the tools needed to practice energy efficiency at home. Each issue of this newsletter has contained a section entitled “Energy-Efficient Ideas,” which gives tips on a variety of ways to make your home more energy efficient; everything from making the switch from incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs to performing your own energy audit.

This month, we are excited to share with you a new campaign sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives called “Together We Save.” You may have heard someone use the phrase “every little bit helps” in reference to an item bought on sale or when referring to recycling. “Together We Save” is based on that exact same idea. It is a new effort to show our members how little changes can add up to big savings.

“Together We Save” focuses on very simple steps that homeowners can take and, in return, realize real dollar savings. I am sure each of us can recall the voice of our mom calling out to us, “Turn the light off when you leave the room, you are wasting electricity.” Well, guess what? She was right! One of the simplest ways to conserve electricity and therefore, reduce your utility bill is to flip the switch. This practice, along with eight other interactive applications, is dem-

onstrated on the “Together We Save” Web site.

TogetherWeSave.com is an interactive Web site that contains a virtual home tour, links to videos that showcase additional energy-saving tips and techniques, and a digital counter that keeps a running total of potential dollar savings of how simple changes can really add up.

When you visit the Web site and familiarize yourself with the nine interactive applications on simple ways to conserve electricity, I encourage each of you to take the virtual home tour. The home tour includes a family room, kitchen, laundry room, bedroom, basement and attic. Each room contains at least two energy-saving tips that require your action. Upon completion of each task, notice how the dollar savings on the digital counter continue to add up to even bigger savings.

I hope that each of you will take time to visit www.TogetherWeSave.com so you can see first hand how “Small Changes = Big Savings.”



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Energy-Efficient *Ideas*

The holidays will soon be here, which means families getting together around the dinner table to celebrate Thanksgiving and, pretty soon, Christmas. Outside temperatures will be dropping so that we will be tempted to raise the thermostat on our heating system. These factors contribute to higher energy bills.

- Lower your thermostat. There is a 3 percent reduction in heating costs for each degree you lower it.
- Change filters in the heating system monthly or more often is needed.
- Wash laundry only when you have a full load ready to go. Switching to cold water washing for the laundry will save 85 percent of the energy needed for the hot water.
- During the winter, keep your curtains open during the day to capture the sun's energy and close them at night to help retain heat.
- Consider the purchase of a programmable thermostat.
- Seal around doors and windows with caulking or weather stripping to keep warm air from leaking out of your home.
- Install water saving devices like faucet aerators, low flow shower heads and low flush toilets.
- Buy Energy Star rated energy efficient electrical appliances.

NC Offers Tax-Free Weekend on November 6–8 for Purchase of Energy Star Appliances

If you need to replace an appliance in your home, this tax-free weekend will be a great time to save. Not only will you save on the sales tax on the appliance, but an Energy Star labeled appliance can also save on your utility bill. Energy Star is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency.

This tax-free weekend, however, applies to appliances purchased for residential use only. Appliance rentals or appliances purchased

for use in a trade or business does not qualify.

Items which may qualify include: clothes washers, freezers, refrigerators, central air conditioners, room air conditioners, air-source heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, and programmable thermostats.

For energy saving tips, go to www.energystar.gov.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CORNERED BEEF CABBAGE CASSEROLE

- 1 medium cabbage, shredded
- 1 can corned beef
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 box Jiffy cornbread mix

Cover bottom of a 9 x 13-inch casserole dish with shredded cabbage, place corned beef on top of the cabbage. Spread as evenly as possible. Put cream of celery soup on top of corned beef. Mix cornbread as directed on the box and pour on top of celery soup. Place in oven and cook at 400 degrees for 10 minutes or until cornbread is done.

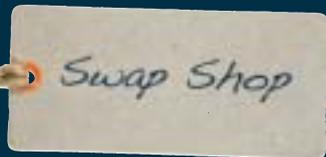
Source:
Carolina Country Kitchen, pg 34.

Correction in October Recipe

BREAKFAST QUICHE

- 6 strips bacon
- 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- 3 eggs
- 1½ cups milk
- ½ cup Bisquick
- 3 tbsp. melted butter

Crumble bacon into a buttered pie tin. Add grated cheese on top of this. Mix in blender: eggs, milk, Bisquick, and butter. Blend 1 minute. Pour over bacon and cheese. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes. Let stand a few minutes before cutting.



For sale: GE super capacity washer, excellent condition, \$250; 19 cu. ft. white Hotpoint refrigerator/freezer w/icemaker, \$350. Call: 252-673-3442

For sale: Yard 32" x 76" mobile home door & storm door, \$60 for both; round table w/4 chairs, \$60; hockey table, \$50; white dorm refrigerator, good condition, \$50. Call: 252-445-5015 or 252-567-7675 (Enfield).

For sale: Three 16" tires, good condition, \$15 ea. Call: 252-826-5194 (Scotland Neck)

Lawn maintenance: Complete lawn maintenance for commercial/residential, fully insured, free estimates. For more details, CALL: 252-904-1598 or 252-826-3957 (Lawn Ranger, Sonny Padgett, Scotland Neck).

Nominations for Board of Directors

Halifax EMC's 2010 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010. It's not too soon, however, to be thinking about nominations for the Board of Directors. This year, seats for Districts 4, 6, and 8 will be open for nominations and the incumbents for these seats are Leon Williams District 4; Stan Brothers, District 6; and Robert Edwards, District 8 At-Large.

Director Qualifications

- must be a bona fide member of Halifax EMC in his/her own name;
- must have their primary residence in the directorate district for which he/she seeks election.

Candidates may be nominated for the Board by two methods:

1) By Petition

Any 30 or more members of the co-op acting together, may make nominations by petition. The petition must include the member's legal signature and name printed legibly, member number, listing of nominee(s), the directorate district(s) for which they would represent, and the name of the incumbent director(s), if any. The petition must be filed with the Corporate Secretary, Stan Brothers, 113 Roanoke Circle, Macon, NC, 27551 no later than 5 p.m. March 16, 2010.

2) By Committee

The second method for nominating candidates is by a Committee on Nominations—consisting of nine members appointed by the Board, one each from Districts 1–7 and two at large from District 8. The appoint-

ments to this committee are made no more than 135 days nor less than 115 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Committee on Nominations then meets and prepares a slate of candidates that is posted in the Enfield office no later than 5 p.m on March 16, 2010.

The Committee on Nominations will meet in March to make their nominations. Any member who would like to be considered as a candidate for Districts 4, 6, and 8 of the Halifax EMC Board of Directors may contact the cooperative office after March 1 for the names of the members of the Committee On Nominations, and then contact the committee member in their district to indicate their desire to be a candidate.

Holiday Closing

*Halifax EMC will be closed
on
Thursday, November 26,
and
Friday, November 27,
in celebration of
Thanksgiving!*

*We will re-open for
business on Monday,
November 30.*

Have a happy and safe holiday!