

NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

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ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Energy use and bills usually increase over the winter months. But that doesn't mean you can't take steps to conserve and save.

Help keep your energy bill cool this winter with these tips and tricks:

- **Windows:** Make sure drapes and shades are open to catch free solar heat during the day. Close them at night to keep the heat inside.
- **Thermostat:** Set your thermostat to 68°F (or lower if comfortable). Wear a sweater and place an extra blanket on the bed at night.
- **Ceiling fan:** Run ceiling paddle fans on low and reverse the rotation to blow air up in winter. This keeps warm air circulating without cooling you.
- **Vents:** Your HVAC system will have to work twice as hard if your air registers and vents are blocked by rugs, furniture or drapes. Keep them clear to allow air to flow freely.
- **Filters:** Check your furnace filter each month and clean or replace as needed. Dirty filters block air flow through your heating system and increase your energy bill.
- **Garage door:** Leave your garage door down. A warmer garage in winter will save energy.
- **Floor rugs:** Have a spare rug? Use it to cover bare floors for added insulation.
- **Cool savings:** Don't make your fridge work too hard. Clean coils every year, and set the temperature between 34°-37° F; leave the freezer between 0°-5° F. Keep the freezer full—frozen food helps your freezer stay cool.
- **Cooking:** When cooking keep lids on pots, and let hot food cool off before placing it in the refrigerator.
- **Hot savings:** Heating water accounts for 12% of your home's energy use. Set your water heater temperature no higher than 120°F.
- **Washing:** Since hot water costs more, wash clothes in cold water (unless very dirty) and do only full loads of laundry.

Don't pay for what you don't use: When you're not watching TV or using lights, computers and electronics, turn them off.

Find more ways to save at
www.TOGETHERWESAVE.com

Source: *TogetherWeSave.com, Alliance to Save Energy, EnergySavers.gov*

REMINDER !!

Dual Fuel Meter Must Remain Energized!!



All meters need to be energized in order for Chippewa Valley Electric to get a meter reading. Some dual fuel accounts have their meter on a separate breaker and it gets turned off in the summer months. In order for the member to participate in the dual fuel program that breaker and meter must be left on.

Thank you for your Cooperation!! If you have any questions please contact our office at (715) 239-6800 or by email at cvec@cvecoop.com



ACH Form

Name(s) on CVEC bill _____

CVEC Account Number _____

Billing Address _____

Work Phone, Home Phone _____

Your Financial Institution _____

Account Number _____

City, State, Zip _____

If your payment is to be delivered from a checking account, enclose a blank check. Write VOID across it and DO NOT SIGN IT. If your payment is to be deducted from a savings account, enclose a deposit slip that includes your account number. **Please allow one month for the set up of the Automatic Payment Plan.**

CVEC has the right to cancel use of the Automatic Payment Plan. I will write to CVEC if I decide to cancel my use of the Automatic Payment Plan.

Account Holder(s) _____

Signature, Date _____

Note: Only first time ACH participants are eligible for the \$20 credit. Member must remain on ACH for a minimum of 18 months. Sign up by 2/28/13 to receive credit. Mail this form with your current payment or mail it separately to CVEC, P.O. Box 575, Cornell, WI 54732. For more information, call 715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800.

Sign up by February 28, 2013 and receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill!

Credit is for first time ACH participants only. ACH (Automated Clearing House) allows transfer of funds from your checking or savings account directly to Chippewa Valley Electric's account to pay your electric bill. A direct withdrawal would be made on the due date of each month for the amount of your bill.

If you are interested in participating in this convenient payment method, please fill out the form at left and return it to our office with the required information.

Attention: High School Seniors! Scholarship Materials Available from CVEC

This spring, Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative will be awarding several \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from member families through our Federated Youth Foundation Scholarship Program. Please go to www.cvecoop.com for an application. The deadline for submission of scholarship materials is April 1, 2013. Please call our office at 715-239-6800 with any questions.

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