

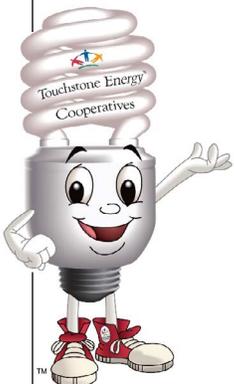


Energy Efficiency

*Tip of the Month*

Save energy and money by lowering your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. This will also slow mineral buildup and corrosion in your water heater and pipes.

Source:  
[energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



## Be Alert and Stay Safe in Work Zones

*Help Keep LREC Workers Safe*



Sometimes LREC must put trucks and personnel in roadways to make repairs or install new equipment to keep power on at your home and business. Workers in these situations might already be facing the hazards of dealing with high voltage, and they increase their risk when establishing a work zone in the roadway. No matter how big the work zone is, it requires drivers to pay attention to avoid a crash.

### Texting and driving is now against the law in Oklahoma.

You can be ticketed and fined for distracted driving and fines can increase in a work zone. If you are driving distracted you could harm yourself, passengers, construction workers, as well as other drivers. It is not worth hurting or even killing somebody so please do not text and drive.



“There are actions that drivers must take when approaching a work zone to keep, not only, the workers safe but also themselves,” says Mike Heaton,

LREC Job Training and Safety Coordinator. The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearing House has developed a list of tips to help drivers stay safe in work zones:

### Work Zone Safety Tips

- Never use a cell phone or text while driving.
- Stay alert. Expect the unexpected.
- Slow down.
- Don't tailgate.
- Pay attention to the signs.
- Obey the flaggers.
- Be patient and stay calm.
- Know the road rules for work zones.

# Lake Region Electric Co-op Launches New Website

LREC is inviting members to explore and view our website, [www.lrecok.coop](http://www.lrecok.coop). The website has been redesigned to provide the ultimate user-friendly experience with improved navigation and functionality throughout, allowing members to access detailed information about your co-op.

Key features of the site include a long design with a cleaner and more attractive layout, a more engaging user experience with enhanced search and navigation. Points of interest on the new website include, service area map, online payments, interactive outage map, online electric, water, telecom application to start service, co-op news,

and a board member contact form.

The site's refreshed and simplified look, combined with enhanced content, improves search functionality, and is optimized for mobile devices, allowing members to better interact with LREC online, via smartphone and tablets.

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More and more members view our website from their smart phones. The website now recognizes your screen size when viewing the site and adjusts content for easy viewing.

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Wide screen promotional slides on the website provide the opportunity to

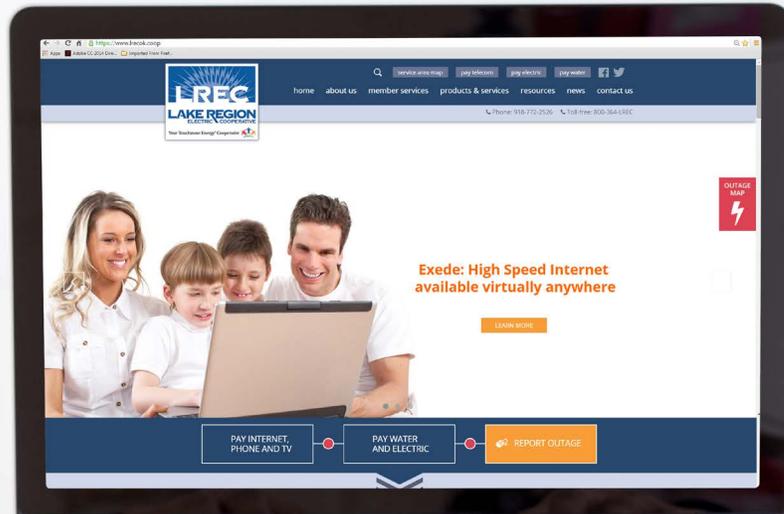
highlight services and products offered by LREC.

Our mission as a 21st century electric co-op is to connect our members with their co-op via our website, members are wanting to do more business with the co-op over the internet. Front office traffic has slowed down and website traffic is increasing.

We hope our members become familiar with our new website. If there are any questions about the website, or content you want on the website, please contact us and we will be happy to look into adding your request to the website.

Website Search ▶

Promotional Slides ▶



◀ Main Menu

◀ Outage Map

◀ Online Payment

# LREC Sends Crew for Mutual Assistance

The Oklahoma Electric Cooperatives have a mutual aid agreement. When a neighboring cooperative needs help rebuilding their system, other cooperatives help by sending crews to aid in rebuilding the damaged portions of their system.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative had a crew step up and volunteer their services. Tom Adams, Frank Teague, Arnold Ratliff, and Danny Darrow along with two maintenance bucket trucks, traveled to Binger, Oklahoma to assist Caddo Electric Cooperative.

LREC's Linemen helped by setting poles during their time at Caddo. These men spent several days away from their homes and families helping rebuild Caddo's electric lines.

One of the seven principles of cooperatives is **cooperation among other cooperatives**. Sending a crew to help a sister cooperative is our way of doing business and we know the next time LREC members are in need, help will be on its way.

If you would like to view the seven cooperative principles they are on our website at: <https://www.lrecok.coop/cooperative-principles>

Photo Courtesy of Caddo Electric Cooperative member Justin Nelson. This was taken West of Hinton, OK.



Tom Adams, Frank Teague, Arnold Ratliff and Danny Darrow pictured above in blue LREC shirts.



## Stay Alert for Scam Phone Calls

Members are receiving phone calls claiming their electricity will be turned off within hours unless they make an immediate payment. Individuals impersonating LREC and other utilities try to gain access to bank account information or ask for payment through a third-party vendor or a prepaid card.

Reports of this particular scam have come to the cooperative recently. Payment scams in general are an issue nationwide so it's important all members are aware of the possibility they may be contacted.

LREC never contacts members to demand immediate payment prior to disconnection. Anyone receiving such a call should hang up and call us directly at 918-772-2526 to verify. Then call and report the scam with your local police. 151709

# Seal Air Leaks with Caulk

Did you know heating and cooling accounts for roughly half of your home's energy use? Caulking cracks and gaps around windows, doors and spaces around wires (telephone, electrical, cable and gas lines), water spigots and dryer vents can pay off with big energy savings. Approximate cost to seal air leaks: \$5-\$30 Energy savings: Approximate. 5-10 percent – Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

## Materials You Will Need:

Caulk, caulk gun, knife or tool to cut, rags, and water

- 1. PREP:** Clean the area where you will be applying the caulk. Remove any dirt, loose paint or old, cracked caulk. Be sure the area is dry before applying new caulk appropriate for your application.
- 2. LOAD:** You will need to pull the plunger all the way back to load the tube of caulk into the barrel of the caulking gun. Next, squeeze the trigger a few times until the plunger makes contact with the tube. Squeeze once or twice more to fill the tip with caulk.
- 3. APPLY:** To figure out the right amount of caulk needed, experiment with an out-of-the-way section. You may find that you need less caulk than you thought. Hold the gun at a slight angle. Apply steady pressure on the trigger to create a solid stream from the tip,



which should be placed 1/2 inch or less from the intended destination of the material. Use just enough caulk to do the job. Use your finger to gently press the caulk into the corner, crack or space.

**4. RELEASE:** Once the trigger is fully depressed, allow it to spring back and depress it again. Keep the gun moving while caulk is still coming out of the tip.

**5. CLEAN:** Use a damp cloth or rag to clean off most of the excess caulk. Use a dry cloth to clean off the rest.



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For more information, call [800-364-LREC](tel:800-364-LREC) or [918-772-2526](tel:918-772-2526)

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