



Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

Spending more time in the kitchen during the holiday season? Here's one way to be more energy efficient: Unplug small kitchen appliances, like toaster ovens and microwaves, when not in use. You could save \$10 to \$20 per year.

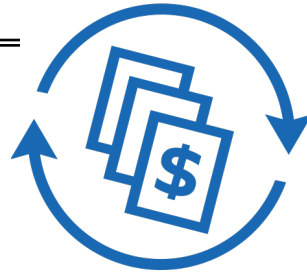
Source: U.S Department of Energy



Recurring Credit or Debit Card Payments

Lake Region no longer charges a "convenience fee" for using a debit or credit card.

It's so easy!



Recurring Payments

Paying in person, online, or recurring draft/payments using our smartphone app "SmartHub" all just got easier and less expensive.

Enjoy the convenience of having your electric or telecom bill automatically paid each month with your debit card or credit card (Visa & Mastercard accepted) when you enroll in recurring auto-pay through our Smarthub app or website. You no longer have to worry about due dates or late fees since your payment is automatically deducted from your account each month.

Recurring debit card or credit card auto payment drafts on your billing date. If the billing date is on a weekend or holiday, your account will be auto-drafted on the next business day. Members will need to set this up on the Smarthub app or our website.



This is great for members:

- No late payments
- Earn more rewards on credit cards
- Save time and convenient
- No checks to write
- Save on mailing

Please continue to pay your outstanding balance until your bill reflects you are enrolled in auto pay.

Report Power Outage & Pay Bill

with Lake Region Electric Cooperative's smarthub app!

Use the app to quickly connect to your co-op member service portal where you can report a power outage, make a payment, view electric usage or communicate directly with co-op. Look for "SmartHub" in the Apple Store or the Android Market. Search: SmartHub.



Energy Efficiency for the Modern Family and its Many Devices

If you are struck by the amount of screens, remotes, gaming controls, charging stations and cords that have become fixtures in your home, you are not alone. The typical American family is well connected and owns a variety of electronic devices. According to the PEW Research Institute, 95 percent of U.S. families have a cell phone, and 77 percent of Americans own a smartphone. Nearly 80 percent of adults own a laptop or desktop computer, while approximately half own tablets.

Consumer electronics coupled with the growing array of smart home appliances and technology have slowly but steadily changed our homes and lifestyles. The increased reliance on our many devices has new implications for home energy use and efficiency.



Using smart technology to manage energy savings

So how can we save energy when we are using more electronic devices than ever before? The answer may lie with some of those same electronic devices that have become indispensable to modern living. In many cases, energy savings is a touchscreen away as more apps enable you to monitor energy use.

From the convenience of your mobile device, smart technologies can maximize your ability to manage electricity use across several platforms—controlling your thermostat, appliances, water heater, home electronics and other devices. One of the easiest ways to make an impact on energy efficiency is with a smart thermostat, like Nest models. Using your mobile device, you can view and edit your thermostat schedule and monitor how much energy is used and make adjustments accordingly. For example, program your thermostat for weekday and weekend schedules so you

are not wasting energy when no one is home. Check and adjust the program periodically to keep pace with changes in household routines

You can also ensure efficiency by purchasing ENERGY STAR-certified appliances. Many new appliances include smart-technology features such as refrigerators that can tell you when maintenance is required or when a door has been left open.

“Old school” energy savings for new devices

Of course, there are the time-tested “old school” methods of energy efficiency that can be applied to the myriad of household electronic devices and screens. Computers, printers, phones and gaming consoles are notorious “vampire power” users, meaning they drain energy (and money) when not in use. If items can be turned off without disrupting your lifestyle, consider plugging them into a power strip that can be turned on and off or

placed on a timer.

Modern life involves greater dependence on technology, your best resource for saving energy and money remains your local electric co-op.

Regardless of your level of technical expertise with electronic devices, Lake Region Electric Cooperative can provide guidance on energy savings based on your account information, energy use, local weather patterns and additional factors unique to your community.



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Don't Let your Check Get Lost in the Mail

Please update your contact information with LREC



If you knew a business would send you money in the mail one day, you would want to make sure they had your most current mailing address and phone number. Your electric co-op is that business.

As a nonprofit cooperative, Lake Region Electric Cooperative refunds its profits, or margins, to its member-owners through a

process known as capital credit retirement. Residential members will receive a capital credit retirement on their December billing statement as a credit after the amount is decided on during our November board of trustees meeting.

If the amount is below \$75, the amount will show as a credit on your bill and if the amount is higher than \$75, members will receive a check. LREC also may mail a check to the members for a deposit refund, rebate, prepaid refund, or an inactive account capital credits. Many of the checks come back marked "Return to Sender" due to incorrect or insufficient addresses.

Please make sure you receive **4359101** what is rightfully yours as a LREC member-owner by providing the co-op with your current mailing address and telephone number. A working telephone number also allows LREC to notify you when your power is restored following an outage. To update your information, please call LREC at **918-772-2526** or use the information in the blue box on the right.

How To Update Your Contact Information

1. Drop by any LREC office.
2. Call 918-772-2526
3. Visit our website at <https://goo.gl/xYvgGh>
Please provide your account number, the old address, and the new information.
4. Use the LREC Smarthub app. Click on contact us. From the menu, choose address change request and type in the correct information.

Making a Difference in LREC's Local Communities

The men and women of LREC are more than just hard-working employees. They are also your friends and neighbors, people who care enough to donate their time and resources to help make your community a better place. Our purpose is to power communities and empower our members to improve the quality of their lives. We are proud of our employees. LREC employees recently participated in the Hulbert Homecoming parade.

LREC promotes electric hybrid vehicles as an alternative to high fuel prices.



Pictured: Leisa Walker, Janet Farmer, Gloria Shankle, and Diana Ryals.

Let There Be Light

Security Lighting Provides Peace of Mind



Lake Region Electric Cooperative installs and maintains outdoor security lights that come on at dusk and turn off at dawn. Outside security lights can illuminate a dark driveway or yard, and provide the extra light you need to safely move around your property outdoors after the sun sets. For a small monthly fee of \$9.33, a 7,000 lumens security light will be mounted on an existing LREC pole with bracket attachments.

LREC is very happy with the performance and the feedback it is receiving from the membership regarding the new LED security lights.

LREC has installed nearly 1500 LED security lights since stocking the LED lights in 2014.

LREC is currently only installing LED security lights on new services requesting a security light. There is a fee to have an already existing, working security light changed out with a new LED light.

The LED security light LREC is now installing is a 44 watt LED light made by Evluma. These lights are a downward directional light, with approximately 100 ft. of lighting from the pole. These lights have a 20-year maintenance free life expectancy. To

be more energy efficient and keep security light rates affordable to its members, LREC is looking at the future of security lighting. LED lights are the most efficient lights on the market. The use of LED security lights will save the co-op money on maintenance and, in return, saving you, the members of the co-op money in the future.

Sign up today for a security light by completing our online form at www.lrecok.coop/security-lights or by visiting our office.



Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to fall back on November 5th! Set your clocks back by one hour.



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Look for your account number hidden in this issue of the *Powerline Press*. If you find your number, Lake Region Electric will credit your next bill.

To claim your credit, notify LREC's Hulbert office by phone or mail during the month of publication.

The amount increases by \$10 with each issue your prize goes unclaimed to a maximum of \$50.

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

Cooperative bylaws are available upon request at Lake Region Electric Cooperative's office in Hulbert.