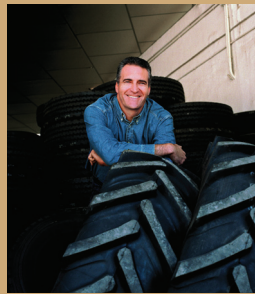




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SEE HOW THE LITTLE THINGS ADD UP.**



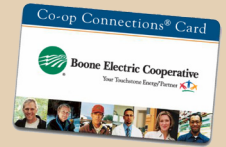
**Saturday, October 29
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Boone County Fairgrounds
Free admission**



**In addition:
Celebrate Boone Electric Cooperative
Member Appreciation Day**

**Seminars • Booths
Energy Efficiency Experts**

Are You Connected?



Welcome to the Co-op Connections Card program:

CD Tradepost

2540 Broadway Bluffs Dr.
Columbia

10% off any used CD, DVD, vinyl record or video game. Excludes game systems/accessories, Ipods and new products

Gutter Brothers

Columbia

(573) 424-3559 or (573) 673-4777
10% off services

Energy Tip of the Month



Windows provide great views of the outdoors, light, ventilation and solar heating in the winter. Unfortunately, they also account for 10-25 percent of your heating bill. High-performance Energy Star®-labeled windows can cut your heating and cooling costs significantly.

Source:
U.S. Department of Energy

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Billing Change

You will notice a change in your bill next month. Boone Electric has implemented a new software system, and with it, a new bill design. Look for a sample bill and explanation in the October Rural Missouri. If you have any questions about the new bill after it arrives, please call the Cooperative at 449-4181.

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Now is the Time to Weatherize

Is there enough insulation in your attic? With adequate attic insulation, your home's heating/cooling system will operate more efficiently. It will keep you cooler in the summer and warmer in winter. And it will keep more money in your wallet. As TogetherWeSave.com has shown, adding insulation to your attic can save you \$240 a year.

Boone Electric Cooperative is involved in two programs to help members add insulation and make other energy efficiency improvements.

Through the Home Performance with Energy Star® program, Boone Electric offers rebates on many efficiency improvements, including adding insulation, sealing air leaks and purchasing energy efficient appliances or heating/cooling systems. Begin this process by calling Boone Electric Member Services at (573) 449-4181. A Home Performance Contractor who is BPI (Building Performance Institute) certified will perform an energy audit on your home and offer recommendations on efficiency improvements.

Call Boone Electric for a list of contractors and a list of the rebates offered.

Some cooperative members meet income guidelines for Home Weatherization Assistance from Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA). Through this program, an energy expert will audit the home's energy use, pinpointing problem areas. Contractors will then make the upgrades that will help save energy and money. These upgrades can include adding insulation, weatherstripping and caulk to make the home more airtight.

Eligibility for the Home Weatherization Assistance is based on family size and income. Total household income must not be more than 200% off the federal poverty level. Applications are available at all eight CMCA county offices or available online at www.showmeaction.org. In Boone County, call (573) 443-1100 for more information.

For other tips on how to save energy -- and money -- visit the energy-saving web site, www.TogetherWeSave.com or call the energy efficiency experts at Boone Electric Cooperative at (573) 449-4181.



A blower door test is the best way to find a home's air leaks and a critical part of evaluating a home's overall energy efficiency.

Save Energy in the Laundry Room

The laundry room isn't typically an area of the house we consider when thinking about energy savings. But there is money to be saved. Consider these tips:

- Consider a front-loading clothes washer. This type is more efficient and uses less water and detergent, significantly reducing monthly operating costs.
- Shorten the drying time. Set the dryer moisture sensor and automatic temperature control to keep drying time to a minimum. Over-drying not only wastes energy, it also shortens fabric life, causes wrinkles and generates static.
- Clean the lint screen before each load.
- Twice a year, disconnect the exhaust hose and clear out the lint. Always use smooth metal ducting for the dryer exhaust. Flexible exhaust hoses increase operation time and trap lint, increasing fire risk. Tape all seams in the metal ducting.
- Check the dryer exhaust vent periodically to make sure it operates properly and doesn't leak. The flapper on the outside should open and close freely; if it remains open, it allows heated air to escape from the house during the winter.